



Bright Light Foundation

The Boo Bonner Benefit

An update from Kaye Bonner

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In 2005 my husband, Eugene “Boo” Bonner, was one of the recipients of the Bright Light Foundation (BLF). The financial aid was a great blessing for us, but their gift was more than just money...they gave us the gift of hope. Cancer destroys your self worth and beats you down mentally. When BLF entered our lives, we not only learned the meaning of brotherly love, but we witnessed it in action.

Boo was so touched by BLF that his goal was to get well and give back to this wonderful organization. Boo was unable to reach his goal. He died March 3, 2008. This is when we decided to celebrate his birthday by making his dream come true—thus the “Boo Bonner Benefit for the Bright Light Foundation.”

I wish I could tell you that because of our great skills, we were able to pull the benefit off. This isn't what happened. The truth is our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers all came together and, all of a sudden, it was the night of the benefit. We had a band, food, drinks, t-shirts and a silent auction...and a wonderful time! Mel and Drew Bright along with Toni Guidry drove in from Houston. Jude Richard came from Lafayette just to be with us. That made the night even more special. The event turned out to be so much fun and a beautiful, loving tribute to my husband.

In the end, we raised just under \$25,000.00 in our little small town of Morgan City, LA. I could not believe it! What a wonderful way to celebrate Boo's birthday. I know he would be so proud to be the first recipient to give back to the BLF posthumously. On October 3, 2008, my daughter and I had the honor to personally present the check to BLF—a night we will always remember!

None of us know what our future holds, but I pray that none of you will have to endure the pain of cancer. I hope that you will ALWAYS be a BLF supporter...and NEVER a recipient.

God Bless,
Kaye Bonner