

PRAYER CORNER

" Hey John,

As we discussed the other day, I got involved with the American Cancer Society when I was 13 years old because my Grandma Em had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. At that time, I convinced friends to roller skate 75 miles with me for the cause. Many years later, after losing my grandma, I lost my great aunts, one to colon cancer the other to bone cancer. Then, a great uncle to prostate cancer.

On April 24, 1999, my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. This was my youngest son's first birthday. His happy birthday party was overshadowed by a dark cloud and again "the big C" word. Hearing that another family member had cancer made me angry. Hence, my passionate involvement with ACS and Relay For Life.

I am proud to say that my mom, my hero, is a survivor. Having to watch her suffer was very hard. During the last ten years my sisters and myself have had our own scares. My mom was tired enough of this cancer thing that she decided to be genetically tested to see if she carries the breast cancer gene. Thankfully she doesn't, so hopefully her daughters (and grandchildren) won't have to worry.

Because of what I do, I have met many people along the way. Those celebrating cancer victories, and those who have lost their battle, those who are currently fighting.

I pray for a cure for all cancers. I pray that one day my kids, your kids, my friends kids won't have to hear those words: "you have cancer", or "your parent has cancer".

Thanks for all you do in this fight. It is much appreciated. Make the most of today...in the power of purple."

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