

Katie was diagnosed July 23,2014 with stage 3 osteosarcoma of the right tibia. She underwent 3 months of chemotherapy then had an internal prosthesis placed in her leg from mid femur to her ankle. She then underwent another 7 months of chemotherapy. During one of her rounds she suffered a fall from having low blood counts and an injury occurred to the leg with the prosthetic which she just had surgery to fix two wks ago. I was off work for 6 months during chemo which ran from Wednesday to Monday weekly and my husband was let go from his job for missing too much work and has yet to regain employment at this time.

It seemed as though anything that could go wrong did. Katie had terrible bouts with mucositis thrush and mouth sores. She had upward of 25 blood transfusions total. She was near death in August and September last year. The doctors and nursing staff at children are amazing. I have no doubt without them I would have lost my firstborn child.

Katie was 13 when she was diagnosed. She was an avid runner involved in track and had been a cheerleader since she was 5 yrs old. She will never play sports again with the internal prosthetic. The whole chain of events has weighed heavy on her and she suffers from ptsd and depression marked with extreme anxiety. She is NED at the moment and we are taking baby steps to try to right our world. I am very proud of her and the fight she has in her. She's an amazing child. She loves horses and to draw and paint. She also loves the walking dead and spending time with her family outside anywhere.