



ANGEL

In April of 2017, Angel, age 11, had cold symptoms, tired easily, unexplainable bruising, a nosebleed and on/off fevers. After a trip to the doctor and blood work, Angel was diagnosed with T-Cell Leukemia on May 3rd. We were told Angel was at low risk for relapse and placed on the standard treatment plan. After 30 days of treatment, her bone marrow biopsy results were not where they should have been; therefore, Angel's risk was changed from low to high. The treatment was changed to a more aggressive plan for two and a half years.

Sadly, Angel was in the hospital more than at home for the next nine and a half months. She endured months of chemotherapy, which included multiple devastating side effects, excruciating pain, inability to walk for weeks, port placement, therapies, multiple blood & platelet transfusions, multiple lumbar punctures, bone marrow biopsies, lock jaw, neurological changes and so much more. Even through this, Angel was so strong and fought with all she had. She lost months of school, which she loved so much. As time went on, Angel was deemed in remission during her treatment. We were given an end of treatment date of August 2019 truly believing she would be cured starting 8th grade. On December 5th, 2017, Angel turned 12. Her treatment was placed on hold for a couple weeks due to blood counts not being where they should be. Just days before Christmas, she wasn't feeling well. We took Angel to the ER on Christmas Day. From there she was admitted to the ICU, the following day we were told that she had relapsed. We were devastated...

Our heart and soul decision was that a new battle plan be made with the hope of remission in order to receive a bone marrow transplant. Angel endured more than any human should endure; let alone a child for the next 50 days in the ICU.

There was hope, little hope and then no hope. **Angel was such a vibrant, smart, beautiful and caring young lady**, who lost her battle on February 13th, 2018 at the age of 12, forever a 6th grader. Angel earned 3 yards of the beads of courage.

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ANGEL RAE HOJNACKI WAGNER

Angel was a 6th grader at Divine Mercy in South Milwaukee. She loved her school and participated in many activities including: Girl Scouts, Student Council, volleyball, cheerleading, and church choir. Angel was also a student newspaper photographer. She especially loved to help at the Annual Fun Fest and often volunteered at the Milwaukee Catholic Home.

Angel always looked for new challenges. She was a past member of the Cashel Dennehy School of Irish Dance. She loved her friends, glam and being a fashionista as far back as preschool at Seaton Children's School. Later she appeared on stage in several productions with the South Milwaukee Youth Theater. Angel cherished her American Girl collection. She was excited to receive her very own sewing machine after learning clothing design. She took pride in soldering circuit boards, inventing bath products and creating video animation. These skills and more were learned at Discovery World.



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