

Dear Seton Community,

There are no words I can use to express the profound gratefulness I have for the beautiful Spiritual Bouquet you gave me. There is no doubt that I am still alive due in part to all of the prayers we are receiving for us. There are many times that I should have punched my ticket. We have lately learned they are giving me months left - at least this is what they say based on my scans, bloodwork and everything they see medically. The stage IV breast cancer has metastasized throughout my body in my bones (all vertebrae in spine, pelvis, hips, left femur, ribs, both clavicles, both scapulae, & the petrus clivus,) and in the soft tissue (tumors in lungs, liver and now in the peritoneal). They have shyed away from telling me time left because they say every time they tell me a time-line, I shatter it (although it is not me but Our Lord Who in His great love and generosity does so thanks to your prayers.) The doctors and others who understand the reach of the cancer in my body are confounded that somehow I am still here and that I "look so good." I can hear my Dad joke every time, "But if you saw her insides you'd say, 'Man are you ugly!' "

I have privately been praying to Mr. Vander Woude to intercede for me for healing, and now ask you to join me in praying to him. I received this prayer from one of my friends whose friend was praying for healing. I made minor corrections after review from Father Vander Woude & final edit by Mrs. Carroll.

I am very much at peace and truly want God's Divine Will above all because I have no doubt of His great love for me and His desire for my sanctity. His Will is PERFECT. I know He has asked me to offer my crosses and is using all of the redemptive suffering for my and hopefully many others' salvation(s)!

One of my mottos is "Always ask." If the answer is no, you walk away in the same condition as before the ask. And I ask BIG a LOT. God can do ALL things as He has proven time and time again. He is the same God who performed so many healings throughout the Bible. There is NOTHING too big for Him. And there is no one that He does not love with a love so unfathomable! I am confident if He does not heal me, it is for my sanctification. If He calls me home, then Let it be done. So let's ask BIG!! Either way it is a win - win. May His Will be done!

Thank you again for your continued prayers for me. I wish I had better words to express the depth of our gratitude. Please continue to pray for my Dearest Husband, Bob. His suffering is just as real and many times I know much harder.

With love through the hearts of Our Lord & our Blessed Mother,

Maureen & Bob Campbell

P.S. If you are near the Grotto behind Corpus Christi, it is a great spot to pray this prayer if you think of it. Our Lady of Lourdes is my Patroness (St. Bernadette is my confirmation saint) and the grotto was blessed by Father Bob Cilinski after our Seton Monday morning Mass the day that Mr. Vander Woude gave his life. Of course anywhere is awesome, but I felt my Guardian Angel nudging me to include this.

PRAYER:

*Dear Thomas Vander Woude, you were selfless in your role as father and husband, heroically sacrificing your life so that your youngest son might live. But you did not just give of yourself at the moment of your death; you constantly gave of yourself to your wife, children, and athletes in your care. You were a shining example of a virtuous man; like St. Joseph - a man of silence and action combined -- and like St. Sebastian in your service to our country as a US Navy pilot and as a sports coach. Your example of faithfulness, fidelity, patience, and good humor was admired by all, but your most impressive qualities were your faith in God and His Church, and your devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and His Blessed Mother.*

*With that same faith in God and His Blessed Mother, we come to you today in our time of need to beseech you to intercede on Maureen's behalf to ask God to give her healing and consolation as she suffers through this very serious health issue.*

*Please ask God to pour out His mercy and blessings on Maureen, and if it is in His Divine plan and in accord with His Divine Will, that He remove this suffering and cure her ailment. But, if what we ask is not for the glory of God, and the good of her soul, we pray and desire that which is the most conducive to both. Amen.*