

Deborah Henson – Dawsonville, GA:

This was very hard for me to write, I am not usually good with putting my heartfelt thoughts into words. We talk of many things daily that remind me of Geneva and this walk is one way she will remain in my heart.

Maybe this will be the year, with this year's research funding that a new development will be announced so other women will not have to go through as much pain and problems.

I enjoy walking and running (even though I found out the hard way that I didn't have the proper shoes that fit my high arch which led to my not being able to walk for a while now). But...I ****AM**** walking in the 2 day regardless...

I have encountered several women just lately that have had the "scare" in getting the mammogram results. More specifically, one of our teachers at the school where I work is currently in the process of reconstruction surgery and recovery.

But the main reason I am walking is for my mother-in-law, Geneva Henson, who is not with us anymore. She had breast cancer many years ago but actually died of emphysema. Since my mother died while I was young (age 31), Geneva became my second mother. She taught me many, many things in the way she handled life. Things that I know my own mother would have if she had been there for me. I have had many compliments on my homemade biscuits...Well, Geneva taught me that also.

Deborah's story (continued) –

She helped Lannie and me understand why we had our third child when neither of us was planning any more children. We had two beautiful, wonderful girls and didn't expect another joy in our lives. Geneva even named him for us since we still couldn't put our all into the job at that time.

She went on many vacations with us and I will always treasure those memories...even her sunburned feet... She was a very picky eater and I still think of her when we go to restaurants that had the foods that she liked.

I walk for my mother-in-law and will think of her every step of the way...laughing of things we used to do...



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