

Sarah Lynn Washington



Sarah Lynn Washington is the daughter of Ronald and Regina Washington. Sarah is the fifth of seven children. Sarah lives with her parents in Houma, Louisiana. Sarah was born a normal healthy little girl that was just a precious jewel to us. In March 1996, Sarah was four years of age when diagnosed with a brain tumor called Craniopharyngioma. This is a benign tumor that reoccurs about every 2 years. The effects of the brain tumor on Sarah, has been such that she has not develop physically or mentally. Her eyesight has deteriorated. Sarah's muscular systems have not developed. Sarah suffers from paralysis and is a diabetic. Sarah has undergone a minimum of seven surgeries to extract the tumors. She has also had shunts and reservoirs placed in the cyst to relieve fluid off of the brain. Sarah has undergone radiation therapy regiments.

Although these surgeries to extract the tumors has been partially successful and have been instrumental in prolonging her life (for which we're grateful unto the LORD for), yet Sarah's condition still remains acute. Over the period of twelve years, Sarah has deteriorated in her physical and mental health. She no longer can stand or walk without assistance. She has paralysis and weakness of the legs. Sarah has what is called diabetic insipid-us, (high sodium, bladder control, and water dehydration). Sarah has not developed in growth due to the effects of the tumor on the brain that controls the growth hormones. Sarah has had problems with eating normally and drinking's of fluids. She's constantly under watch due to increase seizure activity

We would like to say that Sarah's condition has been challenging and God has given us grace to take it one day at a time loving and cherishing her. Although she cannot run or play due to her condition, she still has not lost that pleasantness about her. She brings an air of joy to everyone that she meets. So we would like to thank the Bright Light Foundation and its board members for choosing our family as one of the 2008 recipients.