

The Chosen One

A letter from Ronda's family – Larry, Jason & Amy

During Ronda's journey with a cancerous brain tumor called Glioblastoma Multiforme, we had many approach us and ask about how we were doing, and how we could go on and not question why Ronda was having to go through such a terrible thing such as brain cancer.

Many of you said, "Why does this happen to such a good, nice person such as Ronda?"

We know it would have been easy to get mad at God, question our faith, the world and everyone around us. It would have been easy to complain and question why us, why now, why Ronda?

Here is why we accepted this as we did. You see, we believe Ronda was specifically selected to endure such a nasty diagnosis, because she was chosen to deliver a message to all of her friends and family. That message starts with: no matter how bad it seems, you must have a positive attitude no matter what!!! You must accept challenges in life and always know that something good will come from something that we think is bad.

None of us know how long we are to be alive, but those who knew Ronda knew that she made the most out of every day that she was with us on earth. Many of you who knew her very well may be surprised, but Ronda has faced many challenges all her life beginning with being badly burned as a small girl. She had many scars from that time of her life, but never let them get the best of her. She endured many surgeries from knee to shoulder to skin cancer to battles with arthritis. She had hearing deficiencies and struggled with Sjogrens

syndrome. Hardly any of you were aware because of Ronda's personality, tenacity, positive attitude and love for life. She always accepted these life challenges as part of life and made the best of each day. One foot in front of the other and one day at a time. Now that defines and helps you to know what kind of a person she was. I am sure many of you had no idea of some of the challenges Ronda dealt with every day, because she was so positive about what a good life she was living.

Therefore, now we can tell you why we believe she was selected to teach so many about how to live life. We have known for years and realized that we too, were especially blest to be married to Ronda, to have her as our mother, and we were the recipients of parts of her personality and positive attitude. She never met anyone who didn't become her friend. In her younger years, she was a little shy and had trouble introducing herself to people she didn't know. Once she perfected her introductory skills, she introduced herself to the thousands of friends that she had throughout her life. Many of you here today can attest to be greeted by Ronda with a smile that you will never forget and immediately know this was someone who could become a life-long friend. God had laid out a plan for her and now we all know why she was selected to endure this lasted hardship.

No matter what was thrown at Ronda, she always wanted to make something good out of it. She especially taught all of us to show appreciation for the care that nurses, therapists and medical specialists provide. One of Ronda's last wishes was to establish a scholarship in her name dedicated to children of Nebraska County Officials who are going into nursing or medical school. That is just one of the positive things that that will be attributed to Ronda as a lasting memorial.

Up to her last breath, she taught continued to teach us about how to treat people and it is a lesson that we will carry in our hearts forever. We know that she was placed on this earth for a reason and we hope that you now know why she endured this terrible cancer. It was so that

she would have time to visit with many of you and teach us all how to die with dignity and grace.

It was so that she could tell many of us to get over ourselves and treat others as we would want to be treated.

It was so that she could show us all that no matter how terrible each day may be we always say please and thank you. She taught to always say thank you every time a nurse administers a pain medicine, or repositioned her. Ronda had a way to even make the nurses feel good when they were having a bad day.

Through all of her treatments, surgeries, and recoveries she always remained positive and said that today is a good day and tomorrow will be better.

Now you know why we feel so blessed to have Ronda as a mother and a wife, and why she was "The Chosen One". We hope that you can all feel the healing power that Ronda has instilled in all of us. We hope that you share her positive attitude as you go through the rest of your life.

We know that going forward we will have good days and bad days, but we will make them all positive days, just as Ronda taught us.

#GBR – God Bless Ronda

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