Till Death Do Us Part: The Story Of My Wife's Fight With Lung Cancer

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Those were the first words the oncologist said to Bob, Linda’s husband, after reviewing her CT scans. Bob had just met the oncologist in the hospital where Linda was having emergency surgery to install a filter to prevent dying from a blood clot. Starting with the diagnosis, continuing through treatment and hospice care, and ending in a memorial service, Bob’s blog posts kept family and friends informed about Linda’s struggle. They tell the story of her battle with lung cancer—the hopes and the realities; the emotional, physical, and practical challenges; and the importance of support from friends, coworkers, and family. The blog provided a way Bob to express and deal with his feelings and also tells the story of the family’s initial shock; how they dealt with their grief; the intricacies of medical treatment, chemotherapy, and its side effects; and the progression to home care and finally to hospice care. What comes through clearly throughout the story is the love Linda and Bob shared and Linda’s will to live.

We all are familiar with the devastating affects of cancer, What Bob has shown us is how cancer can bring a family back together at the same time it is in the process of breaking the family apart. Through his diary, he brought us form the valleys of disappointment to the peaks of hope. Even though he portrayed himself as even-keeled, one senses the emotional roller coaster he was experiencing. As the story unfolded and there was no doubt of the outcome, at the end,my eyes still filled with tears.
This is a very thought provoking book. It is a journey of a family trying to deal with a life altering diagnosis. The family comes together in many ways not only with mental support, but also a day to day living strength. It should be an everyone read, as we may all at one time be facing what Bob had faced.

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