

My sister turned 16 in February 2020, and as her gift our parents promised to take her to Breyerfest which is a toy model horse festival in Kentucky. We had planned the trip since 2019 and had already purchased plane tickets, a hotel, rental car, and tickets to the 3-day event. Of course, it was canceled, and my sister was heartbroken at first. However, our parents promised to take her in 2021, and soon my sister was looking forward to going for her 17th birthday. However, Breyerfest 2021 was also cancelled. As of right now, we don't know if we will ever get to go to Breyerfest. In both 2020 and 2021 they had a virtual Breyerfest, but my sister said it would be unsatisfying and not the same because Breyerfest is a very hands-on experience. They always have guest horses come to the events and in previous years you could meet them and pet them, but instead they just had videos of the owners talking about their horses and old competition videos of the horses that you could find on Youtube. My sister is "so tired of the decisions of the people who are running this event they don't hold my dreams anymore". She went on to say, "People just need to get out there, and live their lives like they used to, everyone from babies to ninety-year-olds need to hug their families, have fun and enjoy life again; it's just a germ, not a sure-fire death sentence. What if someone told you that you only have a year to live, a few months, or even a week? You would want to do everything that you love to do, and make wonderful memories with your family and friends before you leave this earth, wouldn't you? Well, that's the thing, we don't know when we're going to die, but we ARE going to die sometime, so we need to live like tomorrow is our last. Rip that mask off your face, and show your smile to the world; hug your grandparents; high five your friends; shake hands with a stranger; go to school IN PERSON, so you can learn to be a teacher, doctor, engineer, or whatever you want; and go to work, so you can contribute to the world. The bottom line is don't EVER let your fears control you, control your fears; and remember: tomorrow could be your last day, so make the most of it!"