



I was a kindergarten teacher. But I retired the day I got my diagnosis. And I've never been busier. I'm working at a fashion boutique, kickboxing, running—and each day I write poems and put memories into journals for my son, Charlie. My team at Lifespan has been great, but my battle with cancer has not been easy (is anyone's?) Yet in so many ways, it's been a blessing. Here's to many more days of blessings.



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I don't have a secret spot. Of course, that's what I'd tell you even if I did. There's nothing I like better than going off-road into the woods to a pond and seeing if I can pull out some smallmouth bass. But all that almost ended last year when I had stabbing chest pains. Emergency heart surgery at Rhode Island Hospital saved my life. And I am thankful. Of course, there are some local fish who might feel different.



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