

Breast Cancer Awareness Honorees

#2 Lurlethia Jones

Honoring: Isola Isom

In memory of: Leroy Dortch

LJ: "Isola Isom is my aunt who has survived breast cancer. She fought and won the battle even though she lost one of her breast. Leroy Dortch is my uncle who died from lung cancer."

#3 Brittney Dumas

In memory of: Rosemary Dumas

BD: "I am playing today for my grandmother who passed away when I was 9. It has to be the hardest and worst thing that has happened to me. She really impacted my life. Still to this day I tear up when people say I look just like her. My grandmother has inspired me to be the best person I can be. She had so much compassion for everyone and influenced and touched everyone she has met."

#4 Barbara Garrett

In memory of: Connie Anderson

BG: "My grandmother was always a person that could keep everyone together, and she would always have my back. She loved to cook on Sundays for the family after church, and I loved to help her as well."

#5 Jasmine Cruz

Honoring: Eileen Cruz

JC: "Eileen is my first cousin and a five-year survivor of breast cancer. She has three beautiful girls and lives on the beautiful island of Guam."

#6 Nyasha Terry

In memory of: Marilyn Billips

NT: "I am playing tonight in memory of Marilyn Billips. She was a teacher at a daycare and a mother of three. She found out she had cancer in stage 1 or 2. She took chemo for 1 or 2 years. After two years of chemo, the breast cancer stopped and then came back. She was fighting for a total of 6-7 years. She was known as funny, bubbly and the life of the party."

#7 Sydney Mellom

Honoring: Marg Pool

SM: "Marg is a family friend who is in remission from breast cancer for two years. She is a three-time cancer survivor. She had cervical cancer in 1993, leukemia and a bone marrow transplant in 1994 and most recently breast cancer. She has three kids, Janine, Danny, and Leah. She lives in Alameda, Saskatchewan. I have known Marg for many years as she is very close friends with my aunt, and I used to play sports with her daughter. I was also coached by her husband. I am extremely honored to be playing for this amazing, strong woman."

#8 Carol Kiam-Assato

In memory of: Masa Kiam

CKA: "My grandmother, Masa Kiam, was born in Japan and moved to Brazil in 1956. In 1993, she had breast cancer. In 2014, she was diagnosed with lung cancer. She passed away in 2015 due to the complications of lung cancer."

#9 Ariel Scott

In memory of: Earline Wilkins and Carl T. Scott

AS: "Earline Wilkins is my grandmother who passed away due to breast cancer. She battled with cancer for about five years. She was the sweetest lady anyone could ever meet. Witnessing her ongoing battle pushed me to become a better person for her. It has been hard living life without her but with God my family and I are making it through. She was diagnosed in 2010 and went into remission in 2011; the cancer returned in 2015 and she passed a year later. Carl Scott was my grandfather who suffered from lung cancer. My games are dedicated to him and my grandmother."

#10 Wanya Morris

Honoring: Georgia Davis

In memory of: Ellen Hunter and Rebecca Norris

WM: "Georgia Davis is my grandmother. She was diagnosed with breast cancer on April 26, 2006. The cancer was caught in a very early stage. Chemotherapy and radiation was able to get rid of it. She is 10 years cancer free. She is 63 years old and has five grandchildren, four children and four sisters in which one is deceased."

#11 Leticia Gonzales

Honoring: Helen Gonzales

LG: "I am honoring my grandmother, Helen, because I am very lucky for her to still be here and come see me play. I am also playing for my team because we all work hard everyday and have come a long way."

#13 Dnada Smith

Honoring: Bre'Ann Adams

DS: "I am honoring my niece, Bre'Ann. She is 10 years old, in fourth grade and super smart and athletic. When she was diagnosed with brain cancer, she was not scared. She rocked her bald head and loved it. She was so brave and automatically ready to fight the cancer. When she started going through chemo, she continued to try and be active and be a good big sister to her brother and sisters."

#15 Heather Jackson

Honoring: Ethel Payne

HJ: "I am honoring my great aunt, Ethel. She worked in marketing before being diagnosed with breast cancer in 1985. She has been in remission for 15 years and has three children."

#16 Sarah Pierre

In memory of: Linda Blount

SP: "I'm playing for my late aunt who passed away in Dec. 2015. She was a dear and loving person, and I will cherish my relationship with her forever and ever."

#18 Taylor Scriven

In memory of: Gladys Scriven and Alan Vernon

TS: "My grandmother, Gladys, was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer and passed in June 2013. My grandfather, Alan, was also diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and passed in June 2012. He lived for one and a half years with the illness."

Manager Daii Gardner

Honoring: Sharon Williams

DG: "I am honoring my grandmother, Sharon. She is a 15-year survivor of breast cancer. She is sweet, kind, loving, giving, strong, beautiful, mother of five and grandmother of six."