

What it Means to Feel Teal.....



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I separate my life now in two parts, before ovarian cancer and after. I never knew before my sister was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, how small my problems in life would seem to me after. In my life before, I never used words like catscan, chemotherapy... afterwards they became everyday words. In my life before, I never even heard of the words, carboplatin, doxil, and avestan, now I hear those words and my eyes fill with tears and I get a sick feeling in the pit of my stomach. There is a scripture in the bible, don't ask me where, I'm not very religious, but I am very spiritual. It states, "better to be in the house of mourning, than in the house of rejoicing." This sounds kind of strange, but when my sister was so sick, I got it, there was no other place I could have or would have been. She always knew I was by her side and we both needed that. There was nothing more rewarding than when she would reach up just to hold my hand, and the laughter, oh, the laughter we had even in those last days. Never again, will someone make me laugh the way she did! I still cannot comprehend the fact that she is not here, because she will always be here in my heart and my head, I carry her with me wherever I go, whatever I do, and I know that she is there.

I make jewelry now, who would have thought, Lee was always the creative one, I had the business mind! She works through me. We wanted to raise awareness for early detection of ovarian cancer. What could we do to stop this horrible pain from happening to other beautiful, courageous women and their families? We don't have much, how could we contribute? We have our love and our creativity and that is how I choose to help. I choose to let wonderful people everywhere know about the gentle beautiful soul that lived, I choose to give what I can emotionally, financially and of my time to other beautiful women that may be affected by this terrible disease. I choose Hope, from the bottom of my heart and from my sister's selfless and beautiful heart.

This is what it means to me to feel teal.....