

Hi Family and Friends,

We are taking this opportunity to let everyone know about a life-change for our family. On Saturday Jan 30th, Teresa and a friend decided to go horseback riding at the Horse Therapy Ranch where Teresa does volunteer work. She was thrown off her horse. Her friend took her to an Emergency Room, where they did x-rays and told her that her right clavicle (collar bone) was broken in 2 places. They put her in a sling, sent her home, with an appointment to see a surgeon on Tuesday, Feb 2nd. The Dr there told her the clavicle was broken in four places and he would set up surgery for Thursday Feb 4th, and 8am. About 2:30am that day, Teresa's roommate, Melissa, heard Teresa moaning and thrashing in her bed. Melissa came into Teresa's room and found her struggling to speak. We are SO grateful that God sent her to Teresa's room when He did! She immediately called 911, and Teresa was taken to the ER, and diagnosed as having a stroke. She was given TPA (clot buster) immediately. The stroke has affected her speech and her right arm and leg. She's still waiting for the surgery.

Due to COVID, which has affected everything, Memorial Hospital where Teresa was sent will permit "only 1 visitor, per patient, per hospital stay"---which means that one person will be her designated visitor throughout her hospitalization. So it was decided that Barb would fly to Savannah on Friday evening and Jerry would stay to "carry on" at home. Melissa has been terrific-- being with Teresa, giving her support, and updating us all the way! And when Barb arrived, the hospital made her the "designated visitor".

Now for the good news--First of all--Barb made it through the Atlanta Airport by herself!!! (which was very exciting!) Teresa is progressing well. Her facial droop has gone, her speech is MUCH better, and she can lift her right leg as normal. She still has a long way to go to be able to move her right foot, arm and hand. The Neurologists have given the "go-ahead" for her surgery to fix her clavicle and we are hoping that will be Monday or Tuesday. She is getting Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy now, and more rehab will follow. She has some very good Doctors and Nurses who are encouraging her every minute. She will have a long recovery time. This is a very emotional time for Teresa, and of course she is worried about her planned art work and graphic design jobs. But we tell her that she has always been very determined/"stubborn", always worked very hard to reach her goals, and will get through this too.

So that is the status as of now, and we will send out up-dates as we can. Please let others in your family and other friends know about Teresa. Please pray for healing for Teresa's clavicle and that she can gain back her strength, gain the use of her hand, and that she is patient in her recovery period. We know that God has her in His hands and will protect her always.

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Love to all, Barb and Jerry

PS--for now, cards can be sent to Teresa Farley

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