

Nattalie

Nattalie is a 12-year-old girl that has battled for almost half her life to survive childhood.

She was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 9, when she underwent several rounds of chemotherapy. After months of treatment, she went into remission in August 2017.

But what was supposed to be a celebration of life was short-lived. Soon after given a clean bill of health, Nattalie began to have fevers and was admitted to the hospital. For the next few months, doctors worked to find why Nattalie was feverish. In early 2018, doctors told Nattalie and her family she didn't have leukemia but myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), a condition where her body doesn't make enough healthy blood cells.

Nattalie once again began treatment to battle MDS, which included rounds of chemotherapy and blood and platelet transfusions, in order to keep her strong to receive treatment. Her only cure for a healthy life was a marrow transplant.

"I just want to be healthy again, since I have not been in such a long time," Nattalie said.

Nattalie's prayers were answered when she received a marrow transplant in July. Nattalie continues to fight for life every day and looks forward to going back to school.

