



# LYNN EASLER

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Lynn Easler was the busiest she had ever been in her life. She and her husband, Steve, have three children from birth and adopted 15 children over a span of 20 years, four of whom need 24-hour special needs care. Prioritizing herself was a challenge, to say the least. At 60 years old, she discontinued her annual mammograms -- there were just too many other things to do! She still had eight children at home, and she ran a retail store in Hendersonville.

Four years later, after a visit with her primary doctor, Dr. Caserio, the nurse insisted Lynn get a mammogram. She called every month to check in with Lynn. Finally, Lynn went ahead and got the mammogram in September of 2019, and that’s when they discovered a quarter-sized lump in her breast. She started chemotherapy under Dr. James Radford at the Pardee Cancer Center, and Lynn’s heart did not respond well to the treatment. So in February of 2020, she had a double mastectomy performed by Dr. Jennifer McCalister.

Lynn shared about the dedication of her husband throughout her battle with cancer. Steve did not go back to work for six months so he could care for her. Every day he took her out of the house, even if just a drive to get a change of scenery. He was determined that she wouldn’t fall into depression. Steve kept track of her medications. He took Lynn’s calendar, scheduling all her appointments, even though she knew she could manage it herself. Lynn shared that she let go and just let him take care of her. Steve stood by her side from day one.

Today Lynn is cancer-free. After nine months of traveling the country with Steve in an RV, they returned to Hendersonville, and now Lynn volunteers daily at the elementary school. Steven drives a bus. They are back to their busy lives taking care of others and contributing meaningfully to the community. On reflecting on her cancer journey, Lynn shared, “Cancer changed my body. It doesn’t have to change the person God created me to be.”

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