

Jade Christianne Fagersten

January 17, 2000 – July 28, 2024



Jade was born on January 17, 2000, in Marin County. She spent much of her youth traveling the world, especially in the Netherlands.

She attended Marin Catholic High School. She was an active member of the Drama and Music departments during her 4 years at MC. She played in many musical productions, starting her first year with a major role in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" and performed with James Quick ('14) at the music concerts in 2013. She continued to have many more performances at MC. She was one of the founding members of MC Live, in which she was a performer, writer, and director for 2 years. She was a harmonist and soloist in the Liturgy Choir for 3 years. She was a singer, arranger, and leader of the A Cappella group for over two years. She played field hockey for 4 years. She graduated in May 2017. She received the first **Legacy Selah Scholarship for the Performing Arts**.

Jade attended St. Andrews University in Scotland (UK) for 4 years and graduated in May 2021 with Master's degrees in International Relations and Social Anthropology. During this time, she started Brizo Magazine, which she ran with one of her close friends. She had many other old and new friends involved in writing, doing art, and producing this online magazine <https://brizomagazine.com/>. The last article she wrote for the magazine was about her cancer journey in June 2023 ("Killing Myself to Keep Myself Alive").

After finishing her studies in Scotland, Jade returned to the USA and moved to Los Angeles to live with her sister, Quinn Fagersten ('19) and Sarah de Surville ('17). She worked on her music career and released songs under her artist name, ".jade," on Spotify and Apple Music.

Jade was diagnosed with cancer (Non-Hodgkin Lymphoblastic T-cell Lymphoma) on February 17, 2023. This is not a hereditary disease; this is, as her oncologist would call it, "BAD LUCK." She started chemo treatments at UCLA immediately. She moved back to Marin County on April 1, 2023, to continue treatment at UCSF after she was in remission. Unfortunately, her cancer came back, and it was discovered her cancer was not responding to chemotherapy in October 2023.

She was accepted into a trial at City of Hope in Duarte, CA (LA) to receive a T-cell transplant. After a scary emergency at the beginning of December 2023, she received her donor cells on December 28, 2023. At the end of January 2024, she was in remission again! She moved back to Marin County to get a Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) as soon as possible to make sure her cancer would not come back.

She had her BMT on March 7, 2024 at UCSF. Jade seemed to respond and recover well. She was given the OK from her oncologist to travel to LA in May 2024 to take part in the research City of Hope was doing. While in LA, Jade suffered a seizure, and it became apparent her cancer had returned, this time in her brain. Jade returned from LA to be hospitalized at UCSF and had several treatments (more chemo and radiation).

Jade was released from the hospital on July 24, 2024, with the news her cancer was now classified as terminal. She came home to be with her family and dog, Michél. Jade passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of July 28, 2024, surrounded by her family and dog.

Jade has been an amazing daughter, sister, cousin, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, and friend to many around the world. The void she has left in so many people's hearts and lives has been humbling and devastating. Jade was adamant she wanted to "pay back" for the treatment she had gotten, and fundraising for UCSF's cancer research was something high on her list. Jade was given an 85% chance of survival on February 17, 2023, and passed away 18 months later. Research is the only way to learn more about this type of cancer and try to help others. We have to find a cure!

Here is the link and instructions for donating.

<https://giving.ucsf.edu/fund/leukemia-program-discretionary-fund>

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- Click **“Review my gifts.”**
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- Under Gift Options, select **“This gift is in memory of someone.”**
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