

Kathryn Lynch



Kathryn Lynch was born October 31, 1958, in Elmira, NY. She was the youngest of six girls. Kathryn moved to Houston in February of 1978. In 1980, she was diagnosed as having a kidney that never fully developed from birth. On September 27, 1988, she received a kidney from her oldest sister, Linda, who was an identical match. The kidney transplant, performed at Methodist Hospital in Houston, was successful.

However, in November 2002, Kathryn was diagnosed with Vulvar Cancer. In January 2003, she began a 25-day radiation treatment and an 8-day chemotherapy treatment followed by surgery. In September 2003, her donated kidney stopped working, and she had to return to Peritoneal Dialysis, which is a type of dialysis performed at home in nine-hour sessions. Then, in May 2008, Kathryn developed Peritonitis, which is an infection that develops in the peritoneal cavity.

Later that year, she moved back to Elmira to live with her mother as she could no longer care for herself. She continues to receive dialysis in Elmira and is vying to be added to the Rochester, NY, Kidney Transplant Program.

Kathryn enjoys trivia, loves to travel, and is a big movie buff. She loves theatre, concerts, and going out to eat. She hopes one day to return to Houston where she misses her friends, the warm weather, and all the great things that Houston has to offer.