

CAPT. EDWARD CREASEY

This is a time for mourning, Ed Creasey passed away on Christmas day, but it is also a time for celebration. His life was full of adventure, travel and unlimited amounts of truly amazing stories. One amazing story was being blessed with 10 additional years beyond the original pancreatic cancer diagnosis. The story began in the V.A. hospital system. With p.c. being called the "silent killer," the possibility of surgical intervention was great news!!! The success of the surgery had to be followed by chemo/radiation. At Virginia Mason, there was an aggressive research program of combined therapies. In the V.A. this treatment was known as "chemo from hell." Ed's thinking was, "if I have to do this, I might as well go to hell only once." It was a success!!!



At Virginia Mason, our guiding light and steady star was Dr. Picozzi. For 15 years, he and the clinic have been developing an aggressive pancreatic cancer treatment program with patients and doctors flying in from all over the world to participate. This Seattle clinic has become the largest in the country and is at the forefront of p.c. research.

In the summer of 2012, Dr. Picozzi appeared before congress trying to promote the importance of p.c. awareness, research and federal funding. After this trip, a bill was signed by Pres. Obama to support pancreatic awareness, advocacy, and research. Ed, Lena, and I are proud to have known you, Dr. Picozzi, and the skilled staff around you. THANK YOU!

Unfortunately, with p.c., the success is only measured in "survival rates" which range from months to less than 1% chance of living 10 years. With Dr Picozzi's help, Ed was given the gift of being the 1%. Please help other families to receive the same gift by sending donations to this very important Virginia Mason foundation:

Virginia Mason Pancreaticobiliary Foundation

Attention: Dr. Picozzi

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Ed/dad will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by family and friends. The following lines were found, hand written by Ed, in the margins of a book with great meaning to him. They clearly inspired him and so we'll share them with you.

*Some great force up in the sky controls this earth for you and I
With this thought it is ours to gain some happiness that's free of pain
Expectations of humanity often lead to misery, while acceptance of the same will result in serenity
Many times it is just as well to have no opinion of which to sell
When focused on what's good today, one lives to fight another day*

*The end is nothing, the road is everything!!!
That's the way it happened, TOUGH SHIT.....*

*Alina
Lena*