

The Emilia Dameshek Family

In June 2013, Emilia experienced a severe pain in her leg after basketball practice. After a trip to the doctor revealed a mass on her pelvis, Emilia was quickly taken to the hospital for further testing. She was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer called Ewing's sarcoma and was treated at Penn State Children's Hospital with fourteen rounds of chemotherapy, two weeks of radiation and several surgeries.

After ten months in remission, Emilia was enjoying the sixth grade when a routine blood test revealed a rare side effect of her treatment, a secondary cancer, which could only be cured with a bone marrow transplant. Less than one year later, Emilia relapsed again. Emilia, only 12 years old, was fighting cancer for the third time in less than three years - what she called Cancer 3.0.

In May 2016, only a few months after relapsing, Emilia died from complications of her treatment. Her family is hopeful that research advancements will lead to better and safer treatments so that no other families have to endure this terrible disease and the loss of a child.



Emilia's mother Natalie says, "We want to keep sharing her story so that people have a personal connection to pediatric cancer and why we need research. She survived Ewing's sarcoma. She survived her transplant. She didn't die from cancer, she died from the side effects of drugs and treatment."

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