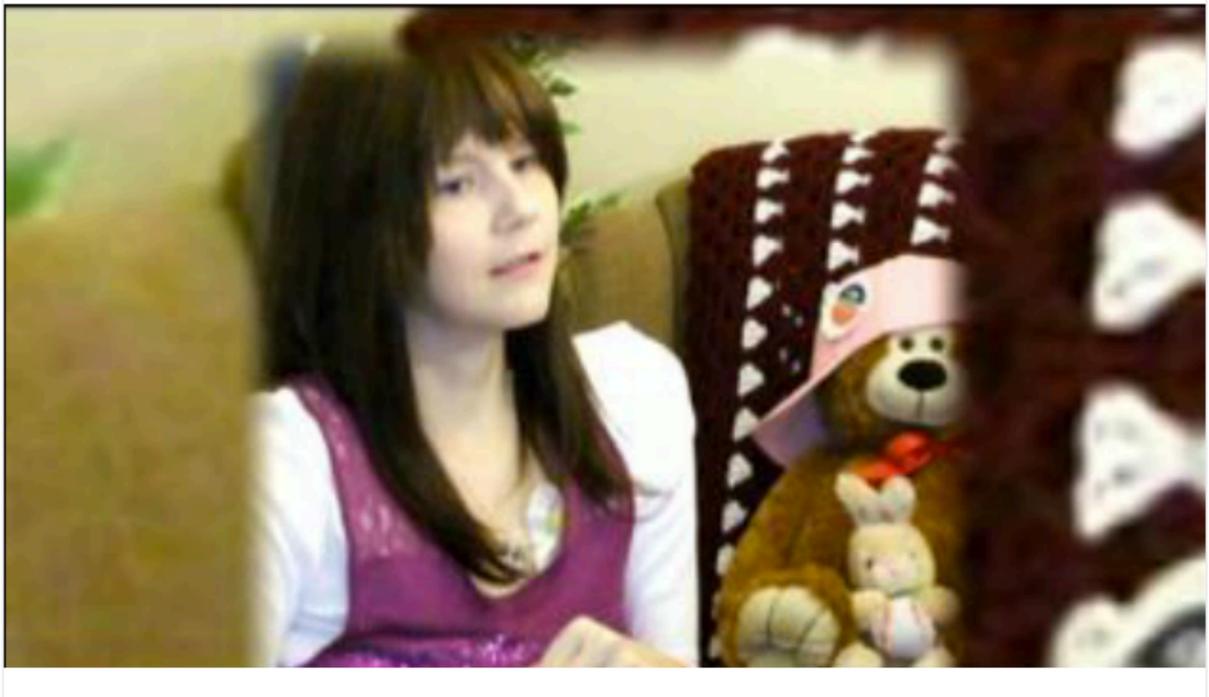




Young woman's ashes float down Hudson River on small sailboat

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WATERFORD, N.Y. - There was a unique sight along the Hudson River on Wednesday as the ashes of a 24-year-old woman were carried in a small wooden sailboat.

Maire Kent, of Michigan, died in September from Cardiac Sarcoma, a rare cancer of the heart.

However, before she passed she told Keith Famie that she wanted to raise awareness for the disease by sailing to the Atlantic Ocean where her ashes would be scattered.

“It’s really about how humanity comes together and chooses to help her and why they want to help her what’s the reason for that,” said Famie.

Famie says as soon as strangers heard the story, they offered to help.

"It's touching to see how many people's lives it impacts when they come in contact with Maire and how it affects them and the dialogue it creates about cancer and family and what happens when we die," said Famie.

Donna Larkin crossed paths with Maire on Wednesday morning on the Hudson River in Waterford. She offered to take Maire's ashes to Albany.

"It's just been, I'm so, I've got goose bumps just bringing her down here and hopefully pass her off to somebody else going to New York City for her final destination," said Larkin.

So far, dozens of people have helped the small boat travel hundreds of miles.

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