

A new life for me.

Around 2009-2010 I was diagnosed with Progressive Systemic Scleroderma by my Rheumatologist. The disease kept progressing and he didn't know what to do about it. I did research on the disease, I emailed, called and left messages all over the United States to try to find help. I researched Clinical Trials. gov. for Clinical trials. I called and left a message at Northwestern at Chicago, they called me back saying they could help me. Aug. 2010, I went to see Dr. R. K. Burt about a Stem Cell Transplant. By Jan. 2011, I was staying in a hotel so I could have testing done.. I stayed there a month, they took my stem cells then gave me Chemo and sent me home for one week. I went back up to Chicago and was admitted to Northwestern Hospital for more Chemo and my Stem Cell Transplant. I was in the hospital for three weeks or so, then sent home. Dr. Burt saved my life. 2/22/2020, nine and a half years since my transplant.

You and your Staff took care of me like I was family.

My life has changed dramatically; I have learned to accept the things that I can't change and go on with my life. I still get out and mow, work in my yard, etc. What a wonderful feeling to be able to do a few things I love to do. I do get fatigued, but I have learned how much I can do and take time to rest and relax.

I can't emphasize enough how grateful I am to Dr. Burt, he saved my life. I feel I have a purpose in my life and I was given another chance. Possibly to help others, as Dr. Burt has helped me. I maintain a positive mental attitude everyday and I thank God for my many blessings. Dr. Richard Burt is my Hero. How do you express or put into words when someone has given your life back. All I can say is, Thank you Dr. Burt. You are the most loving, compassionate and caring doctor. I will never take my life for granted; it is to precious.

With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.

Thank you for your wonderful combination of professionalism and knowledge. Thank you so much for being so skilled at what you do. Every day of my life will be better because of you, Dr. Burt. And thank you so much for the difference you have made in the medical field of Stem Cell Transplants.

I am so proud of you and your accomplishments.

You've given me a new life.

I will never forget you Dr. Richard K. Burt, you are a part of my mind, life and heart. My love to you always for being there when I needed someone to take care of me. You are appreciated more than you know. Sending my gratefulness to the best doctor ever.

My heartfelt love to you, you are The Best.

A Systemic Scleroderma survivor.

Rosemary

Early Morning Shadows

Early morning shadows,
Seems to follow me,
As the sun shines through the window,
How peaceful it can be.

The morning with all it's beauty,
A great and wondrous thing,
It makes it all worth getting up,
To see what this day brings.

All the happiness of living,
Will feel my heart each day,
And for each new morn I'm given,
The night before I'll pray.

Pray for another morning,
Just like the one before,
Just open up your window,
Or open up your door.

Just open up your heart,
And let that sun shine in,
And let the beautiful morning,
Let a new life begin.

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