"Dr. McGuirk took the time to answer all of my questions and explain the treatment plan thoroughly." Cheryl Hurst

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Cheryl Hurst, a 75-year-old woman from Oklahoma, recently shared her experience with breast cancer and the care she received at CRMC. Cheryl and her husband are farmers who also engage in various activities such as gardening and being active in their local historical society and church.

During her annual examination in October, Cheryl's physician assistant reminded her that she had not yet had her mammogram. Cheryl scheduled the mammogram, but the results showed suspicious masses, and a diagnostic mammogram was recommended. Following the diagnostic mammogram, an ultrasound and biopsy were done, and Cheryl was referred to Dr. Michelle McGuirk, general surgeon, upon confirmation that she had breast cancer.

Dr. McGuirk explained the treatment options to Cheryl and her husband in detail, answering all their questions. Cheryl and her husband decided to proceed with a mastectomy, which was performed on January 11th. After the surgery, Dr. McGuirk informed Cheryl that all the cancer had been removed and that she would not need radiation or chemotherapy, but would require cancer medications. Cheryl appreciated Dr. McGuirk's expertise and willingness to explain the process and address her concerns.

Cheryl praised the hospital staff for their care and support during her surgery and recovery. She mentioned that they took the time to explain things to her and her husband, and even showed them how to care for the drain after she went home. She acknowledged that her body is still adjusting to the medication, but overall, she is feeling better since the surgery.

Reflecting on her experience, Cheryl expressed gratitude for the care she received from her physician assistant, Dr. McGuirk, and the hospital staff. She emphasized the importance of learning and understanding the process as a patient and appreciated the support and guidance provided by the medical professionals involved in her care.

Cheryl's story is a testament to the importance of regular mammograms and early detection in the fight against breast cancer. With the support of skilled medical professionals, Cheryl successfully underwent treatment and is on the path to recovery. She encourages others to be proactive about their health and seek medical care when needed, and she is grateful for the care she received during her breast cancer journey.

CRMC provides individualized assistance to patients, families, and caregivers to navigate them through appropriate cancer care. To learn more about our team's approach to cancer care, scan the QR code for a FREE brochure.

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