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Dyamond Ott

April 25, 1993 - December 13, 2011



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Dyamond Taylor Ott was born April 25, 1993 in Des Moines, Iowa to Diane and David Ott. She grew up in Ankeny and was a freshman in college. Dyamond's passion was dance. She was a part of the competition dance team at Nicole's School of Dance. She also loved spending time with Drew, her boyfriend of three years, hanging out with family and friends, going shopping and long foot rubs from her Unkie. She enjoyed family vacations and always looked forward to her yearly trip to Long Beach, CA. Dyamond was very lucky that she lived every day with her best friend, her younger sister Dallas.

Dyamond was a strong willed, incredibly beautiful soul that inspired many with her amazing attitude. She touched everyone's heart by always keeping her head held high and a smile on her face as she lived each day to the fullest.

Dyamond has had a very long journey. At the age of six she was diagnosed with a liver and a blood disease. Over the next 6 years, she had many tests and procedures done. However, she hadn't gone through this alone; her sister Dallas, at the age of two was diagnosed with the same liver disease. Dallas is now 14 years old and thankfully her disease isn't progressing as Dyamond's.

When she was 12 years old, the transplant team at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE evaluated her. They discovered she had developed a kidney disease. She needed both a liver and kidney transplant.

At 12:05 a.m. on September 21, 2006, our phone rang and we were told



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that they had potential organs for her. She had very mixed feelings; Scared (major surgery-the unknown), Sad (knowing that a family had lost a loved one), Happy (I was getting a second chance at life), and Thankful (to the donor family). We got the confirmation call at 3:30 a.m. to head to Omaha; she would be receiving both liver and kidney from the same donor.

One year after her transplants she had to have her spleen removed, as it was covered with pre-cancerous spots. She was lucky, as they caught it in time. Since then, they have been watching closely for PTLN (Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disease)

On January 14th 2011, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She had surgery on February 1st to remove most of the cancerous tumor. She then endured 30 treatments of brain and spine radiation. She completed the radiation treatment and was 6 months cancer free.

November 26th 2011, she was diagnosed with PTLN (Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disease). Her entire abdomen was full of cancer. She started chemo and two weeks later she lost her battle.

She was fortunate enough to meet her donor family and learned that her donor was an 11 year-old boy named Jacob who was hit by a car on his way home from school. She was grateful and gave thanks everyday to her donor family for her 'Gift of Life' and wanted everyone to remember that 'Life is a Gift'. Jacob was her hero!

Throughout all her years of health issues, she continued her studies as she was determined to graduate with her class. She even did two and a half years of her schoolwork at home with a tutor. In May 2011, she graduated from high school with her class. She planned on studying to become a Child Life Specialist and help sick kids from all her experiences. She enjoyed everyday to its fullest and always looked forward to everything that life had to offer.

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I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you through this difficult time and journey that you have been on and continue to be on. She was a beautiful child.

Dec 17, 2011

diane, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. julie, eric, austin and anthony

Dec 16, 2011

We are so very sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Joni Bornhoft
julie mangels
Matt & Ann Lenaghan

Dec 16, 2011

Diane and Dave, Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in thought and prayer. You have our deepest sympathies on the death of your daughter.

Dec 16, 2011



So sorry to heard about Dyamond is was amazing girl with so much going for her...My heart goes out to the family...Much Love

Dec 15, 2011

Diane: I was so shocked to read in the paper this morning about Dyamond. I hadn't seen her since she was a little girl, but I often think about you and hoped things were going well. I know your whole family went throu... more

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