

Elderlaw & Estate Planning Update

Cathy's Story

The Grateful Dead sang, "Once in awhile you get shown the light in the strangest of places if you look at it right."

Meet Cathy Jackson.

Over ten years ago she fell while jumping on a trampoline and lost the use of her limbs – all of them.

Despite the catastrophic change in her life, Cathy forged on. She continues to work for the same radio station that employed her before the accident. She continues in her role as a devoted mother to her four children, Chris, Michelle, Matthew, and Ashlee, and as a fiancé to Tom, who was, and still is, with her through thick and thin.

Credit it to love. Cathy always had the love and support of her family and her community. Cathy says look to your community when adversity strikes. Her friends, her family and her community in rural Lenawee county came through for her.

The details of how Cathy and her family adjusted and worked through her sudden disability inspires others dealing with similar issues, and provides a wake-up call to the rest of us. As Cathy says, "People who don't appreciate the little things they have need to spend one day in my life. You will appreciate the ability to scratch your own head, brush your teeth and even wear make-up. These are the things that people take for granted. It isn't the monetary things that are important. It is the little things that you do everyday that you don't appreciate... you have to get used to letting other people and things control your life."

"It isn't easy," she admits, "I would never say that it is easy, but if you're going through something like this, remember – during the bad days don't give up because the good days are coming too!"



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