



★ *Marvin  
Spacek* ★  
Successful ...  
— CANCER —  
**SURVIVOR**

The Cancer Research Institute estimates that approximately 14% of all males in the U.S. were diagnosed with cancer in 2015. Marvin Spacek was not one of them. You see, Marvin has been living cancer free since 2012.

“My daughter and I moved from southern Idaho to Oregon in 1988 and once she was settled in I moved to Riddle, in 1993, where I continued to operate my trucking business. In 1996 Dr. Faulk was concerned about my PSA results and sent me to Dr. Skoglund to be checked out. A biopsy was performed and the results came back positive. I was told that my cancer was an aggressive kind and I chose to have my prostate removed. After the surgery, my PSA levels dropped back down to normal and I continued to operate my business.” Marvin explained to us.

Following surgery, Marvin’s doctors frequently monitored his PSA levels. In 2012 his PSA levels began to increase. He was referred to a urologist and then to Dr. Moore at the Community Cancer Center. “The cancer had returned, but I couldn’t tell. I felt great. This time, my treatment was radiation therapy and it turned out to be something I actually looked forward to, if you can believe that. The staff was wonderful. I know them all on a first name basis. For me, there were absolutely no side effects. The treatments were painless and lasted about 10 minutes. In fact, following each treatment I would go over to Sherm’s to get myself a maple bar as a treat. My radiation therapy treatment plan was for seven weeks, five days a week. Throughout the treatments my PSA levels continued to drop lower and lower. After my last treatment Kathy, at the front desk, said to me “we got you a little something” and there set a full tray of maple bars. They are just wonderful people at the Community Cancer Center and they got the job done, my cancer is gone.” Marvin told us.

When asked what he would say to others about having cancer Marvin said, “Get your PSA checked regularly. Catching it early is very important. I might have avoided surgery if we had caught it earlier. I would also say that there is no reason to travel out of town for treatment. We are lucky to have such a great staff and facility right here in our own backyard.”

Today, Marvin’s superior blue Harley-Davidson Road Glide frequently takes him to Lebanon to visit his daughter and anywhere else his heart desires. Marvin is now retired and comes alive when riding the open road. Every year since 2004, Marvin has made the ride to Sturgis South Dakota for the nation’s largest motorcycle event. He is also an active member of a local Harley-Owners Group and participates in events to support charities throughout the area.

***Ride, Marvin Ride.***

