## Joseph "Dalton" Edwards

September 6, 1997 - October 15, 2017

#33foreverinmyheart #33/25/20

Dalton was a very healthy active young man. At 16 we had to have his wisdom teeth removed so he could get braces. At the oral surgeons office, his blood pressure was high, so they sent him to his dr., and in turn he sent him to have a ct scan of his kidneys.

The ct scan ended up being his entire abdomen. 2 days later, we were sitting in a pediatric oncology office hearing he had cancer. He had a 12 pound tumor fully encased in his liver and he needed a liver transplant immediately. This was on September 27, 2013, just 3 weeks after his 16th birthday.

On October 8, 2013, he was on his was to Levine's to receive a brand new liver. Dalton was healing and doing so well. We actually received the NED (no evidence of disease) results from his oncologist just 8 months after surgery. It looked as if his cancer was gone. However, it was only lying in wait. 2 short weeks later, a PET scan was performed and they found a tumor on his ribs and lung.

Over the next couple years, Dalton had several more surgeries. One of the tumors eventually paralyzed him. The last year of his life, he was bedridden, but that did not stop him from living his best life ever. I was his full time care giver and it was probably the best year of our lives.

Dalton passed peacefully and well loved on October 15, 2017 at home, in his bed, surrounded by family. He didn't want it any other way.

