

In SICKNESS and in HEALTH

For those who are facing terminal cancer and have accessed every means of treatment, but to no avail, there may seem to be nothing left but the end of life. Yet this is not the case. There are always the remaining weeks, days and moments of one's life and how we chose to live them. There, one can still find joy in the simplest of pleasures while being thankful for the life that has been lived, so far. The ability to feel love and joy at the very end of our life is the greatest gift that we can receive and it's one that we can give ourselves.

One of the most poignant examples of this gift lies within the story of 21 year old Katie Kirkpatrick who, five days before succumbing to the effects of cancer, engaged in the most beautiful event of her life – her marriage. We tend to think of a wedding as the beginning of a new path in our lives, as opposed to an ending. But for some, each moment is a joyful eternity, in and of itself, as we shall see here...

~ George Parker, N.D.

— The Wedding —



Her name is Katie Kirkpatrick, 21 yrs old. Next to her is her fiancé, Nick, 23.

This picture was taken prior to their wedding January 11th, 2005.

Katie has terminal cancer and spends hours in chemotherapy.

Here Nick awaits while she finishes one of the sessions...



Even in pain and dealing with her organs shutting down, with the help of morphine, Katie took care of every single part of the wedding planning. Her dress had to be adjusted several times due to Katie 's constant weight loss.



An expected guest was her oxygen tank. Katie had to use it during the ceremony and reception. The other couple in this picture is Nick's parents, very emotional with the wedding and to see their son marrying the girl he fell in love when he was an adolescent.



Katie, in a wheel chair listening to her husband and friends singing to her.



In the middle of the party, Katie had to rest for a bit and catch her breath.
The pain does not allow her to stand for long period of time.



Katie died 5 days after her wedding. To see a fragile woman dress as bride with a beautiful smile makes you think... happiness is always there within reach,
no matter how long it lasts.....

lets enjoy life and don't live a complicated life. Life is too short.

Work as if it was your first day.

Forgive as soon as possible.

Love without boundaries..

Laugh without control
and never stop smiling.

Please pray for all those with cancer and who are close to our heart.

Prayers are always answered , don't give up....endure.

