

2025 HONOREE

Abby Thomas

All About Abby

Abby, at 14, embodies the essence of youth with her vibrant spirit and multifaceted talents. A freshman at Covenant Christian School in Conroe, she stands out as a straight-A student and the co-captain of the Junior Varsity Cheer Team. Her interests span from playing the guitar to being an avid reader, and she's the best big sister to Cody. Known as an Ever-Loyal Kiowa at Camp Mystic, Abby is admired for her beauty, humor, intelligence, and kindness. She's the light in her father David's eyes and shares a special bond with him through their mutual love for deer hunting, which inadvertently led to the discovery of her brain tumor.

From Diagnosis to Treatment

During the Covenant Homecoming football game, Abby noticed a sudden vision change in her right eye but didn't think much of it until deer season at the family's lease in east Texas. Aiming at a massive deer, her vision blurred, prompting immediate medical attention. The local eye doctor quickly referred her to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, where within 24 hours, Abby was diagnosed with an aggressive, inoperable high-grade glioma, specifically a pediatric high-grade neuroepithelial glioma, located at the optic chiasm. Despite initial hope for a less severe condition, the biopsy confirmed the grim reality. Abby started radiation treatment before Christmas and joined a clinical trial for new treatments, with plans to conclude radiation on February 3rd.



Abby's Faith and Resilience

Navigating this journey has been tough for the family, but Abby's faith has been a beacon of inspiration. She believes her struggle is part of a divine plan, not only for her own sake but to assist others. Her initial reaction to her diagnosis was one of hope to contribute to research through clinical trials, showcasing her altruistic nature.

The Need for New Treatment Options

The family faces the daunting task of planning Abby's next steps in treatment, with the weight of the situation often overwhelming. The need for advanced treatments for cancers like Abby's is more urgent than ever. Yet, Abby's unwavering belief that she's part of something greater, that her challenges are being used for good, remains a source of strength. Your support, prayers, and love are crucial as we continue this fight. Please keep Abby in your thoughts as she bravely faces each day.

