

Cari Mangulabnan Fields

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She is our why...

Part of our reason for creating this charity and hosting this event is to honor the life, faith and fight of Cari Ann Fields. She was a daughter, sister, wife, and mother to Collin and Kendall. Cari loved to sing in church. Her powerful and stirring voice always inspired those in attendance, often moving people to tears with the gift that God had given her. Cari was a 10-year employee of Fidelity investments and had just graduated Magna Cum laude from Indiana Wesleyan University with a degree in Business Administration a short time before her Leukemia diagnosis.

There were many things that made Cari a wonderful and unique person, but some of her traits that really stood out above the others was her strength, toughness, and fearless demeanor. Cari was diagnosed with T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in the fall of 2014. Immediately, she set her mind to fighting this disease and maintaining a positive attitude. Cari posted the ups and downs of her journey on Facebook so all her friends and family could be in the fight with her. Cari's faith and positive attitude through this was a great inspiration to all who followed her. Many people told us personally that she had a major impact on their life and faith through her postings.

Through all the ups and downs, the good days and the bad days, Cari always maintained her strength and positivity. As much as we all gathered together to care for her, she really carried us. Even when facing the fact that this disease was going to take her life, she never felt sorry for herself, she never showed anger, never asked why her. Cari was determined that, even facing her own mortality, she was going to remain who she was and continue to love and inspire people. In her last days she would take time to express to each one of her friends and family how much she loved them and encouraged us all to stay strong and love each other.

Cari left this world with faith, love, grace, and courage that we believe is rare in this world. We were blessed to know her and share life with her.

Our goal is twofold, to memorialize and honor our beloved Cari, as well as making a contribution to the fight against leukemia in the hope that someday families will no longer have to deal with this terrible disease. Thank you for your help in achieving these goals.

"O Death, where is thy victory? O Death, where is thy sting?" 1 Cor 15:55