

Touch & Go
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My video explains how frightening cancer can be. This disease had run and taken its battle throughout my grandma. However, according to her, her prayers saved her more than anything else. My opening shot shows her seat being empty, which is how it sadly stayed while she was in the hospital. I had her sit in her favorite part of the house, and the same chair she sits in every Christmas. I wanted her to feel comfortable, as the topic of cancer does not bring comfort to some people, but it brings a wave of sadness. On camera, you can see how nervous she gets by avoiding eye contact with the camera. However, when I filmed her being herself, she was laughing, and acted like she was the only one in the room. I have a lot of photos of my grandmother before the tumor entered her body. I did this to show how bright and colorful her young life was, and how much time had passed. Her life is a true story with highs and lows. I have included some photos of her traveling, family, and dancing. However, there were no photos of her in the hospital because she felt sad every time she saw them, she had thrown them away. She never likes to be on camera anymore, after she felt that the cancer had taken away her youth. So, it was a great experience for her to feel comfortable enough to be on camera, and tell a touching experience many others have felt. Her experience was before I was born, but I can still see how it has affected her. I am glad she let me film her, and her story. Thank you Yaya.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTvJe6cLrQQ>