

# Air Force Wife Battles Health Concerns

## Receives Trip to Reunite Family

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**WISH #37**

Surprise, AZ

In June of last year, Kaci Jones was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor. Since then, Kaci has not been able to work, and her husband, Sergeant Maurice Jones, of the U.S. Air Force, has had the sole responsibility of providing for their family. The stress and debt that has accumulated as a result of Kaci's numerous surgeries and one income, have taken an extreme toll on the family.

In April, we posted a wish for Kaci and Maurice on our website, asking for donations to provide summer clothing for their two boys. Additionally, we hoped to send the Jones family on a vacation to visit their family in Atlanta, Georgia. Kaci had indicated they had not seen their extended family in 3 years and had new relatives they had never met. Additionally, most of their family in Georgia had not seen Maurice and Kaci's boys since they were babies. With all the medications and surgeries that Kaci had undergone in the past year, she said her heart yearned for the time when she could "just wrap up in (her) mom and sister's arms".

After approximately a month of fundraising online, over \$600 was raised for the Jones wish for summer clothes and the trip to visit family. Maurice and Kaci planned to drive to Georgia and were only hoping for assistance with fuel for the trip. With more treatments (and possible surgeries) in sight, the last thing we wanted was for them to spend half their vacation driving from Arizona to Georgia. As a result, *Wish For Our Heroes* purchased four round-trip airline tickets to Atlanta for a June get-away.

On May 22, Phoenix volunteer Gary Alexander personally drove to the Jones' home in Surprise, AZ, and presented Kaci with a \$500 gift card to Old Navy to purchase summer clothes for her boys. After receiving the gift card and the plane tickets, we were contacted by Kaci who wrote the following:



*Maurice & Kaci Jones with their boys*

*"How amazing! That's what my son said when he found out what Wish For Our Heroes gave us. Yesterday he spent the majority of the day fighting a fever in the ER so he missed Gary when he came to present the gift. But when he got home that evening, even though he still didn't feel well, he was overwhelmed by the trip news and the Old Navy gift card. He was given a pass for free swimming at the recreation center up the street for the whole summer. Unknowingly to us, he had been worried because he didn't have trunks and was afraid to ask for a new pair. So, it's amazing to him how things are working out for him. Sick and all, he's overjoyed! As we all are! We cant talk about the gift without shedding tears of joy! I cant thank Wish For Our Heroes enough! You've made the impossible possible and really made the future look so much brighter and capable. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"*

Kaci and her family are currently on their vacation to Georgia. Please stay tuned for photos from their much-deserved trip! We wish Kaci a speedy recovery, and all the best to their entire family.