



Tribute Pages

Why Tribute Pages?

Honoring or memorializing a friend or family member on the OMF website is a thoughtful way to recognize their journey with ocular melanoma and lives well lived. Many people also choose to recognize their loved one's special days, such as birthdays or weddings, or set up a special donation page to collect money on behalf of OMF in lieu of more traditional gifts being given. Doing so is a meaningful way to show your support while helping OMF support other patients and researchers work toward finding effective treatments and, one day, seeing a cure for ocular melanoma.

Creating a Tribute

Creating a tribute page (or series of pages) is simple and OMF will work with you along the way. It is **free** to set up and to host for as long as you'd like it on the Internet. OMF will lead the creation of the HTML page(s) on our test servers once we receive the required materials (*listed below*). We'll only publish the page to our live website at ocularmelanoma.org when you are satisfied with how it looks and we will take the page(s) down if you no longer wish them to be live on the Internet.

What You Get

- Free tribute page for your friend or family member
- Custom, easy to remember URL (e.g. www.ocularmelanoma.org/rodenburg)
- Custom OMF donation link with option to select where the money goes (TAG Program for patient travel, core OM research, Junior Investigator Award, etc.)
- Summary of all donor names and total amount donated through your donation link
- Assistance and full technical support from OMF

Items to Send

Required

- Full name of the person being honored/memorialized
- Date of birth/(death)
- Picture (hi-resolution JPEG works best but we can work with most file formats)
- Tribute text (100 words minimum is generally recommended)

Optional

- Link to local paper obituary
- Information on Memorial Service (time, place, program details, etc.)
- Additional photos to create an online Photo Album
- Tag line, favorite quote or short one-liner to capture the
- Home movies (trimmed to 5 min. or less, in .avi or .mp4 format)

Send materials to tributes@ocularmelanoma.org



Example Tribute Page


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SUPPORTING PATIENTS AND
EYE CANCER RESEARCH
UNTIL WE SEE A CURE

In Memory of Loryl Cathcart

Loryl Kuehn Cathcart was passionate about people, nature and all of life. She, along with her husband, David, raised two children, Emily and Peter, in Tewksbury, New Jersey, and, for thirteen years, in Charlottesville, Virginia.



Loryl was first diagnosed with an ocular melanoma tumor in 1999, shortly before the family moved to Charlottesville. Drs. Jerry and Carol Shields, of Will Eye Hospital, recommended enucleation, and Loryl's right eye was removed two days after initial diagnosis. Though there were some complications from the surgery, and the enucleation procedure had to essentially be repeated six weeks later due to staph infection, Loryl never complained of her cancer, its treatment and never discussed any fear of the cancer's recurrence. Loryl and her family were blessed with thirteen years of a cancer-free life as she was a wonderful mother to her two children.

Early in 2012, Loryl experienced pain in her upper abdominal area and, following a series of tests, scans, and, finally, a biopsy, she was diagnosed with metastatic ocular melanoma in her liver. Her local oncologist, [Dr. Stefan Gorsch](#), quickly recognized the rare and unique nature of the disease, and referred her to [Dr. Takami Sato](#), of Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Dr. Sato and an interventional radiologist, [Dr. David Eschelman](#), were able to effectively treat the cancer in Loryl's liver with chemoembolization from February through August. While the treatments were effective, Loryl was able to lead a relatively normal life with her family, friends and assorted animals at the family farm. Loryl remained an inspiring positive force, and not wanting to focus on her disease, she lived every moment to the fullest. In September, blood tests revealed that chemoembolization was no longer an option. Loryl was never going to give up and she wanted to consider other options, but her condition began to decline rapidly. She passed away on October 3, 2012 surrounded by loving family and friends.

Loryl Cathcart
June, 19, 1960 - October 3, 2012

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Restrictions

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