



The Ratcliff Family

Battling: 11-year-old, Madison

Madison is the youngest of four brothers. Her twin brother, Myles, and then her older brothers, Cassel who is 18-years-old, Cole who is 16-years-old, and Carter who is 14-years-old. Madison's mom is Leah and her Dad is Eugene.

Before Madison's world turned upside down, she was an athlete. She was a Track & Field Junior Olympian and NCA Cheer Champion. Then on August 17th, this summer, she was diagnosed with Acute Myeloblastic Leukemia. Madison's treatment plan requires a routine of 28 days in the hospital and then four days at home. Her hospital stays have turned out to be longer, on average 30-45 days. Madison is on track for a bone marrow

transplant, hopefully, at the end of this December. Then post-surgery, this intense treatment cycle will continue for the next 6 months or so.

The cancer diagnosis was a big shock to the family. It has caused intense strain both emotionally and financially. Since Madison's diagnosis, Leah has had to quit working to care for her and only Madison's dad is working. Nobody plans for this to happen and although things are very tough, the family remains strong with faith in God. Madison continues to have an awesome spirit and attitude while fighting cancer. She has really stayed positive and brought joy amidst her circumstances. Her positivity has been a mold to hold the family together.

This year we join to help this family have a wonderful Christmas!