



# Dream Foundation

When research and medicine can no longer help - we can

The Dream Foundation is the first national organization granting dreams to terminally ill adults.

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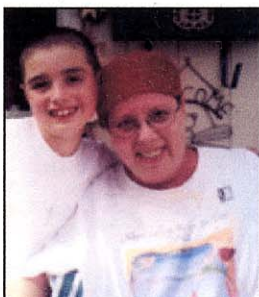
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## Mary



Age 55  
Omaha, NE  
Diagnosed with cancer

Dear Dream Foundation,

My name is Mary, I am 55 years old. On my eldest daughter's 34th birthday, I was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I have been given a short time to live, 3 to 6 months, with radiation therapy and chemo. The cancer originated in my lung and has metastasized to my kidneys, bones, spine and brain. I am at the mercy of my girls in order to get through an average day. The cancer has left me pretty much non-ambulatory. I function with pain medication, a wheelchair and the assistance of a walker when my strength permits.

I was a resident of Santa Barbara for six glorious years, when my father passed away I packed up my belongings and moved to Omaha to care for my mother. I cared for my mother until I was too sick to manage her care myself. My intention was to move back to California in August, while in the process of packing the pain became unbearable. I was taken to the hospital and that is when I found out that I have cancer myself.

So, this is why I am writing to you. My most favorite place in the world to be is the beautiful beaches I left behind in Santa Barbara, California. My final wish to you would be to return to Santa Barbara, if only for a short while. I want to reunite with family and friends. I have three beautiful children, five amazing grandchildren and many wonderful friends I have left behind.

On an average day, my head spins with thoughts of leaving this earth for a higher place. I have no regrets because I have raised my children to the best of my abilities. I ache because I won't be here to see my five grandchildren grow and succeed in life. With the limited days I have left to enjoy with my family I hope, by the graces of God that you will be able to grant this last wish for a mother just needing to enjoy this beautiful experience with her family and friends.

I am very grateful for the time God has given me, but struggle with the reasoning why he is calling me home so soon. I thank you for your kind consideration of my dream wish.

Sincerely,

Mary

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