



A Cancer Benefit Fundraiser for

Shelly (Westby) Johnson



Saturday, April 20th, 2024

Virginia Elks Club

220 N 5th Ave West
Virginia MN 55710

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Rigatoni Dinner-\$10

Tickets available at the door ~ Dine-In or Take-Out ~ Children 5 & under free

Silent Auctions & Basket Raffles

50/50 Split-the-Pot

4-Prize Raffle Drawing ~ \$10/Ticket

1st- Weatherby Vanguard 30-06 Rifle, Leupold Scope, & Case, 2nd- \$500 Cash,
3rd- \$250 Visa Gift Card, 4th - \$100 L&M Gift Card

There will be something for everyone!

Her Story...

Shelly married Paul Johnson on June 27th, 1998, and they will be celebrating their 26th anniversary this summer. They have 2 children, Andrew (21) and Logan (19) and Hank the yellow lab. She earned her degree as an LPN in 2003, then her RN in 2007. She worked at the Cook hospital for 9 years and then Waterview Woods for the past 10 years. She is a very kind, compassionate, loving, and talented lady who loves to bake (most have had her delicious cupcakes), makes the amazing 'Shelly's Jellies', loves photography (some call her a camera psycho), enjoys card making and scrapbooking. She also loves to spend time on "her lake", Lake of the Woods, fishing, and traveling.

She loves Jesus, family, and her friends.



♥ Love you all, Shelly
Jeremiah 29:11 🙏
#SISU 🇺🇸.....power of my Finn within 💙 my family ♥

In August 2020, Shelly discovered a lump and was diagnosed with Stage 2B, HER2+ breast cancer. She went through 20 weeks of treatment that included 16 rounds of chemo and a continuing Herceptin blocker IV infusion every three weeks. She had a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery. All seemed to be going well until January of 2022 when she had a seizure while driving. At the hospital, she was found to have a broken back and 2 tumors in her brain. Shelly had to have surgery to fix the L3 vertebrae, heal, then have a double craniotomy where she learned that the HER2+ breast cancer had metastasized to her brain. Now, she is in Stage IV. She underwent her first cyber knife treatment (targeted, local radiation to the lesions) in March 2022. They found more spots on her brain December 2022 and March 2023 where she underwent the cyber knife 2 more times to kill the cancer. In August of 2023, they found even more cancer lesions on her brain, so she endured yet another cyber knife treatment and was also put on some very strong medications (all while still on the IV treatment) that had severe side effects. Her team of doctors decided to stop one of the medications and wait until the next MRI. In the meantime, she had to leave her job because she could not work anymore. In November of 2023, she had her first clear scan in almost a year! Shelly was feeling wonderful, energetic, and hopeful! That was short-lived. Three months later, at her last routine MRI, she was given terrible news. The cancer had returned and in full force. She has too many lesions to count and cyber knife will not be an option. This time she has to do whole brain radiation therapy (WBRT) or as the doctor called it, the 'Hail Mary' treatment. She will have to undergo 15 WBRTs over 3 weeks. Side effects from this vary and may include fatigue, hair loss, skin erythema, memory issues, headache, nausea, drowsiness, and vomiting. She is also being referred to the Mayo to look into any clinical trials that she may be able to take part in.

This journey has really strengthened her faith, but Shelly and her family could really use your prayers and support during this difficult time. Please consider coming to the benefit or donating to her GoFundMe page. The funds will be used for medical costs (travel, lodging, bills, supplies, etc), associated household family expenditures (employment, legal, and financial issues related to cancer diagnosis), and future end of life expenses (medical costs, bereavement support, funeral, plot, etc).

Shelly and her family thank you!

I know the plans I have for you says the Lord...Jeremiah 29:11



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