

# Guest Spotlight



Wanda

**Age:** 59

**Transplant:** Liver

**Hospital:** Houston Methodist Hospital

**Hometown:** Jasper, TX

**Caregiver:** Her Sister, Donna

**Transplant Journey:** Wanda found out that she was in need of a transplant 4 years ago. Once she was put on the waiting list, her daughter began to research and learn as much as she could about the donor process. After learning that she was a potential donor for her mom, she kept it a secret until the doctor's knew for certain that her liver would be the right match. On January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, she received the call that there was a donor match for her and that it would be her daughter.

Filled with joy and gratitude that it would be her own daughter that she would continue this journey with, she arrived at Houston Methodist to begin preparations. After a successful operation, both her and her daughter experienced better recoveries than had been expected. She credits Houston Methodist and her doctor, Dr. Caroline Simon, for her great recovery and would recommend the hospital to anyone for their organ transplant.

**What would you say to someone who is considering becoming an organ donor?** Wanda said that going through this process “wakes you up” to the need that there is for organ donors. She would encourage anyone able to add themselves to the donor list and would also encourage other donors and recipients to share their experiences and the journey that they went through to help raise awareness.

**What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home? Is there a favorite memory?** In her own words, Wanda described Nora's Home as a “true blessing” for her and her sister that has “friendly and accommodating staff” and was a place where she “felt safe”. She also felt that the Home had a fantastic setup with great kitchens and friendly guests. Tanja, Carmen, and Diana were three staff members who she especially wanted to thank for making her stay here so enjoyable. Her favorite area at Nora's Home was our garden, which for her served as a “tranquil and relaxing” space where she could spend her time.

**What would you say to the donors who support Nora's Home with financial donations?** Wanda stressed how donations to Nora's Home help to make an unbelievable difference” in the lives of those who need to stay here while receiving their treatment. She is absolutely “grateful” to these donors and hope that they continue their support.

