

BEAUTIFUL *like mom*

Mother's Day Campaign 2020

As a child, every time I laid my eyes on my mom, I thought she was the most **beautiful** woman in the world. As an adult, I was able to learn the inward beauty of this woman.

She was many things: crazy faithful, very prideful, determined to be self-sufficient, and she always there when others needed her.

In June 20, 2010, she passed away from **breast cancer**.

On the one-year anniversary of her death, June 20, 2011, **I myself was diagnosed**.

Breast cancer, at that point, not only became the ugly monster that took my beautiful mother, it became the monster **I needed to fight**. I prayed to God without ceasing not to let this disease rob me of my own life! I wasn't ready to miss out on my beautiful future husband. I didn't want to miss out on the beautiful experiences and memories to be made with my girls. I have a wonderful and beautiful daughter and two adorable granddaughters.

It's important to me that they know their family and health history, know what is normal for their bodies, and have genetic testing done to see if they have BRCA gene mutations.

There is nothing beautiful about breast cancer. We must help continue to support Susan G. Komen® in advocating for early detection and for finding the cures!

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