



Julia Joan Currier

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Julia died of complications from epileptic seizure disorder. She began having seizures when she was 13 years old. She lived in Bowie, Maryland as an independent adult with managed care 24/7. She wanted to live as normal a life as possible and was happy her last year although the ambulance and hospital stays were getting more frequent. The ICU and intubations necessary to stop cluster seizures were painful.

Julia is survived by her mother, Tracey Currier; sister, Clara Currier; father, David Nachowitz; and best friend, Dmitry Walberg.

This is a poem Julia wrote.

Status

A poem about epilepsy and my fight for survival.

My body learns the language of alarms. red lights. White rooms.
Hands that pin the world still.
While my brain throws lightning through every hallway it owns.
I am not sleeping
I am being taken hostage.

the seizure comes like a tide with no Shoreline. jaw locked, Spine arched, every muscle
Shouting now
while my lungs forget the shape of air. –

I try to breathe. I try to remember how there is a tube where my voice was.
Plastic standing in for prayer and I float somewhere above it.



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counting the times i've died and been argued back.

once

twice

Again,

each time they pull me from the dark I leave Something there.

a year, a word, the easy belief that my body is on my side.

tonic

clonic

like a hammer and a bell

like God knocking too hard on the wrong door

I wake up bruised by living

throat raw, ribs aching.

doctors speaking careful sentences that never say how tired you are allowed to be

knowing that any day is my last

the machines keep me alive for the days I can't be saying goodbye to my Loved ones

with tears in my eyes and a breaking voice.

I am slowly descending into that dark place where my eyes are shut and my body

analyzed.

People call me strong they



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Matt Oskvarek posted:

I remember in general Julia's sweet and chatty spirit. She was uplifting and lighthearted in her way. And although she had many challenges in life, she had a resilience, hope and upfront way about her. She had a sweet and basic Christian faith. it was tried in true through her challenges. I am thankful to have known her briefly through Dmitry's friendship with her.

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