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Forever Four, Gone Too Soon

*How the Death of a Child Leads a Louisiana Couple to Write a Book and
Create a Foundation to Help Families with Childhood Cancer*

LORANGER, LOUISIANA, October 24, 2022 – Kallie Dickens was known on social media as “The Optimistic Angel,” and to her family, she was not only sweet like an angel, but a constant ray of sunshine and hope.

This Loranger, Louisiana family of four is now a family of three thanks to the cruelty of pediatric brain cancer which took the life of four-year-old Kallie on May 7, 2022. Her parents, Hayley and Justin Dickens have written a book detailing their family’s journey through the darkness of her life with cancer and her ultimate final breath in their arms.

“Everyone has their thing with grief,” said Hayley, “Mine is pictures and the knowledge that there won’t be any more of them. In five, ten, 15 years Kallie will still be four. Frozen in time. Pictures will grow older with each year that passes, but Kallie won’t”.

The Dickens family is determined to “fight like the Dickens” and help bring an end to childhood cancer so that future families are not forced to be in the situation they were in, without hope for a cure. Many types of pediatric brain cancer offer virtually no chance for survival, a devastating blow that this young couple wants to see changed. They have formed a nonprofit organization called “Keeping A Light” in Kallie’s honor and all of the proceeds from the sales of their book will be donated to the organization which will help families through the journey of childhood cancer.

“*The Optimistic Angel*” is written like a diary, filled with the ups and downs of diagnosis, treatments, hospitalizations, and the ultimate pain of loss for the grieving parents and their toddler who cannot comprehend where her big sister has gone. Release date for the book is set for October 31, 2022, as a special way to celebrate Kallie who loved Halloween. It will be available in both paperback and hardcover as well as electronic book (Kindle on Amazon will permit a pre-order beginning Tuesday, October 25, 2022).

More information about the Dickens family, their book, and their foundation, can be found at www.bellasteri.com or www.keepingalight.org. Their Facebook page, “The Optimistic Angel” is also still active and filled with photos and updates of this cancer journey that didn’t even last one full year.