

Shower the People You Love with Love

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I have created a short video to express my emotions as I walked alongside the path of cancer with my Mamaw through her battle of colon cancer. My Mamaw was someone special to me and was always telling me to spend time with the people you love. She would always say, “Shower the people you love with love.” Of course my Mamaw didn’t make this lyric up but she did live by it and wanted to make sure her grandchildren did too. It was a significant part of who my Mamaw was. I wanted this video to tell the world how important it is to shower the people you love with love whether that is spending time together, playing games, talking, laughing, or singing as time together is so precious because you never know when it's going to end.

I created this video with some of my favorite photos I collected of my Mamaw. I wrote the words from my heart. This song was special to me as my Mamaw liked to listen to the song and always sang the words to me growing up. While I was putting the video together on my computer, viewing the old pictures brought back so many memories I had put aside. This scholarship video isn’t just a video I created for money, it turned out to be so much more. A piece of artwork made with love and time spent reflecting back on my Mamaw’s life. In my busy life I tend to forget the simple but important things that my Mamaw taught me. She taught me so many valuable lessons that I will need as I will soon be starting my next chapter in life, college. I hope that the love I poured out into this video shows through the images and portrays the impact my Mamaw had on me.

I also wanted to express hope to those who are fearful of a new diagnosis, suffering through treatment, or to those who bravely have decided to stop treatment to face the end of their

battle with cancer. As cancer became a prominent ailment of my Mamaw's, I had to watch my Mamaw suffer and also all those who loved her suffered too. I didn't take the time to check myself and my feelings. Instead I held my emotions in until her death. That is when I decided I needed to reach out for help. This is when my faith prevailed and my friends and family became a huge support system for me. In the video I wanted to show how faith and support from others can help us cope with the fear, pain, sadness, and loss of a loved one. I am happy with the outcome of the video and I hope it will be an inspiration to others who are dealing with cancer or to those who have lost someone they love.