

Cindy,

I wanted to tell you and everyone who has breast cancer that there is life after.

At the age of 62, my mother found a breast lump, she ended up with a radical mastectomy. Over the next 21 years she had 17 more malignant tumors, all on the same side as the mastectomy. She had many surgeries and many chemotherapy treatments. Finally there were no more types of chemos' that would help her , so at age 83 she underwent radiation. Yes, at that age it was very hard on her, but she pulled thru. My mothers' strong faith, and positive attitude, helped her thru all the surgeries.

Mom has 4 daughters, we all have had cysts and lumps aspirated or removed. We all are very aware of the importance of regular mammograms, and self-examines. Whenever mom had another surgery, it was like we all went thru surgery.

Today, mom leads an active life and is a strong role model for "her girls" and everyone else with breast cancer.

In April she will celebrate her 90th birthday, of course we are having a big celebration for her.

I guess, my point is ... breast cancer is not the end, it is so very important to take care of ones health and do not give up. Women are strong, and everyday there are more and better treatments for breast cancer.

Cindy,I am so glad you shared your story, women need to know not to give up , stay strong and have faith. God will take care of us.

Thank you,
Lynda