

Natalie Hill Spirit Award



Natalie “Nat” Hill was Born December 15, 1995 in Coos Bay. She earned her angel wings on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 after a three-year battle with cancer.

Nat lived her entire life in Coos Bay. At the time of her passing, she was attending Marshfield High School, Resource Link and SWOCC. She excelled at academics and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Before her cancer diagnosis, she was involved in cross country, soccer, track and field and of course her favorite, basketball. She enjoyed working with children and refereed SWOYA (The Boys and Girls Club) basketball. When physically unable to participate in sports, she turned to coaching girls’ basketball and soccer.

Natalie wanted to be involved in helping people find a cure for cancer, so she became a captain for a Relay for Life team, Team Nat, for three years.

Nat enjoyed hunting with her dad and Uncle Jay, starting at a young age. She also loved camping, floating on the river, and hanging out at the beach. She loved any opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Nat loved the holidays, especially Halloween and Christmas and always decorated her home even when she wasn’t feeling well.



When she was told her cancer was terminal, she created a bucket list with her best friend, Sam. She posted it on Facebook to share with her friends. She shared her courageous journey worldwide. Natalie was full of life and enjoyed all aspects of living life. Everything she did was with all her heart and soul.

The celebration of her life, held at Marshfield High School gymnasium, was in keeping with Nat’s spirit of life and her upbeat attitude and life-affirming outlook. At 1 p.m. the game buzzer sounded, and Greg Mulkey stated, “You know what that meant to Natalie. It meant game time.” Her “bucket list” was hung from the rafters. Many of the items on her list were checked off such as Meeting Taylor Swift, petting a tiger, appearing on the TV show, Grimm, going to Hawaii and snorkeling, shopping at Gucci’s, getting a tattoo, shooting hoops with the Trail Blazers at the Rose Garden, and seeing a shooting star. She never did make it to Harry Potter’s Platform 9 ¾ though.

