My Life Before

- Born & raised in California, in the San Francisco Bay area
- Mom of two beautiful young ladies
- Loved to travel
- Love the outdoors; walking, and gardening
My Life Before

- Teacher
Just living my life...

And whammo...
I went in for a bone marrow biopsy and didn't go home for a month.

- December 2019 - not feeling well; fatigue, cough, fevers
- January 2020 - doctors visits, lots of cold medicine, and finally bloodwork done
- January 29, 2020 - bone marrow biopsy and admitted to ER, then to hospital for treatment
- February 1, 2020 - first round chemo begins
You've got AML...

First...you'll need rounds of chemo

Next...we'll need to find a bone marrow match

Then... a bone marrow transplant

And oh...you might have some side effects... that may last the rest of your life!
Ready to fight!

- March 2020 = a bone marrow match was found
- May 2020 = I checked into Stanford Hospital for more chemo and the transplant
The cells that saved me
GVHD of the skin hit me right away and sticks with me to this day.
Hats, UPF shirts, and sunscreen are a way of life now.
GIVE YOURSELF TIME.