



TITAN OF TEAL



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My name is Julie Aldridge.

My 28 yr. old daughter, Sarah Dawn, is the light of my life.

She has a beautiful 4 yr old daughter named Nevaeh (heaven spelled backwards) and gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Miracle, in November, 2010-with no indications that her world would soon be turned upside down.

In February of 2011, we received the devastating words "stage 3c ovarian cancer" for the first time. Sarah had gone in to have her gall bladder removed, and came out with this news. I can't begin to tell you how crippling those words were, and how scary. Having to tell her....was beyond words....it was the beginning of our journey. So many emotions can overcome you and all you want to focus on, as a mother, is how do I take this away from my child?? WHY, WHY, WHY?? Watching her have to go through chemo and it's terrible effects, losing her hair and every other step has been so heartbreaking. I was so angry at God at first, I feel guilty about that now. I know that God did not give this to Sarah, nor did Sarah do anything to deserve this demon inside of her. I kept searching for answers, I still do....I guess God knows and that is all that matters, coming to terms with that reality alone has been difficult, but we have accepted it.

I can't begin to imagine what Sarah has been feeling during this journey....it has not been easy. She has been so strong, so brave, courageous and what a fighter my girl is!!

She endured 5 chemo sessions when doctors decided it was time for surgery. Her surgery was on Sept 1st, 2011. We were so happy and blessed to hear that it went well and as of today, she will not have to endure any-more chemo!! The road ahead is uncertain.....we relish every single minute with each other. Our family has become so close, and that is such a blessing. All too often, we forget the things that are most important to us.

Sarah is such a good mommy to Nevaeh and Miracle, I'm so proud of her. I don't think I could have endured what she has gone through. I want her to share in her daughters growing up, getting married and having grandchildren. Sarah truly is my HERO and I tell her that often!! We want to be able to share our story and hopefully make a difference in someone else's life.

I began making teal beaded bracelets in an effort to raise awareness to others. My only stipulation was for each person to tell at least one person what it stood for....to date...I have made and given away over 250 bracelets and will continue to do so!!! Now that Sarah is feeling better, she wants to make them as well, I love that we can do it together. Never underestimate the "value" of something that, on the surface, may seem small. You CAN make a difference and spread AWARENESS!

My love for my Sarah is unending and beyond mere words.....
YOU ARE MY HERO SARAH DAWN!!!! I LOVE YOU!!

by Julie Aldridge

