

Danette's Story

In 2016 my sister, Danette, who could coax anything to grow, was athletic, and loved by all, found a large mass in her breast that was diagnosed as stage 4 breast cancer. For the next four years she battled the disease as it spread throughout her body. The cancer and the treatments took a toll on her that were equally devastating and it was the blood and platelet treatments she received that brought her some relief. Her announcement "I get blood tomorrow" brought a light to her face as she knew for the next few days, she would feel better and for a short time be able to live a more normal life with her boys and husband. Her transfusions, which became a weekly event not only provided her body the fuel she needed to slow down the cancer, but it also improved her cognitive abilities, gave her more energy, and lifted her spirits. After the procedure she gained the strength to play with her two young sons, garden with her sister, and spend quality time with our parents and family.

Shortly after her 45th birthday in October, 2019 my little sister lost her battle with breast cancer. The blood and platelets donated by so many which were so readily available when needed, became our weekly miracle and truly the gift of more life for us to share with her. Before Danette, I had this vague understanding that blood donations helped in emergency room situations. I never really considered how vital transfusions could be to someone's daily life and an answer to the prayer for 'more time'. We saw firsthand the amazing affects her blood treatments had and our family will be forever grateful to everyone who donates.

Give the "Gift of Life "



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January 7th – 12:00 to 4:30 pm

Beulah Baptist Church – 670 Hickman Road NW, Calabash NC 28467