

Husband participates in Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope to honour late wife and her fundraising achievements

When Candice Campbell was diagnosed with stage IV ovarian cancer in September, 2014, her response was to do something for the community.

"She was always very involved," says her husband, Rob Campbell. "Candice was always the major player and voice in everything she joined."

Ms. Campbell first participated in the Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope in Hamilton, Ontario in 2015. Her team, Candy's Cancer Crushin' Cure-Saders, was made up of family and friends.



Candice, left, and other survivors at the Walk

Last year Ms. Campbell was the top fundraiser in Hamilton, where her team raised \$4,450. She grew to look to her fellow team captains as amazing friends and supporters.

Ms. Campbell never let her cancer diagnosis slow her down. She continued to be actively involved in the community, volunteering at Wellwood and a local hospital. A mother to two children, Will and Charlene, she also helped with school programs.

She had a hysterectomy almost immediately after her diagnosis, followed by 27 rounds of chemotherapy and four different courses of treatment. "It was like a roller coaster," Mr. Campbell says, "each treatment worked for a time which brought us great hope, but then the cancer took over."

In March 2017, Ms. Campbell was checked into hospice care, where she passed away in less than a week.

Ms. Campbell was an advocate and supporter of the Ovarian Cancer Canada community, and an inspiration to all those around her. For this year's Walk, Mr. Campbell has decided to honour his wife's achievements and memory by taking up the role as team captain for Candy's Cancer Crushin' Cure-Saders.



Candice, Rob and their children, Will and Charlene

Through their fundraising and community involvement, Mr. Campbell and his team have already raised more than \$3,000 and he aims to raise as much as he can. "I do it in her memory, but I'm also doing it for the other superheroes that are struggling with this disease," he says. "For every step my team takes, it will be a reminder of how strong my wife Candice was and how much she meant to so many."



Candice and Candy's Cancer Crushin' Cure-Saders

Since starting in 2002, the Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope has raised more than \$23-million to provide support, raise awareness and fund research for ovarian cancer. This year's Walk takes place in 39 locations across Canada, including **Hamilton at Valley Park** on **September 10, 2017**. For more information and to register, visit ovariancancerwalkofhope.ca