

Guest Spotlight

Eddye

Transplant: Double Lung
Hospital: Houston Methodist
Hometown: Burkeville, TX



Tell us about yourself: I have been a Baptist pastor for the last 25 years and have been in ministry for over 40 years having ministered in programs for the youth, prisons, senior communities, and my parish. The Lord blessed me with the gift of being a ventriloquist at 34 and with the help of Clifford, I have been able to bring faith and laughter to many. It's amazing to see the Holy Spirit move through a room of senior citizens and prisoners bringing joy and tears.

Transplant Journey: I noticed a cough and shortness of breath that led me to see a pulmonologist and was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). This diagnosis, nor a world-wide pandemic, couldn't stop me from leading my parish. Services still took place with my oxygen tanks by my side and often in the parking lot to allow for safe distancing. I was placed on the transplant list in May 2020 and received my new lungs on August 22.

What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home? Nora's Home is like family and is truly a home away from home, with all the comforts. You get to share with others and what a blessing that is to share our stories and learn from one another going through the same thing. I also might add the staff is pretty excellent!

What would you want to say to your donor? I would want to tell my donor thank you! You have made the ultimate sacrifice. Because of your willingness to donate, you have allowed me to have another chance to preach, sing and minister to others.

What is the first thing you want to do after receiving your transplant? I would love to go fishing! I have been a fisherman for years and enjoy bass fishing. Right before my transplant I was able to go catfish noodling with my grandchildren.

What advice would you have for a new patient coming to Nora's Home? If you are looking for a place that is like home, then Nora's Home is for you! If you want to be encouraged and inspired, then Nora's Home is for you!

