

and I went everyday during the week for two months, from before Thanksgiving until the 17th of January and so. The last thirteen treatments were what they called . . . , electrons and they pinpointed right into where the tumor had been with . . . , rather than doing a field, the others is what they called a field x-rays and did thirteen treatments and that was really zapping. . . Well, I tell you what. You have to have a lot of . . . , positive thoughts to get through radiation because it just drags you down, gradually, just zaps your strength . . . Fortunately, I had my pottery and so, I would go down to the hospital and get my radiation treatment and then go over to the pottery and work for a couple of hours you know every day and it just took my mind off everything, and then I would get tired and come home and go to sleep. But that's the way it worked. . . We [have a traditional healer in our family] and he was here during the time I was doing radiation. And he . . . , did some prayers and we . . . worked on that and he said, if this doesn't all work we can go on and do Indian herbs and things, he said there's some other things that we can [do],

When, you ... say "cancer," you naturally think your going to [die], that's it, but now they have radiation and everything you know.

**Norma Staples** [Mandan]



I was scared a little bit. I was scared to get radiation. . . . My son John Johnson come down from Nome and [kept] [encouraging] me. [He kept] on telling me just take pictures everyday . .

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