

Forty years after surviving childhood leukemia, Jennifer Camp faces brain surgery

Her twin brother was the bone marrow match who helped save her life in 1984. Now their family is gathering around Jennifer again.



Jennifer K. Camp • Family photo

WHY THIS STORY • WHY NOW

Jennifer was diagnosed with leukemia at age three. Her initial ICU treatment began November 22, 1982; on Thanksgiving Day, she was transferred to a pediatric ward. After six phases of chemotherapy and radiation, she was two weeks away from completing treatment when she relapsed. Treatment began again, along with preparations for a bone marrow transplant. Her twin brother, Jason, proved to be a perfect bone marrow match, and the transplant took place in September 1984.

Jennifer completed her pre-operative appointment on August 24 and is now preparing for September 10 brain surgery at M Health Fairview University of Minnesota Medical Center - East Bank to remove a large meningioma described to the family as roughly softball-sized.

The human story spans four decades: survival, a twin’s lifesaving gift, and a family returning to hope and community support in the face of another major medical challenge.

KEY FACTS

Detail	Verified information
Pre-op completed	Monday, August 24, 2026
Brain surgery	Thursday, September 10, 2026
Location	M Health Fairview University of Minnesota Medical Center - East Bank, 500 Harvard St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455
Procedure	Removal of a large meningioma described to the family as roughly softball-sized
Financial status	Listed as self-pay while a financial assistance decision is pending
Current estimates	Approximately \$95,010; these are estimates, not final bills
Fundraising goal	\$120,000, including anticipated lost income and recovery expenses

FAMILY CONTACT

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LINKS

Media: jenniferkcamp.com/news/
Fundraiser: gofund.me/b69bd6b20
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