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At 2 years old, during an otherwise normal afternoon, our daughter Mallory told her grandmother that her belly hurt. Expecting typical childhood constipation, we visited the pediatrician. The usual solutions didn't work, and she was sent for further testing.

To our shock, by the end of the week, our happy, playful toddler was diagnosed with Stage 4 Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma, an aggressive cancer that originates from muscle tissue.

The original desire was to remove it, but the decided course of action was to reduce it with chemotherapy and remove the remainder. Her treatment plan consisted of multiple surgeries, procedures, 12 rounds of chemotherapy, major surgery, and 33 radiation treatments, followed by 24 more rounds of chemotherapy.

As soon as they heard about her diagnosis, many of our church members, family, and friends came together and prayed for a miracle. Mallory's Miracle. Our team of prayer warriors quickly decided on their own to host fundraising events to help support our family with the astronomical medical expenses that were flooding in – and they did.

Mallory's tumor responded very well, and her treatments finished in 2010 with an all-clear. After that, the plan simply consisted of periodic bloodwork and CT scans for the next 5 years to monitor any changes or abnormalities.

Everything seemed fine. Mallory went over 4 years with clear scans and great reports from her doctors. During that time she was very active in dance, gymnastics, tee-ball, church, and school. She even took a trip to Disney World. Mallory finally got to enjoy being the kid she was meant to be.

We thought the battle was over; we had made it through. It had been years. We were safe.

That's why we were caught completely off guard when, at 7 years old, one of her routine CT scans



showed a small spot on her lower left lung. Her doctors confirmed the spot to be another type of cancer: Synovial Cell Sarcoma. The oncologist believed it resulted from her previous radiation treatments.

We went back into fight mode, and the support from Mallory's Miracle returned. This time, though, Mallory was old enough to see for herself how everyone jumped in to help. Their caring meant the world to her, and she was truly thankful.

On August 18, 2015, after numerous attempts to destroy this monster, our Lord decided Mallory had fought long and hard enough. She was 9 years old.

Though the Lord had a different plan than we did, Mallory will always be victorious in our eyes. We know she is safe in the arms of God until we are reunited.

Our daughter loved helping others. Our desire is to continue this mission in her honor, with a determined focus on helping families who have a child with a serious illness or disease.

We hope you will share Mallory's story with others, and join us as we continue raising funds those now in need. There are many hurting children and families out there, and they need us – our dollars, our time, our prayers, and our love.

