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JS speaks of a very strong relationship with her parents who live an hour away. They speak daily. She is also close with her brother who lives out of state. JS has leaned on her family heavily in recent years. They were there for her through a divorce and continue to be there concerning her health realities. However, JS is worried about how her parents will cope as her condition progresses. She describes it as an elephant in the room that neither she nor her family are ready to talk about.

JS lights up when she speaks of her dog, Cosmo who brings her great joy. Cosmo is a tiny pup that looks like an Ewok and at 8 years old still behaves like a puppy. She can’t wait for her medical appointments to be over so she can be outdoors, in nature with Cosmo which fuels her spirit. Similarly, she says live music concerts (like a recent Willie Nelson performance) fill her soul and make her feel fully alive.

In the past, travel has been her device to feel the excitement of the unknown, to experience other cultures and gain understanding of how others live. She has favorite memories, some bittersweet, of travel with friends no longer living. She expresses concern about whether she will ever be able to travel again and experience that level of joy and excitement.