

Bill and Sharon Partridge's Warrior Princess was born on March 30, 2007. She was only 12 months and 18 days younger than her brother, Dylan, and the two are as thick as thieves! From the get-go, Bill and Sharon knew that Savannah was special. Boisterous, outgoing, determined and very active. Savannah quickly makes friends wherever she goes. She has a black belt in Taekwondo (martial arts), loves creating art, spending time with her friends, and dotes on her animals, especially her Doberman, Dixie. In other words, a typical little girl. If you catch her in the right mood, Savannah will happily sing her favorite songs for you, particularly anything from Casting Crowns or Luke Bryan, her favorite musicians.

On January 24th, 2016, Savannah's parents got the worst news a parent could get: "We think she has cancer". She was only 8 years old. After picking their jaws up off the floor and wiping the fear from their hearts, with the help of God, a leader stood up among them. Her name was Savannah.

Savannah has battled osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer, in her right humerus (upper arm). Her treatment regimen was a tough one where she and her mother spent an average of 20 days a month in Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. She faced a marathon 15 hour bone resection surgery which included removal of the humerus bone and surrounding muscles, nerves and tendons and a transplant of the fibula from her leg into her arm. She also has had surgeries on both lungs to remove cancerous cells. Through all of these trials, she was rarely without a smile on her face. She was worried the hair loss from the chemo would make her so different that she would lose friends. But, her true friends have stood by her as has her family and extended family.

Savannah has become an inspiration to so many with her pleasant attitude despite her uphill battle for the past year. The nurses and doctors are still amazed with what she has accomplished. As Savannah continues her battle, her parents find comfort knowing that their army of "Savannah's Soldiers" is led not only by their Warrior Princess but is also backed by the love, grace and mercy of God.

Although she is still looking at 4-5 years of therapy to regain the use of her right arm and left leg, as well as possibly more surgeries, she is a true example of courage and faith.