



One family can *make a difference.*

Clyde "Skip" and Florence Rebecca "Becky" Johnson were high school sweethearts and were married for 58 years. Their business, Tiara Properties, developed more than a dozen major subdivisions in the Jefferson County area.

Becky's passion was showing dogs: she competed both locally and nationally for nearly 40 years. In 2012, she was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, and after a six-year battle, Becky passed away in March 2018.



Becky and Skip Johnson with one of Becky's beloved show dogs.

A Helping Hand on a Difficult Journey

Cancer Navigation at Mercy Cancer Center Jefferson

Regardless of a person's age or background, receiving a diagnosis of cancer can be frightening and overwhelming. Finding the best path forward can be difficult, especially while dealing with the stress of the diagnosis and all its implications.

Mercy's Oncology Nurse Navigation program is a service to guide our cancer patients and their families to recovery. A cancer navigator is an oncology-certified registered nurse who coordinates with the entire care team, as well as the patient and their family, to provide timely screening, diagnosis, treatment and support services.

"My nurse navigator eased all the stress I had," said Sheila Robinson, who was diagnosed in 2018 with Stage IV metastatic breast cancer. "She knows me by name and always asks if I need anything. I used to call her all the time with questions. She was with me through the whole process since I was told about my diagnosis and set up all my appointments. She even called my mom to explain everything to her."

Patients and their families are not charged for Nurse Navigation services. Mercy relies on philanthropic support to help sustain this vital program. Mercy Cancer Center Jefferson has two nurse navigators that each support an average of 250 patients per year, which is about half of all patients undergoing treatment.

Scan the code to help ensure every patient at Mercy Cancer Center Jefferson has access to a nurse navigator who will guide them throughout their cancer journey.



Skip chose to honor his wife's memory by donating \$50,000 to Mercy Health Foundation Jefferson to create the Becky Johnson Memorial Fund. His gift was designated to support nurse navigation at Mercy Cancer Center Jefferson so that patients and their families can continue to have a specially trained clinical guide to help them throughout their cancer journey. Skip's desire was to ensure all patients receive the same care and compassion Becky experienced during her battle with cancer.

"I hope that this gift will inspire others to give, too," Skip said. "It's the cumulative giving effect of many that makes the greatest impact."

Please consider making a donation to the Becky Johnson Memorial Nurse Navigation Fund. Contact us today for more information or visit mercyhealthfoundation.net/Jefferson.

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Direct your gift to one of our philanthropic priorities for Cancer Care:



A gift of \$500 will provide **chemo care kits** for ten new patients who are beginning chemotherapy.



A gift of \$1,000 will equip a Cancer Navigator with **educational materials** for one year.



A gift of \$5,000 will provide urgently needed **integrative health programs** for survivors of cancer.



A gift of \$10,000 will provide support for **critical medications, screenings, biopsies and tests** for patients with a financial need.



A gift of \$50,000 will help the **Oncology Nurse Navigation** program expand to meet the growing needs of the community.



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Help bring more *hope and healing* to our community.

Continuous advancements in technology are improving care for the growing number of patients diagnosed with cancer each year. These innovations are saving lives and extending hope to patients, families and providers.

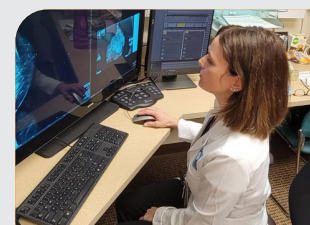
At Mercy, our mission is to bring to life the healing ministry of Jesus through our compassionate care and exceptional service. Every day, our co-workers and care teams deliver on their calling to provide care that encompasses the whole person: *body, mind and spirit*.

Thanks to the generosity of individuals and organizations in our community, Mercy can further improve the level of care we provide by investing in equipment and programs that help our patients fight their cancer battles like never before.

Below are a few recent technologies made possible by your support:

SENTIMAG SYSTEM

Deploys a tiny metal “seed” to help doctors mark and remove small and early stage breast cancers with incredible precision. “The marker can be placed up to 30 days in advance, eliminating the need for additional tests and procedures on the day of surgery,” said Diagnostic Radiology Specialist, Dr. Christine Ormsby. The Sentimag system is also less invasive and much more comfortable for patients when compared to traditional wire localisation.



Dr. Christine Ormsby examines a breast image.

BREAST SCANNER

Brings high quality imaging within the walls of the Operating Room so that images of breast specimens, lumps, and even whole breast tissues can be immediately captured and viewed. This allows surgeons the ability to assess and operate more quickly, and reduces the amount of time patients are under anesthesia.

With your support, we can continue to impact the lives of our patients by enhancing patient programs, funding lifesaving equipment, and helping patients receive the treatment and care they need.

Together we can touch more lives. Save more lives. And improve more lives.