

30 Days/30 Stories®

Dakota Ann

Diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia at age 6 months in April, 2019

You would never know this girl hasn't slept through the night in over four months.
You would never know that poison is wreaking havoc in her body during this photo.
You would never know that she is fighting for her life against the devil himself…cancer.

You would never know that she hasn't eaten much in over one week.
You would never know that she has blisters growing inside of her.
You would never know that it hurts her to swallow.
You would never know that she has blisters on her bum.
You would never know that she has a catheter in with tears on her skin around it.
You would never know that she has burns on her chest and belly.
You would never know that she lives in a hospital more than she does a home.
You would never know that she just said goodbye to her dog two weeks ago.
You would never know that she gets frustrated because she wants to do things but can't because she's tied to a pole.
You would never know that she's scared.
You would never know that she cries.
You would never know that most of what she's going through she doesn't understand.

You would never know…because she smiles.

There is a light inside my girl like nothing I've ever seen.
She literally glows and people are just lured to her like a magnetic force.

God created the most perfect little girl in the world.
God chose me to be her Mama.
And I could not be more honored.
I could not be more blessed.

She is everything I wish I could be.
And I had no idea I could love someone so much.

Mama's girl…she smiles.

Written by her mom, Shari Ann

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