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Patient Testimonial - Cyndie Do Couto Winchester Hospital Radiation Oncology Center (WHROC)

What a difference a year makes. After losing her husband, Cyndie didn't give much thought to falling in love again. A friend invited her to a party and she felt some magic in meeting John who had recently lost his wife. John was dazzled by Cyndie's smile. They had many things in common and shared a love of family and adventure. Within two years, John surprised Cyndie with a ring at a romantic dinner in Salem. A month later, Cyndie had her mammogram that detected early stage breast cancer. "I thought, this is it and that my life and happiness were over" shared Cyndie. "I thought I would wake up every day and think of nothing else other than my breast cancer."

The support received from family and caregivers made all the difference in getting through an emotional rollercoaster. The Winchester Hospital Breast Care Center was able to assemble a strong team to treat me. After surgery, Cyndie needed radiation. With a job in Boston, WHROC made Cyndie's appointment the last of the day so she wouldn't need to disrupt her life and worry. She said "strange as it seems, I enjoyed going every day because I knew everyone cared about me as a person and I was receiving the best that technology had to offer. It felt like a family behind me every step of the way."

It is now two weeks before the wedding. All five children and ten grandchildren will share their special day. "What I thought wasn't possible is now coming true", Cyndie shares. I wake up thinking about paint colors and I have so much hope again. I have a lot to live for"!!!

Please join us in congratulating John and Cyndie

