

Best Friends

I have known Joasian Barnes since I was 7 years old. I never expected to run into him again and become best friends with him almost a decade later. We were sitting on my bed watching the Guardians of the Galaxy trilogy a few months ago. It was a Friday night and the buzz of our drinks ran through our bodies as we laughed. He mentioned something from second grade and I realized just how much this connection meant to me. Joey might not always have the best grades, or always be the most intellectual or well mannered, but he cares. I looked at him, shocked when he brought up my Grandpa Jim. He looked at me and said “Your grandpa took you to see this for the first time, right?” and it made me smile because I never would have guessed that anyone would remember something as tiny as that.

I was in the second grade when my grandpa started to get sick. He always came up from Coos Bay to Portland for his Chemo. He took my sister and I out with my dad to see Guardians of the Galaxy vol. 2 for the first time. I don't even remember telling anyone. But joey remembered.

