

My name is Lisa. I married my high school sweetheart in 1984 and we have three children Amanda, Zachary, and Ryan. I was diagnosed exactly one month after my 45th birthday on June 1, 2011 with ductal carcinoma in situ and invasive ductal carcinoma stage 1. I had a bilateral mastectomy with TRAM flap reconstruction October 17, 2011. Hearing those words you have cancer changes your life forever.

Wendy, a close high school friend who was also diagnosed with breast cancer, reached out to me and another close friend, Martha. She introduced the two of us to Link By Pink and we were soon glad to be apart of such a close community of fighters. I remember being very nervous and scared coming to my first meeting. I really wasn't ready to open up and talk about all of this to a room full of strangers. However, as soon as Wendy introduced me to the members I immediately felt welcomed and comfortable with everyone. Receiving so much love, support, and information from this group is what helps me get through my breast cancer journey.

Realizing how lucky I was when Wendy introduced me to this group, I too chose to reach out to a friend, Danette, who was diagnosed with breast cancer a few months after my diagnosis. The three of us traveled from Corry to the meetings and events hosted by Link By Pink. We looked forward to the time we spent together and with our Link By Pink sisters. Unfortunately, breast cancer is a powerful opponent and took the lives of Martha, Danette and Wendy. Losing my friends was more difficult, in many ways, then dealing with my own cancer. I felt so alone, angry, and afraid, but it was the comfort, support and love I received from my Link By Pink sisters that got me through those difficult times.

Breast cancer is a life long journey and I am so grateful to have my family, friends and my Link By Pink sisters by my side. I couldn't have made it through the last five years without their strength, support, and love. The bond this sisterhood has is amazing and the women in this group are some of the strongest people I have ever met and I am proud to call them my family.

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