Cecil Dell Hurd was born in 1919 to Coleman and Dora Hurd at Battleground, Washington.

Cecil and Dorothy Pierce enjoyed twenty-one years of marriage. They were the parents of two daughters, Sharon and Sandra. Family life was simple and wholesome for the Hurds: playing softball together, taking drives through the countryside, buying an occasional candy bar, going through the Tastee Freeze drive-up window for a soft chocolate cone, sledding in the winter and swimming in the summer, visiting the county park at dusk and watching deer in the beams from the car headlights. Vacations were spent visiting grandparents or at a family cabin in Waldport, Oregon.

Cecil made it a priority to care for his wife and daughters through his job as a millworker and by planting large vegetable gardens, raising beef and hunting deer. Realizing his need for a Savior as an adult and father, Cecil became deeply involved in a small rural Evangelical United Brethren Church in Foster, Oregon. He served the church as an usher, lay leader and director of men’s ministries.

Diagnosed with adult-onset diabetes, Cecil died from a heart attack in May 1962 while participating in a polio clinic at the local high school.

Because of the significant impact of being blessed with a Christian heritage, Dennis and Sandra Murphy have established this scholarship in memory of her father so that others might benefit from a Christian environment and education.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion;
2. Recipients are to be students who come from a one-parent family;
3. Recipients are to maintain a grade point average of 3.0;
4. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
5. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years;
6. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

A most satisfying way to honor a loved one or friend is to invest in a life yet to be lived.

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