Guest Spotlight

Age: 66
Transplant: Kidney
Hospital: Houston Methodist
Hometown: College Station, TX



Transplant Journey: Twenty-two years ago, I was diagnosed with kidney cancer which had completely destroyed my kidneys. Originally, I went to MD Anderson for chemotherapy which worked for some time, but surprisingly, the type of therapy I had then isn't used anymore because it was so strong. The doctors told me that the treatment would only help for maybe a few months, but twenty years later, I was still going strong.

After some decline in my health, instead of chemo, I was told by the doctors at Houston Methodist that I would need a kidney transplant. My older sister Louise and I had talked to them about a living donor surgery, but after testing, we found out her kidney wouldn't be a match. Without hesitation, my younger sister, Rebecca, agreed to go through the living donor process. Her kidney turned out to be a perfect match and we proceeded with the surgery. I received my new kidney on June 21st, 2022.

What would you want your donor to know? My sister Rebecca has always been a part of my life and now she is literally a part of me. I am extremely blessed by my family and my donor, and I couldn't ask for a stronger relationship with my sisters. Thank you!

What has been your favorite space at Nora's Home? I really love the kitchen. I am always cooking for myself, my wife, and other guests. It makes Nora's Home actually feel like home.



What would you say to the donors who support Nora's Home? Thank you! It has made a big difference to me and my wife. The fact that she feels comfortable and safe here says a lot and matters the most to me. Without the donors and their support, this feeling we have here at Nora's Home wouldn't be the same.

What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home? I love how it feels safe here. The community is one of the best parts. Talking to people is so easy and starting a conversation is even easier. Getting to know and learn of everyone's stories is one of my favorite things to do.

