

In June of 2018 I remember my arm brushing the side of my breast and thinking “what’s that bump?” but with having three of my kiddos birthdays in June I figured it was nothing and it would go away. That didn’t happen. I met with a PA at my OB/GYN’s office and was soon scheduled for a mammogram after that. On August 8, 2018 at the age of 37 I was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer. That was hard to digest due to having no family history and being a mom to four young children. Things moved very quickly at this point and tests and hospital trips seemed non stop. I began chemo where I underwent 8 rounds and began to see visible changes in my breast. I had a single mastectomy on January 17, 2019 and rejoiced as the pathology reports indicated I was cancer free. I then completed 33 rounds of radiation as this was the protocol with IBC. Through all of this I had my amazing husband, Buddy, by my side along with my 4 children, both sides of our families, friends and co-workers, etc. I felt so much love and so many people just wanting to help out in some way!

I then started oral chemo while still being monitored by my oncologist. In September I was sent for a bone scan and pet scan where the results came back indicating the cancer has moved into my bones. I quickly completed ten rounds of radiation and am back in chemo and this time immunotherapy has been added to my treatment plan as well. Still fighting this fight and I won’t ever stop!!

I remember when I was first diagnosed the nurse navigator gave me info for LBP. I’m not a outgoing person to those I don’t know and tend to put off reaching out to people I don’t know but I immediately contacted Norma to join in the support system. The first meeting I attended was in September where my husband was able to tag along. Since then I’ve enjoyed attending the monthly meetings and activities. LBP has helped my family in so many ways with emotional support, knowledge, and financial support time and time again. They always step in to help out in a time of need and constantly ask if there’s anything else they can do to help. LBP has been such an amazing organization and my family can’t thank them enough. So grateful to have this amazing group of ladies in my life!!!

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