Jayden has had cancer 3 times. Two different
types. First bone cancer at the age of 2 and then leukemia at 4 years
old. He had a bone marrow transplant when he was 4.
In addition, 90 days after the bone marrow transplant he relapsed. The
family then tried something called T-cell transfusions. He had two of
these transfusions and had zero improvement and in fact the leukemia
was worse. It was at that point that the family was told Jayden had
6mo left to live and that he was in fact terminal. His family took Jayden
home and showered him with love and life experiences. They made
and completed a bucket list. They went on a vacation to take his puppy
to the beach! While there his family got a call from the oncology team.
The blood work he had takin before leaving showed a slight improve-
ment in the amount of leukemia. His family was assured that he was
still terminal but hopefully had gained another "good month" if they
were lucky. Over the next month his blood work got better and better
until he had ZERO leukemia cells left. He was in spontaneous remis-
sion!!! Praise the Lord!
In total to date he has had 45 surgeries/surgical procedures. Most of
which were to try and restore his arm. His latest was this past summer.
He had an expandable prosthetic bone put in to replace the humerus
as EVERY other thing they tried to preserve the remaining bone pieces
failed. They recently went to Columbus to see his doctors and sched-
ule his first expansion surgery as well as a tendon release on his wrist.
He also suffers from something called graft vs host disease(GVHD).
This is from the bone marrow transplant. The new cells he received
basically view all of his organs as "foreign" and therefore attack him.
He has skin scarring on 50% of his body from this. Also it has most re-
cently affected his eyes and vision. They have been to the eye doctor
every week for the past month and a half trying to correct it. He uses 3
different eye drops three times a day and never complains. In the past
the GVHD affected his Liver, skin and bowels as well.