

PDQ Assignment
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Joelle first described herself as a wife and mother – these roles are a primary key to her definition of her personhood. She has a strong relationship with her husband, as they have endured the journey of grief together in the loss of their infant twins – a son and a daughter at birth. She feels blessed to have had their other son 7 years after the loss of the twins, he is now a busy 3-year-old. It has been a balance for her to work as an RT full time in her mid 40's and then go home to care for a busy toddler. Her husband is a busy lawyer working corporate/commercial/business law.

When talking about what is important to her, she explains that her spirituality has been a guiding force in her life. She has worked as a pastor in another time in her life and now she still actively attends church – River Wood - with her husband and son. She would want people to bring spirituality and prayer into her care. She has core beliefs on the importance of being a good and kind person – and that it is important to both give and receive back goodness and kindness.

In her own job in health care, she has worked hard to bring meaning into her care interactions with others. She has tried to connect with her patients, to expose her own humanness and make sure those in her care know that everyone has a story to be heard. She would want this same type of care interaction and value from her care team. If her care team is willing to use their own experiences to connect with her as she has done for others, this will bring value to her care.

Joelle is a strong compassionate individual. She has survived through tremendous loss and come out on the other side – not everyday is roses, but she continues even on the hardest of days.

Beside her husband and son – she has some family support locally in her parents, as well as her brother & sister-in-law who she can turn to. However, her parents are snowbirds so they may be away physically for a period of time. Her husband's family is also supportive, but they live away on the East Coast.