

ASHLEY HIMES

To say she changed lives would be an understatement. The impact Ashley had on the North Cedar School community will be everlasting. A typical teenager, life was a whirlwind of school, sports, friends and family. Ashley was an outstanding athlete and student, qualifying for state in discus and holding all-conference and all-state honors in softball, all the while excelling in the classroom. But nothing brings out the best in you like a challenge, and that was exactly what Ashley was faced with in July of 2007. A multitude of scans revealed a tumor. With the smile of a 16 year old and the maturity of an adult, she committed to fighting the battle. A biopsy confirmed the results, a grade three anaplastic astrocytoma brain tumor. Her priorities never wavered, family, friends and sports were still at the top of her list. Ashley did the best to maintain the “normal” teenage lifestyle, but behind the scenes she made daily trips for radiation, took chemo pills that made her sick, and withstood countless transfusions. Ashley was a fighter, always determined to maintain her independence and constantly reassuring everyone of her strength and courage. On April 13th, 2009, after a weekend surrounded by family and friends, Ashley’s fight with cancer ended. Although she is no longer with us, her love for sports and her will to “BELIEVE” will never be forgotten.