

like that would spread like wildfire right down the highway. By the time it reaches my aunt and uncle and my cousins, I'm dead, right? . . . what I did is I called my cousin and said "don't get shook up, I want you to listen to me", she says, "what?" I said I've been diagnosed as having breast cancer, malignant, I have to have radiation and chemo. And there's a long silence on the phone now. And I says . . . I want to tell you I will keep in touch with you and I says if you hear any wild rumors down there I says, you have any questions, you call me. I says you get the facts from me, you know. So that was fine and then I was able to make a trip down there in the summertime and my cousin . . . talked to me and she says you know Ruth, she says you can go to our graveyard and pick out a place where you want to be. I says ok, I will do that but I says, "I'm taking my time getting there." That was so funny you know and she just kind of smiled at me and said Ruth!



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And . . . , my friends as they found out, they called and everybody had a remedy for me. And I did everything. . . . I did it because I felt that they cared enough to go out of their way and find things for me. One of my girl friends went to her nutritionist and told her everything about me. And her nutritionist gave her soups, teas, herbs for me to use, and so,

it was beautiful the way that everyone supported me, . . . and was behind me. And the people at church were all praying for me, . . . and they were like my cheering team- "Come on, we know you can do it." . . . I can't say it was a beautiful experience, but it was an experience that was good, you know.