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Lillian Hankemeier - Just a Lil' Love

\$17,896.00 RAISED OF \$30,000.00 GOAL

Jun 6, 2023 to Jul 6, 2023

Lilly gives all those around her endless love, compassion, and support. She is kind and giving, but stubborn and strong. We want to show just a "Lil' bit of love right back at her.

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STORY

Lilly and her husband Steven are typical oldest siblings. Lilly has two younger siblings, her brother Matt and her sister Anna. Growing up in the small town of Clarence, IA, just 20 miles East of Mount Vernon, the three siblings all graduated from North Cedar High School. She attended Iowa State University and got her degree in Education. In 2015, Lilly got a job as a 3rd grade teacher at Viola Gibson Elementary in Cedar Rapids.

During college, Steven, a graduate of North Cedar's rival high school, Tipton, began pursuing Lilly. At first she let him know that she wasn't interested, but he was persistent and grew on her over time. Steven, like Lilly, is the oldest of his siblings. They are the rocks of their families, paving the way for their younger siblings, providing guidance, and always beating their younger siblings in board games (to this day).

After Lilly's youngest sister graduated high school in May of 2017, Lilly's parents, John and Miss Peterson, moved to Mount Vernon. Every move being thanks to Steven, a Realtor with Re/Max Concepts.

In October of 2017, Lilly and Steven got married at Celebration Farm, a subset of Kiewit. By 2018, Lilly had secured her Masters in Education, while pregnant with her daughter, Elanora.

During the pandemic, Lilly, Steven, and Elanora, were their family's emotional support. Lilly's symptoms started every day. Her shortness of breath is a main concern, so the cancer clinic at the University of Iowa has asked her to come in so they can admit her. As of right now, they are thinking this will be about a 4 day stay. As she writes this, she is receiving a bone-marrow biopsy so we know if the cancer has spread to her bone marrow. We are hopeful that it has not spread and are thankful she is receiving care now, rather than later. We are blown away by the outpour of love and support for Lilly. She has already received more than "Just a Lil' Love." Thank you for your continued thoughts, prayers, and well wishes. We are grateful for each and every one of you.



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