



Francesca Antoinette Martin

July 24, 2022 - May 3, 2024

It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the passing of our beautiful daughter, Francesca Antoinette Martin. Francesca passed away at 7:40 pm on May 3, 2024, at M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota from post-bone marrow transplant complications after fighting MPS-I Hurler Syndrome and MCAD deficiency, two rare genetic disorders that made her 1 in 1.5 billion. Her struggle and treatment path will someday help other families facing these devastating diagnoses due to her involvement in several clinical trials and studies, most notably the OTL-203 HURCULES phase 3 trial.

Francesca, affectionately called Frankie, was born to Isabella and Talor Martin at 2:59 am on July 24, 2022, in Madison, Wisconsin. She was a very precious girl, full of life and joy despite facing continuous challenges related to her illnesses. Born the ultimate teacher, Frankie taught all who crossed paths with her the importance of gratitude, resilience, and patience. She was a

happy and loving child who adored her Mama and Dada, her Gigi and PopPop, Mormor and Grandpa, and her doggie, Cow. She loved to ride on her Daddy's shoulders and snuggle with her Mommy to watch Miss Rachel or Elmo videos. She spent a considerable amount of time doing puzzles, reading books, and practicing animal sounds with her Little People figurines. She never met a stuffed bunny that she did not like.

We will deeply miss and will always cherish our strong little girl who shined so much light into the world and made our lives immensely brighter with her presence.

Francesca is survived by her mother and father, Isabella Hutson and Talor Martin, of Madison, WI; Her grandparents Kirsten Arndt-Hutson and Lance Wallace (Glendale, WI), Tracy and Dennis Martin (Spring Grove, IL); Aunts Bernadette Hutson (Jim Ramel Kjellgren), Andrea Martin (Travis Frerichs), Ashley Martin (Michael Scharnberg); Cousins (Ernest, Theodore, Mabel, and Massimo); Great-grandparents Carol Connery, Marie and Joe Martin, Marilyn Przybylski, Nicole Hutson, Nancy Wallace; Great-aunties, great-uncles, and so many dear friends who will miss her sweet smile and infectious laugh.

We are certain that her "OG", Shirley Fowler (great-grandmother), who preceded her in death on March 12, along with her Great-uncle Don Arndt III, Opa (great-grandfather

Donald Arndt Jr.),
Grandpapa (great-grandfather Larry Hutson), and Great-grandpa James
Connery were all there
to greet Frankie and take care of her for us until we can be reunited as a
family again.

A visitation will be held on May 17, 2024, at Northshore Funeral Home in
Milwaukee, WI from
1:00-5:00 pm, with a memorial service at 5:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, we would be honored to have you support the National MPS
Society,
<https://mpssociety.org/donate-now/>, in Frankie's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Northshore Funeral Services
3601 North Oakland Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53211
(414) 961-1812
jarmata@icloud.com
<https://www.northshorefuneral.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY 17. 5:00 PM.

Northshore Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

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“ I was lucky enough to be Frankie’s nurse for many shifts, and no matter what kind of day I was having, it was immediately brightened when I walked into Frankie’s room. Her smile and laugh always lifted me and all the other nurses up, and even when she was having a rough day, she fought through it. She is one of the strongest patients I’ve ever known, and I’m honored to have been able to care for her.

Nurse Alex - May 11, 2024 at 09:04 PM

MN

“ Tracy & Dennis Martin, Bella & Talor & your families, we were so saddened to hear about 'lil Frankie. May God bless you & your families with love, strength & hope during this difficult time. And, may you find the peace in knowing that 'lil Frankie now sleeps in the loving arms of her maker.
Rest in peace, 'lil one. ♡♡

--- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Narvaez

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Narvaez - May 08, 2024 at 09:07 PM

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“ So unbelievably sorry, I hope you find peace with the passage of time and comfort in knowing there are people like me who care so much about Frankie’s family. If there’s anything that I can do to make your Leis even tiny bit easier please don’t hesitate to ask..

Clare Butscher - May 08, 2024 at 07:16 PM

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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Narvaez - May 08, 2024 at 09:03 PM

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My sincere condolences to all of you. Little Frankie was beautiful and loved deeply. Time does not heal our heart but helps us to deal with our pain. May you find solace in knowing she is at Peace.

Alma Pirnie

Alma Pirnie - May 08, 2024 at 11:01 PM