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Re: Margie's treatmnt has mass in head of Pancreas which has been confirmed as pancreatic cancer! THE START

> On May 19, 2018, at 12:27 PM, Jim Hoffman <jimhoffman59@embarqmail.com> wrote:

> Marge started to not feel well on the boat Friday the 20th of April then on Saturday at the fishing Buddies party at Topper's she started feeling real bad and could not eat any thing then on Sunday anything she tried to eat came back up same thing on Monday took her to the walk-in clinic Monday after noon and they gave her Carafate and nausea pills and ordered a scan for Tuesday stat we had it they called Wednesday and ordered another scan with contrast for Thursday We never heard from them about the results so I called about noon Friday and verbally abused a xray tec into giving me the result which was a mass in the head of the Pancreas. So I called my Gastroenterologist who told me to take her to Englewood hospital she was still throwing up. They admitted her and they did a MRI Saturday Dr. DiTomaso confirmed what the scans showed. They got the throwing up under control and sent her home Sunday after noon. They referred her to 2 Drs. in Sarasota. Had not heard from the 2 Dr. she was referred to in Sarasota for over a week I called them on Wednesday and the lady told me what a busy office it was and they would get to us then I left a message on Friday and they never called back until we were on our way back from Tampa Wednesday that's 8 working days don't want to tell you what I told them. So Monday the 7th I called Moffitt Cancer center in Tampa after researching their doctors. The lady took all are info and registered us and gave Marge a patient # and said the scheduler would call the next day Tuesday to give her an appointment. They called as promised and the nurse said she was scheduling her with Dr. XXX for Thursday I told her I had checked all the doctors there and would like Dr. Fleming to see her he's the dept. head and came from Anderson in Texas. She said she could not schedule her for him with out his permission so I asked her to please call him and ask she did and called me back a hour latter and said he would be happy to see her at 7;30 the next morning Wednesday. It never hurts to ask!!

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We got up at 3am and got to Tampa at 6:45 got checked in and saw his nurse and they went over the 2 scans and 1 MRI disk that we brought and a couple hundred pages of other paper records he said it could be a non cancerous tumor or if its cancerous we caught it very early. He ordered a Endoscopic ultra sound biopsy and they would call us with in 2 days to schedule it. They were true to their word and called at 5pm today Friday and she is scheduled for it At 9:15 Monday the 14th in Moffitt. > By seeing Dr. Fleming who is the head of his dept.he sent us to Dr. Jason Klapman who is the head of the Endoscopic dept and nationally recognized in his field. Getting the 2 best Doctors is a real spirit booster. It give us more confidences that this is going to be alright! I will let you know late Monday how it went but it will take 6 days to get the pathology back. Look at the attachment.

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> Went to Moffitt Cancer center in Tampa today the 14th of May Dr. Klapman did the biopsy after she woke up the Doctor came in and gave us the reports and said it would take 3 - 5 days for the results but in his opinion it is cancer after they get the results they may schedule more testing. Marge told him she didn't want to hear that because her blood test didn't show any cancer cells he said I'm just being honest. She is quite up set, she was sure it was not going to be cancer. Look at the report that is attached will let you know the results when we get them.

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> Late Monday I called Karen Dr Fleming's nurse and left a message about what Dr Klapman said and if there was any way to get the results quicker and see Dr. Fleming before he left town for vacation waiting to the 30th when our next appointment was scheduled was hard on our nerves. After what Dr. Klapman said about it being Cancer you sit here and think the worst. She called us this morning and said they got the biopsy testing put on stat and it would be ready Wednesday morning and Dr. Flemming would see us at 1-2pm his last patients, which is good because then he can spend more time with us. She also scheduled Margie for more scans tomorrow morning, before seeing him.

- > We saw Dr. Fleming and a doctor White Wed 5-16-18 they went over the biopsy and confirmed it was Pancreatic Cancer. The intense direct scan of that area a CT Thorax/Pancreatic Protocol could not be done till late afternoon. Dr. Fleming said he would call Monday about it. He set us up with a Dr. Frakes a Radiation Oncologist and Dr. Kim a Chemo Oncologist, for this Wednesday the 23rd. at 10am. Dr. Fleming said the tumor is operable after they shrink it away from the blood vessel it is touching, they are talking about 8 months of radiation and Chemo then a Whipple operation which is an 8 to 12 hr. operation. Rough stuff.
- > I was able to get the scan results off of the Moffitt patient portal this morning and the scarier things is that the tumor has grown in the last 3 weeks.
- > I have been sending this time line out to family up north and now that the diagnoses is definite we have decided to let our friends down here know the reason for some of our strange behavior (mine has always been strange but that's an other story). We are going to fight this thing as aggressively as possible Dr. Fleming came from Anderson in Texas last July which is #1 in this cancer in the country. Moffitt is # 1 in Fl. Margie will BEAT this!! Its 1 of my rules!! When were together we don't want to talk about it or have looks of pity. We want things to stay as normal as possible. 2 weeks ago at the tiki hut she had several offers of wine she had to decline she's not allowed any at all. so please don't offer, she's weak when it comes to wine. I will up date you on her progress as we move forward. If you don't want to receive them let me know, it may bring up painful memories for some and I don't want to do that. The one thing we really need is PRAYERS LOTS OF PRAYERS to what ever God you pray to.
- > Thank You for listening Jim
- > <Moffitt CT Thorax-Pancreatic Protiocol 5-16-18.pdf>
- > <Moffett Biopsy 5-14-18.pdf>
- > <Moffett Cancer Dr. Jason Fleming.pdf>
- > <Moffett CancerDr Jason Klapman.pdf>

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RE: Update - Margie was in Moffitt cancer center for 5 days now home 2ハウックタイラ

Friday the 25th took her to urgent care because she was turning yellow and nauseated they gave her some nausea pills and Itch pills and said if the yellow got worse take her to Fawcett ER.

Saturday

took her to Moffitt Cancer Center this afternoon after calling the Drs. up there because she was getting more yellow and bloated and itching all over and discombobulated the tumor is cutting off the bio-duck more and she is full of fluid they did a scan and admitted her and hopefully will drain the fluid tomorrow but I doubt it its a holiday they should have put the stint in 2 weeks ago when they got the 1st bad blood test on the 16th it was 2.20 then last Wed. the 23rd it was 4.40 today it is 7.80

Will let you know what happens Jim

Sunday they took scans and it showed the tumor was still growing and had blocked the Bio-duct more and was starting to encircle the one artery she has been in a lot more pain because of the build up of Bio in her liver they give her oxy and no itch and nausea pills.

Tuesday Got there at 6:30A.M. because they were suppose to put a drain through her side into her liver but her blood was out of spec they had to add platelets and then another blood product to get it right finally at 4P.M. it was good and at 6P.M.she went into surgery. It took 1 hour and 20 min. They were able to put a tube through her side into the liver and through the bio-duct in to the intestine they also left it capped outside her chest for a bag if the one inside fails Wednesday her Bilirubin was down to 3.0 so the drain inside was working and they let her go home at 3pm She is on pain meds and very sore.

Next Wednesday she is scheduled to start Chemo 1 time a week for 3 weeks, then 1 week off and repeat 1 time, then 5 strait days of radiation hopefully that will shrink the tumor enough to do the Whipple operation (google it tough operation) to remove the tumor.

Thank you for all your prayers and good wish E-mails and cards. If you talk to her please don't talk about her condition or who you knew that had the same thing she gets too up set talking about it. If you don't want to be up dated let me know I will understand. Thank You Again. Jim

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Fwd: Margie update 3.5

From: Jim Hoffman

Tue, Jul 30, 2019 08:15 PM

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Subject: Fwd: Margie update 3.5

To: james e hoffman

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On Jun 19, 2018, at 10:00 AM, Jim Hoffman limhoffman59@embargmail.com wrote:

The tube in her chest started leaking Bio Fluid again Sun. night, had her to Moffitt at 8am they took her in surg, for an hour and replaced it now we have too flush it twice a day instead of every other day they said her fluid might be thicker then normal This is the third tube in 4 weeks their suppose to last 2 - 3 months. She sleeps most of day and still has diarrhea. Tomorrow we go up for 2nd Chemo treatment. Last Wed. we had to go up at 6am because the tube was leaking they had it replaced by 11 then we went for Chemo and didn't get home till 9pm long day at least she can sleep in the truck OK cover her with a blanket and she is gone.

Fax To Dr. Dae Won Kim
In Care of Kathy Dotson
At Moffitt Cancer Center
Fax # 1-813-449-8726

In regard to Margaret A. Hoffman # 801614 Birth 11-20-46 Phone 941-575-7867

Dear Dr. Kim We saw you Wednesday the 23rd at which time you told us her liver function blood work was way out of spec. and she could not have chemo until they put a stent in the Bio-duct that was being blocked you had her get another blood test you called at 5pm Thursday to tell us it was worse then the 1st and some one would call Friday or Tuesday to schedule the endoscopy for the stent. Friday the 25th I took her to urgent care because she thought she was getting a bladder infection she was also bloated and slightly yellow. They said there was no infection but a lot of acidity today Saturday she is the same. We would like to have the stent as soon as possible and start Chemo before the tumor gets any

bigger. We had the results of the blood test on the 17th and it will be after the 29 before she gets the stent and then 2 more weeks before she can start chemo which to me is to long when the tumor keeps growing. Could you please expedite this Thank You

Thank You

Jim Hoffman

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Fwd: Margie 3rd update

From: Jim Hoffman

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Tue, Jul 30, 2019 08:41 PM

Subject: Fwd: Margie 3rd update

To: james e hoffman

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> On Jun 25, 2018, at 4:36 PM, Jim Hoffman
<jimhoffman59@embarqmail.com> wrote:
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> She came home from Moffitt on Wednesday May 30th with a tube in her chest below the left breast that went through her liver into her intestines its perforated to drain the bio out of the liver which is what made her turn yellow. On Saturday night June 2 and Sunday her temp. kept going up and down Monday morning it got up to 100 she had to be at Moffitt that morning for a pet scan while she was getting that which took 2.5 hr. I went up to the Interventional Radiology Dept were they put the tube in and told the head nurse that I was afraid she was getting an infection, she said to bring her up after the Pet Scan. The nurse examined her and checked her vitals her temp was 99 she said she would talk to the Doctor and came back and said he pulled up the Pet Scan and said she had a lot of inflammation on top of the liver but didn't think she had an infection. So I took her home. On Wednesday she was shaking like a leaf and had 101 temp and was really weak. So I took her back to Moffitt and the Doctor that saw her in their DRC center (cancer only Emergency Room) said he thought she had a bad infection (told them that Monday) ordered 2 scans and came back and said she had a spot on her liver and it was either cancer or an infected abscess he said if it was cancer they

could start Chemo right away if it was an infection they would put her on 2 different antibiotics for 4 weeks But then the oncologist would not start Chemo till she was done with the antibiotics, and other delay while the tumor keeps growing. They took her to the operating room at 5 pm for a biopsy and told us the next day that the preliminary report was an Infection and they would know in 4 days the exact strain. It came back as 3 different I managed to get a hold of the head of the infectious disease Dept. who came in Sunday morning to see her and talk to us, he said that our oncologist didn't like to give Chemo when the patient was on antibiotics because he lost a couple people that way but he would talk to him because 90% of Oncologist will allow it as long as its a compatible drug to the Chemo so he put her on 2 different antibiotics for 6 weeks instead of 4. She was discharged at noon Tuesday the 12th so she could finally get her 1st Chemo treatment on Wednesday the 13th at noon, you have to be out of the hospital for 24 hrs. before you get Chemo or Medicare won't pay. About 3am Wednesday morning she woke me because there was bio fluid leaking out of her chest around the tube her nightie and bed pad were soaked with yellow bio fluid so I cleaned her up and flushed the tube out and the fluid slowed way down I had her try to sleep till six then put her in the car and took her to Moffitt The interventional Radiology dept took her in the operating room for 1 hr. to replace the tube (#2) they said they put too long a tube in and some of the holes were above the liver which caused it to leak. We didn't get out of there in time to make our noon appointment time for Chemo but they did start it at 4pm took 3 hrs. for the 2 different Drugs to be fed in, we left at 7 and got home at 9pm covered her with a blanket with the seat reclined all the way back so she could sleep on way home. Made for a very long day! Wednesday night about 4AM I woke up to her scream she had tried to go to the bath room with out waking me up to help her and fell face 1st against the edge of the night stand cutting her nose in 2 places on 1 side and bruising the other side I think it was broke by the swelling but she would not got to urgent care. I took a picture of it when she was sleeping and told her if she didn't wake me up every time she wanted to get up I would send the pic

to everyone, that worked well to keep her in line. The next day I lowered the bed 15 inches so she could get in and out easier I also bought a motion alarm.

- > Sunday night the 17th the tube started leaking again took her to Moffitt early Monday they put a 3rd new tube in and told me it was a bigger diameter and that instead of flushing it every 2 days I had to flush it 2 times a day and change the dressing every day. Her chest and belly and organs are very sore from having 3 tubes put in because they push on your belly and chest to help get the tube to go were they want it she's black and blue. I'm really nice to her because if she gets mad at me and calls the cops and they see her cut nose and black and blue body I'm going to jail!
- > On Wednesday the 20th we went for her second Chemo treatment got the blood drawn then waited to see the oncologist he came in and said that she could not have it because her WBC was .8 and it had to be at least 2 the spec is 4 - 10.90 because she has lupus hers is always low in the 2. to 3. range we have told him that every time we have seen him fact the last 5 WBC's have been from 2.04 to 3.39 He should have given her Neulasta after the 1st Chemo and she asked him why he didn't give her the medication that is advertised on TV. and he new exactly what she was talking about but said he didn't think of it. SO another delay ! now she can only have Chemo every other week. Before we left that day she got a shot to stimulate her bone marrow to make more WBC's and the the next day Thursday the 21st we had to drive back back to Moffitt 230 mile round trip wait in the waiting room for :40 to get another shot which took 10 seconds. On Weds.I had asked them to give me the shot it comes in a sealed package already to give so that I could give it to her on Thursday instead of driving all the way back. They said they couldn't dispense medicine from the hospital. Doesn't make sense because the Neulasta they give people is in a unit they tape to your arm and it automatically gives the shot the next day then pull the unit off and throw it away. That's the same thing. I called my Millennium Doctor on Wed. when I got home and asked them if they could do the shot they wanted nothing to do with it then I went over to the cancer center down from Fishing Franks back door and asked the nurse at the

desk if they gave the shot we needed and she said yes they give it all the time so I asked if Marge could get one since she used to be a patient there but had not been there since 2008 when her doctor moved to Sarasota. She called her supervisor out to ask her and the women handed me a stack of papers told me to fill them out and maybe they could bring her in as a new patient the end of next week,, then they could help manage her care. I'm not going to tell you what I said. So Thursday it was back to Moffitt!

- > Tomorrow the 27th we go to see if her blood is good enough to get the 2nd Chemo treatment we pray it is.
- > Sorry I haven't sent a up date sooner but been busy and its hard to think about it again to write this. Have put over 4,000 miles on the Suburban in last 5 weeks. Marge has enjoyed all the cards and E-Mails you have sent and the prayers are most important.
- > Again if you want off this mailing list let me know. Thank all of you for your kind words she is in good spirits and knows she will beat this.
- > Sincerely Jim

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Re: 4th update on Margie

From: paws7602 <paws7602@gmail.com> Sun, Jul 08, 2018 09:37 AM

Subject: Re: 4th update on Margie

To: Jim Hoffman

<jimhoffman59@embarqmail.com>

My heart breaks as I read this. Please let me know what I can possibly send to help provide Margie with some happiness. I cant even imagine the pain she has had to endure. Life is not fair to such good people.

With love Carolyn

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Jim Hoffman <jimhoffman59@embarqmail.com>

Date: 7/7/18 3:48 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: james e hoffman < jimhoffman 59@embarqmail.com>

Subject: 4th update on Margie

On Wednesday the 27th of June we went to Moffitt too get her 2nd Chemo treatment She was in good spirits thinking that her WBC would be good enough to get the Chemo after the 2 shots they gave her to raise it the week before. The shots were to stimulate the bone marrow to produce more White Cells. They warned us that the shots would cause her bone pain and it did, quite a bit. She got the blood test and the WBC were at 2.04 you need at least 2.0 to get Chemo the normal low limit is 4.0 hers is always 2.0 to 3.0 because of her lupus.

We saw the oncologist and then started the Chem.. That took 3 hours, then they put a on-body Injector on her upper arm that was set to inject her with Neulasta Medication 26 hours latter this was the same as the other shots to increase WBC you can't have it within 24 hrs. of Chemo the next day at 9pm the batt. operated injector did it job. With in 1 hour after Chem she was getting sick we had to stop twice on the way home. For the next 3 day she was real sick and had bone pain. Friday morning I went to a 11am doctors app.in Sarasota at 11:15 she called to tell me that Bio- fluid was leaking out of her chest so much that it pushed the one side of the dressing off and was leaking on the floor I told her to hold a towel against it till I got there. I got home in 50 min. flushed the tube because it had to be blocked, cleaned her up and redressed it but it was still seeping. Called Moffitt and they said to bring her in we got to Moffitt about 3pm and they took her into surg. at 4pm. They said it was blocked and the new tube had 2 additional holes added to it in the intestines plus they added about a pint plastic bag with a 3 way valve attached to the tube coming out of her chest to collect any fluid that backed up. With the 3rd tube I had to flush it 2 times a day with the 4th one once a day and empty the bag 3 times a day some times its pretty full other times its got only a little in it. It has stopped the leaking by about 95% when I change the dressing every other day there is a little stain on the dressing about a inch around the hole. Reality also set in Friday about the possibility of her loosing her her. When we got home Friday about 9pm she combed her hair and got a lot of hair in the comb a lot more Sat. and Sun. on Sun. I told her I would take her to the wig store to get a wig and then have Teresa from bills Barber shop come over after work and give her a military cut. I explained to her that the hair was getting all over her pillow and she as breathing it in and choking and couching half the night, she reluctantly agreed. Monday was not good as you ladies can imagine! The bag they put on her was stiff and very uncomfortable against her skin and the strap holding the top of the bag above the hole in her chest was

Velcro and it had sharp edges. To help her I put one of my XL shirts on her under the bag and one over it to protect it and wrapped a micro fiber wash cloth around her neck strap. This helped but wasn't the answer because the bag and tube moved around to much when she was a sleep and if the tube got caught under her arm she could pull it a little out of the hole which is very painful. They have stitches in her chest and half hitches around the tube so you can't pull it to far but any pulling on it is bad. Tuesday the 3th. I went up to the seamstresses and had her sew a pocket on the inside of the shirt to hold the bag and a hole in the bottom for the drain and a loop on the side of it to hold the tube. And a 1.5in. wide tube to put the neck strap through. The pocket holds everything in place and there is no plastic against her skin, works well. Yesterday I had her make 2 more so she has 3 shirts to wear. Picture is attached. The 3rd pic is of a flower puppy that Gary and Gerry sent her she had me frame a pic of it for her. I'm lucky she didn't have me walk it.

Next Wed. the 11th she gets her 3rd Chemo I hope the WBC is good enough little leery about it the last time she got 2 shots and just made it with a WBC of 2.04 this time 1 shot given by the machine hope it works that 230 mile round trip drive gets real long when you can't get the treatment.

Again if you don't want to receive these updates just let me know, They may bring back bad memories for some and I don't want to cause any one pain with these. Thank you for all the cards she is saving them all. I get a lot of inquiring E-Mails there are 130 people that get these and I try my best to answer them if I missed yours I'm sorry.

Sincerely Jim

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Re: 5th update on Margie.

From: Sandy Tate

Mon, Aug 20, 2018 10:49 PM

<san_tate18@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: 5th update on Margie.

To: Jim Hoffman

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Thank you for the update. Prayers for you both. I lost the love of my life Saturday @ 3:15 am. We didn't make it to that 50th. 49 years & 2 months. It's been a long journey. I definitely know what you are personally going through as a caretaker. God gives us strength and courage we didn't know we had. © Give her a kiss and/or hug from me. Tell her I send my love.

Sent from my iPhone

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> On Aug 20, 2018, at 10:36 PM, Jim Hoffman
<jimhoffman59@embarqmail.com> wrote:
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> ---- Forwarded Message ----
> From: "james e hoffman" <jimhoffman59@embarqmail.com>
> To: "james e hoffman" <jimhoffman59@embarqmail.com>
> Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 10:02:24 PM
> Subject: 5th update on Margie.
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> On July 11th she got her 3rd Chemo the WBC that we were concerned about because they had given her Neulasta after the second Chemo to raise the WBC and we
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> didn't know how it would work on her.It s the stuff you see advertised on TV all the time its about the size of a
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zippo lighter that they tape on your arm
> or belly and fill it with medication and then activate
it and it slides a very thin needle into your arm and
then 26 hours latter it injects the
> medication into your arm and you remove it. Well it
took her WBC up to 14.9 high spec is 10.90 they were not
concerned about it being high the next 2
> times it was in the 8.8 range.
> When we went for the 4th Chemo on the 25th of July we
talked to the oncologist about how sick she gets with in
a hour of the Chemo we have
> to stop several times on the way home. He said he could
give her 2 shots with the Chemo that would help. I
believe the one is a steroid they worked for 2
> to 3 days for the nausea. This gave her 2 to 3 days of
feeling fair we also were able to dial in the diarrhea
pills better. The Neulasta gave her severe
> bone pain which starts on the 2nd or 3rd day after she
gets the injection and lasts for 5 to 6 days its so
severe that she has to take pain pills to
> handle the pain. She was so sick on the 28th, 29th, and
the 30th that I could not get her to eat finally on
Tuesday the 31st I called Moffitt because she
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> wouldn't eat and the pain was getting worse they
admitted her to the hospital for 4 days because she had
severe Pancreitis. She didn't eat for the 1st. 3
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> days they adjusted her Pancreas mediation that helps
digest the food and she was able to eat on the 4th day
and they sent her home. The 4 days she was
> in the hospital I would Flush her Bio tube each day and
asked the nurse's if they were going to change the
dressing because I did it every other day
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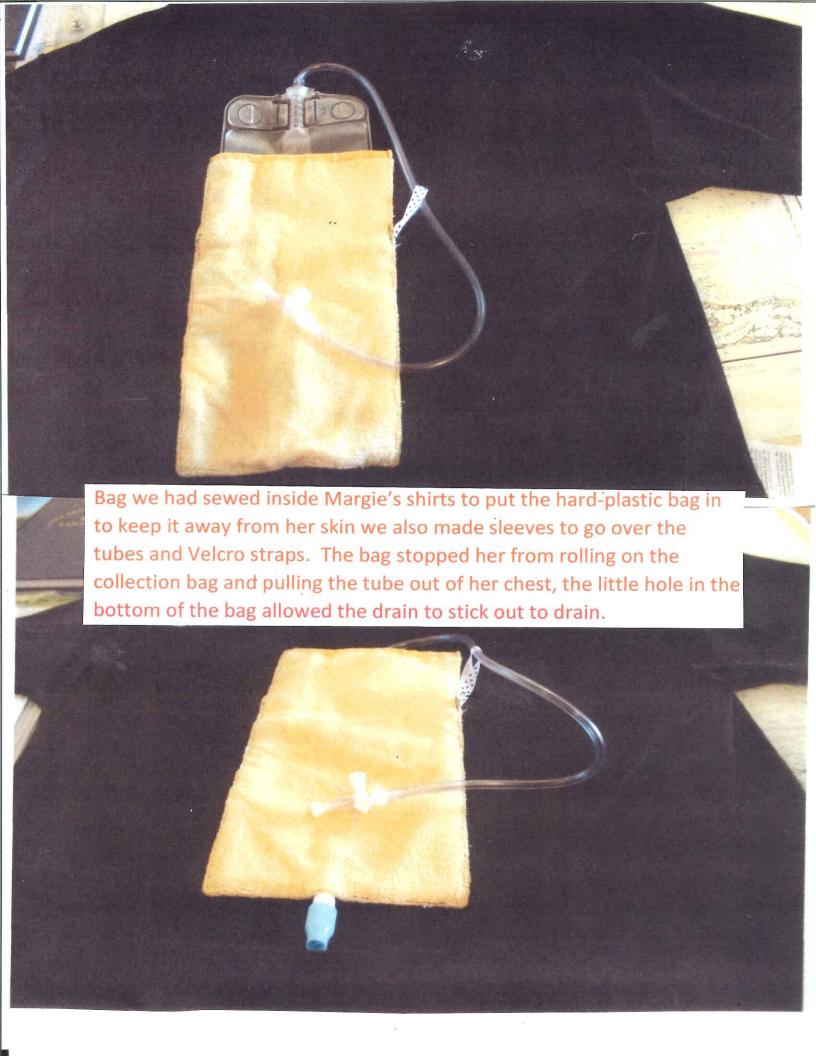
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> at home they told me it didn't need it because it
wasn't showing any stain on the out side of the dressing
we didn't get home till 8pm that day so the
> next day when I went to change it it was all red around
the tube entrance and I thought she was getting an
infection but she had no fever so I called the
> International Radiation Doctor on call or the week end
it happened to be the head of the dept. He said to keep
an eye on it and if she started a fever
> to bring her to Moffitt otherwise bring her in Monday
which we did and it turned out to be diaper rash from the
wet dressing in the hospital they had me
> coat the area around the tube entrance with Maalox when
I changed the dressing and the redness went away.
> She got her 5th Chemo on Aug. 8th and had 2 fair days
and then 6 days of pain and distress and then slowly
starts to feel fair again and then we will
> start all over on the 22nd of Aug, for her 6th Chemo.
> They told us on the 8th that she was going to get Chemo
every other week for 6 months and the 5 days of
radiation. She was suppose to get Chemo every week
> for 6 weeks then 5 days of Radiation but her body
couldn't handle it so they changed her to every other
week. Now because the last scan showed that the
> tumor had encircled the main artery that they were
going to do the Chemo for 6 months then the Radiation and
the Whipple Operation hopefully. This
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difficult on both of us. hopefully it will work. Sorry
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> it easier to read by double spacing it I'll do better
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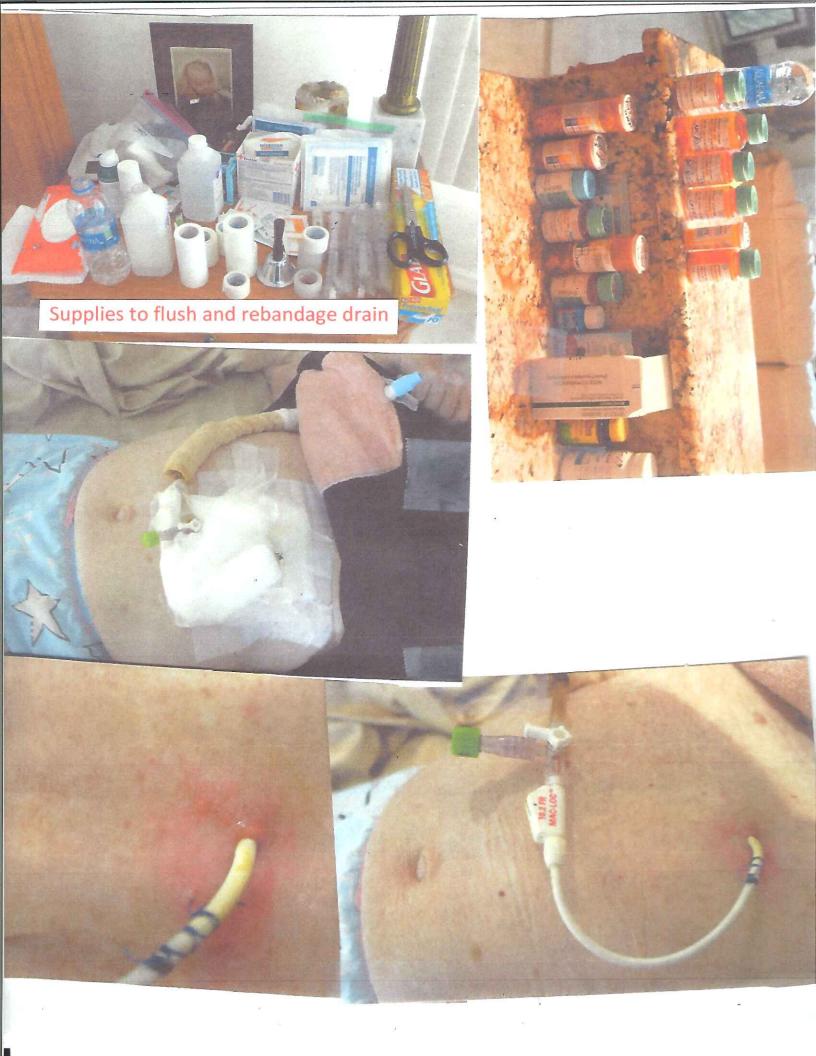
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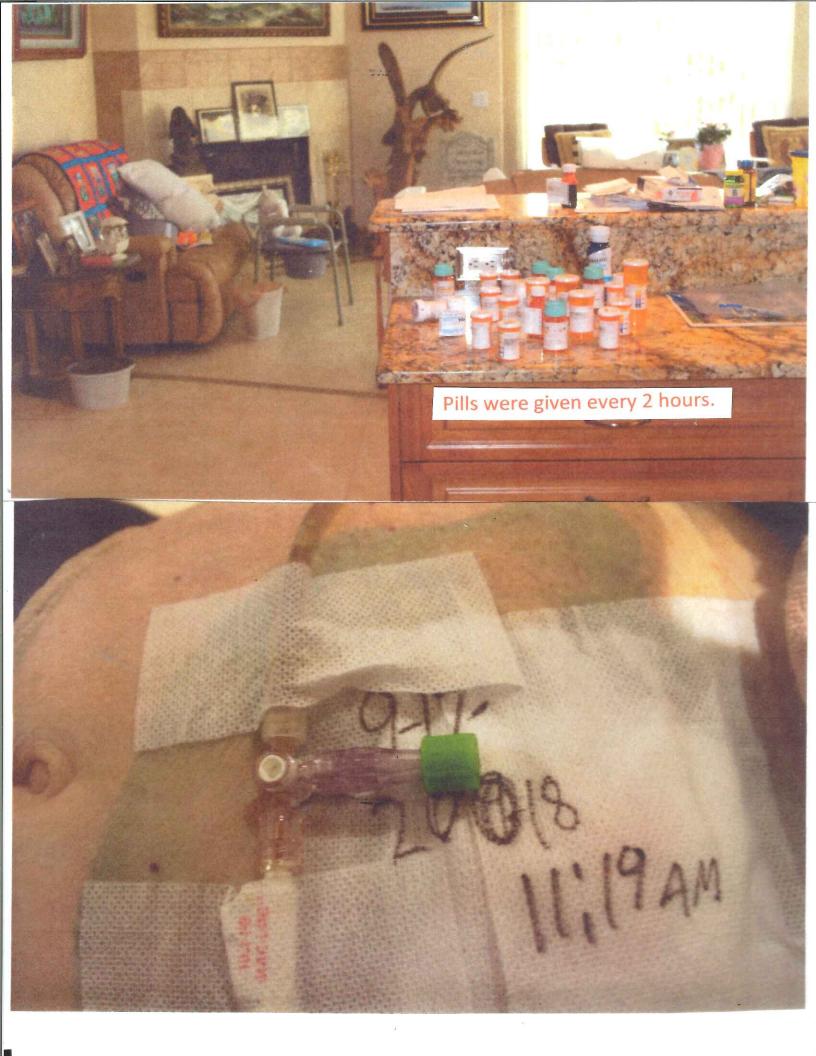
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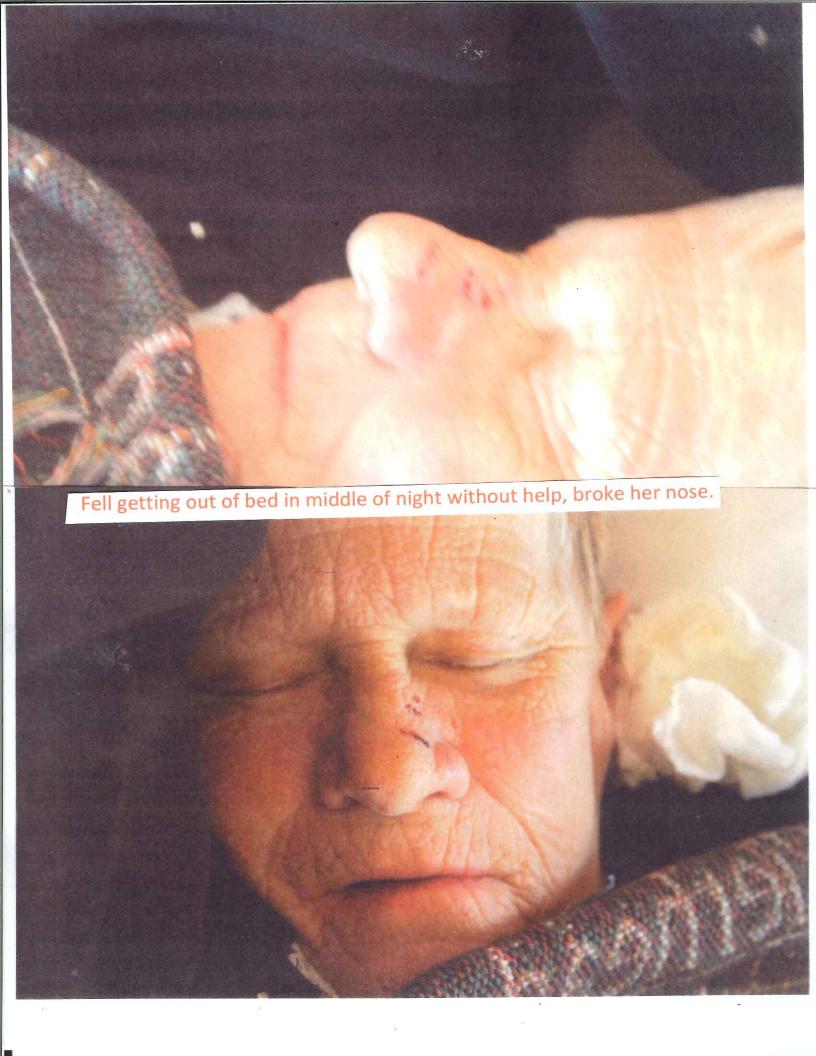
> Thank you for all your prayers and cards she saves them all. In 12 more days we will have been married 51 years and known each other since grade school.

> <Margie's bio Tube.pdf>









Start of last 20 days in Moffitt, Paul and Jamie brought her a Monkey.

