

wish granted

JOEL, 10
CANCER

"I WISH TO GO ON A DISNEY CRUISE LINE CRUISE"

Joel, 10, spent three years receiving chemotherapy treatments for his cancer, and he has been in and out of the hospital his whole life.

During his wish to experience a Disney Cruise Line cruise, Joel spent every day enjoying the fresh air, being independent and feeling like a kid.

"Joel and his brothers liked the freedom of being in the kids club and not having mom and dad there to tell him what to do," said Joel's mother, Jolyn. "It was a great break knowing they were safe, we could communicate via walkie talkie as needed and he could play and roam freely as he wanted to without the need to ask for permission."

Unlike most kids who pick a cruise for the characters, Joel picked the cruise for its attractions.

"We watched videos of the cruise on YouTube and Joel was most excited to ride the waterslides on the boat and visit Disney's private island, Castaway Cay," Jolyn said.

Aboard the Disney Dream, Joel and his two siblings would spend hours on end playing and having fun.

"My favorite activities were the kids club, the scavenger hunts, and the waterslides," he said.

When Joel wasn't eating cheeseburgers by the pool or enjoying Mickey Mouse waffles for breakfast, he was running around the ship trying to solve different mysteries and puzzles.

"We loved the excursions, exploring the islands and hanging out at Atlantis Resort and Castaway Cay. We made sure we ate dinner together and spent time playing games and watching the fireworks. This trip definitely brought our family closer and it was a true bonding experience for us."

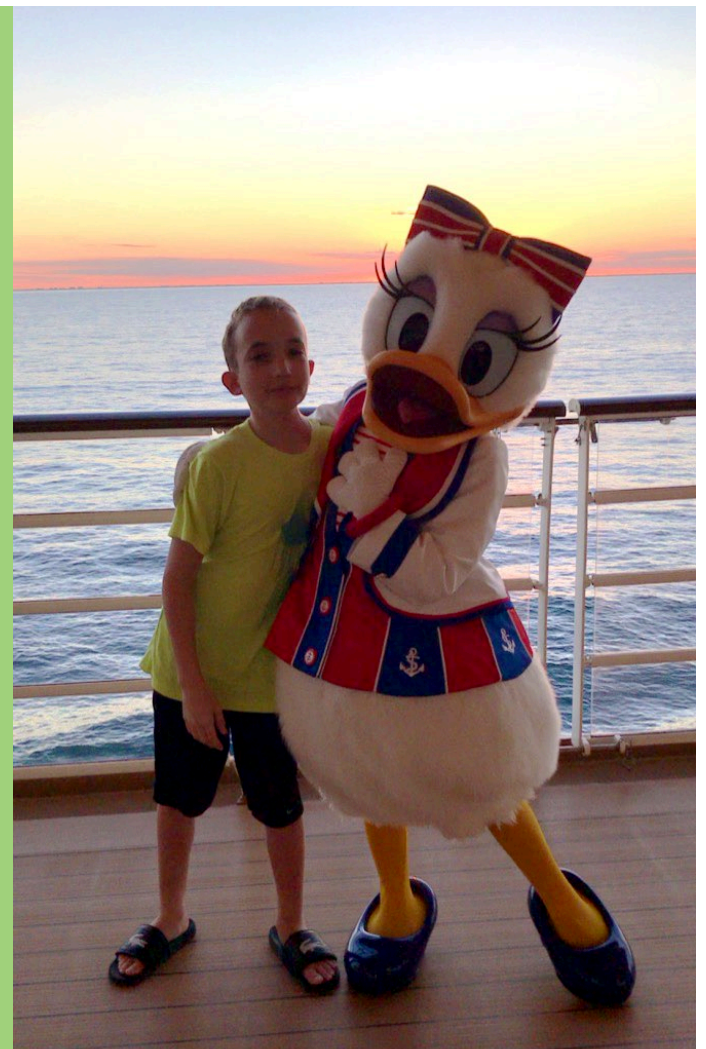
"Our kids are older, and the fact that they did not have electronics and could unplug on this trip really made a difference. Our oldest son said, 'I wish this trip would never end,'" Jolyn said.

Joel says if he could describe his wish in three words, it was "freeing, spontaneous and emotional."

Thank you Allied family!



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