



St. Jude patient **Calvin**,  
soft tissue cancer

# Calvin's Story

Signs of Calvin's cancer emerged in June 2018, when after a family bike ride his mom noticed his leg was swollen and he had a bump on his back.

A CT scan and a biopsy showed Calvin had stage IV rhabdomyosarcoma, a cancer of the soft tissue, with tumor growth in five places: his pelvis, hip, stomach, lung and neck.

As his parents discussed treatment options with their medical team, something one doctor said stood out: "He said, 'If it was my kid, we'd go to St. Jude,'" said Calvin's mom. "We had no idea what we were up against. No idea. We just knew that this was the best place."

At St. Jude, Calvin underwent chemotherapy, proton therapy, and radiation treatments. And through it all, he kept his mom and the nurses laughing.

"Calvin is quick-witted, happy-go-lucky and strong-willed," she said. "He fights through the pain, and he's a really happy kid."

Calvin continues to receive treatment at St. Jude, having experienced a recurrence of cancer in 2020.

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