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Hailey

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Michael: "I was crying and didn't understand. My heart dropped and I felt numb."
Parker: "I panicked and didn't know what to do. I thought she was going to die."

Hailey was at the hospital quite a bit at first for fevers we couldn't stop…
Michael: "I felt peace that she would be ok but was scared for her pain."
Parker: "I felt lonely, I missed Mom and Hailey. Playing with my cousin, Jayden, helped."

In March Hailey had surgery removing the large tumor and one of her kidneys. Some cancer still remained on her lungs…
Michael: "I tried to stay confident she would be okay."
Parker: "I was worried she would be crying, but I knew she would get through it. I would just close my eyes and think about us and God."

Hailey slowly started to lose her hair…
Michael: "It wasn't as scary as I thought, she still looked cute!"
Parker: "At first I was really scared, I thought it wouldn't come back, then Mom told me it would and I felt better!"

Hailey was admitted for a week in May for chemo and radiation…
Michael: "I knew she would get through it and be okay."
Parker: "I was really scared of the radiation, that it would make her feel yucky for a long time and I couldn't play with her."

In July, Hailey was invited to go on stage and be Donnie Wahlberg's Cover Girl at a New Kids On The Block Concert! Hailey is a Huge Donnie and New Kids On The Block fan…
Michael: "I was happy she got to be happy and have the time of her life!"
Parker: "I was happy she got to go! I liked seeing her so happy and jump up and down and dance!"

Hailey has been doing so well and has been getting stronger every day…
Michael: "Life feels more normal again!"
Parker: "I like that I get to see her more! I get to snuggle with her more!"

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Hailey is receiving a wish from the Make A Wish Foundation when she is better...
Michael: "I'm so happy she gets to be happy!"
Parker: "I'm happy she gets to do what she wants!"

How we are getting through it and looking forward…
Michael: "Hailey's cancer has made me want to stop this from happening to other families. I want to help others have as much care as Hailey has."
Parker: "Hailey having cancer has been hard! Always believe in God and pray so you can get through it. Bad things are going to happen, but you'll get through it just like I have."

Mom's and Dad's note…
Hailey's big brothers have been their sister's keeper through it all! They have been so strong and have cheered their little sister every step of the way!

So grateful for our 3 warriors!

Written by her brothers, Michael (age 12) and Parker (age 10)

If you would like to donate in Hailey's honor Click Here

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