

She Said Yes

This is what two of Cassie Bernall's friends had to say about her after she was shot and killed by a fellow student at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999.

I wasn't surprised when I heard what happened to her on April 20. That was Cassie. And I think what she did was really admirable—to stand up for what you believe, no matter what. But I never really knew her religious side. Like, she didn't push it on anyone. Okay, one time in class she was reading this little Bible. I asked her what she was doing and she said, "Reading the Bible."

—**Eliza**, a fellow junior at Columbine High School

I can't explain what it was about Cassie—she was just different. She was nice to everyone she talked to at school, and she never judged anyone for how they dressed or looked. I only found out that she was religious and all that after she was killed. We talked about other things, like snowboarding. I told her that I knew how to snowboard, but I couldn't turn very well. She said, "Oh, I'll help you work on it; I'm going snowboarding next week. If you want to come along, give me a call." So we were planning on going snowboarding together. She offered to take me along with her even though she didn't really know me.

—**Kayla**, another classmate at Columbine High School