

attack4zack t-shirt

\$22.00

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Name
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Long sleeve t-shirt, Port&Co. 100% cotton

QTY	small	medium	large	Xlarge	2Xlarge	total

On March 27, 2010, Zack was not feeling well so we took him to Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ. We knew something was really wrong and thought it would be better to go to a hospital that dealt with blood issues. On March 30th, following a spinal tap and a bone marrow test, we were told Zack had Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). Zack was treated for 2-½ years with intensive chemotherapy daily and monthly spinal taps and bone marrow tests.

A little over 2 years later, on September 13, 2012, Zack developed high fevers and was not feeling well, so they repeated the bone marrow test and discovered his cancer had returned. The only treatment option was a bone marrow transplant to be performed at Hackensack University Medical Center. Following 3 months of chemo, on December 18, 2012, Zack was ready for the transplant from the National Donor registry. Since his transplant date, he continued to have multiple complications such as graft vs. host infections, as well as a knee fracture.

On April 22, 2014, Zack noticed petichia, little blue dots on his skin, which surfaced as a result of low platelet count. A return to the hospital for another spinal tap and bone marrow test showed that Zack's cancer returned. Zack was immediately given chemotherapy. We were told that the best option for a child who has relapsed twice would be to be considered for entry into an experimental study. Blinatumomab (Mt103) was a Phase 2 worldwide clinical trial at Memorial Sloan Kettering, where only a handful of children were included, and Zack was one of them. He began treatment on May 19th and finished on Dec 12th. Zack responded very well to the trial, with all test results pointing in the right direction.



But on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, Zack learned the leukemia was back in his skull and cerebral spinal fluid, following emergency brain surgery due to a brain abscess which created severe pain in his ear and head. He started chemo again on Jan 20th for 2 months, and if he is in remission, he will get a 2nd bone marrow transplant.

Zack turned 15 on January 5th. He is the center of love and attention of his parents, his older brother Brandon who is in college at the University of Massachusetts, and his older sister Samantha who is a senior at Pascack Valley HS (Hillsdale, NJ). He enjoys and welcomes the support and prayers from his extended family and friends from all over the world.

Along with his numerous health setbacks, ALL has limited Zack's participation in many of the activities and opportunities that many children his age are able to enjoy. Zack's courage amazes us every day. He is the strongest, bravest, and most amazing boy we know. There is no doubt that if the many prayers are answered, Zack will do everything he can to catch up to his many friends to make sure he lives life to the fullest.

Completed order forms should be turned over to: Megan Thorn or Gabby Lo Piccolo

Checks should be made out to : Zack LATTERI FUND