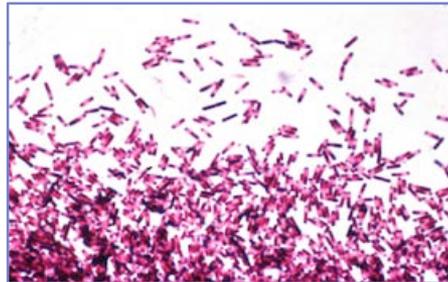
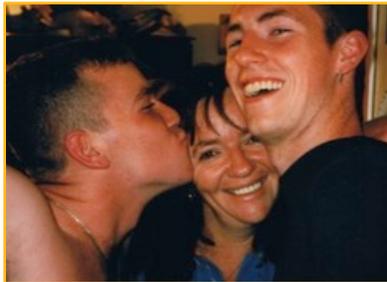




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*Fighting C. diff through Education and Advocacy*

## **PACCARB Public Meeting**

**September 13, 2017**



# Margaret Mary “Peggy” Lillis

1953-2010



# Peggy's Story

- Broad spectrum antibiotic following root canal
- Symptoms begin 5 days into course
- Suspected stomach virus
- Admitted to hospital 5 days after diarrhea onset
- Died 36 hours later



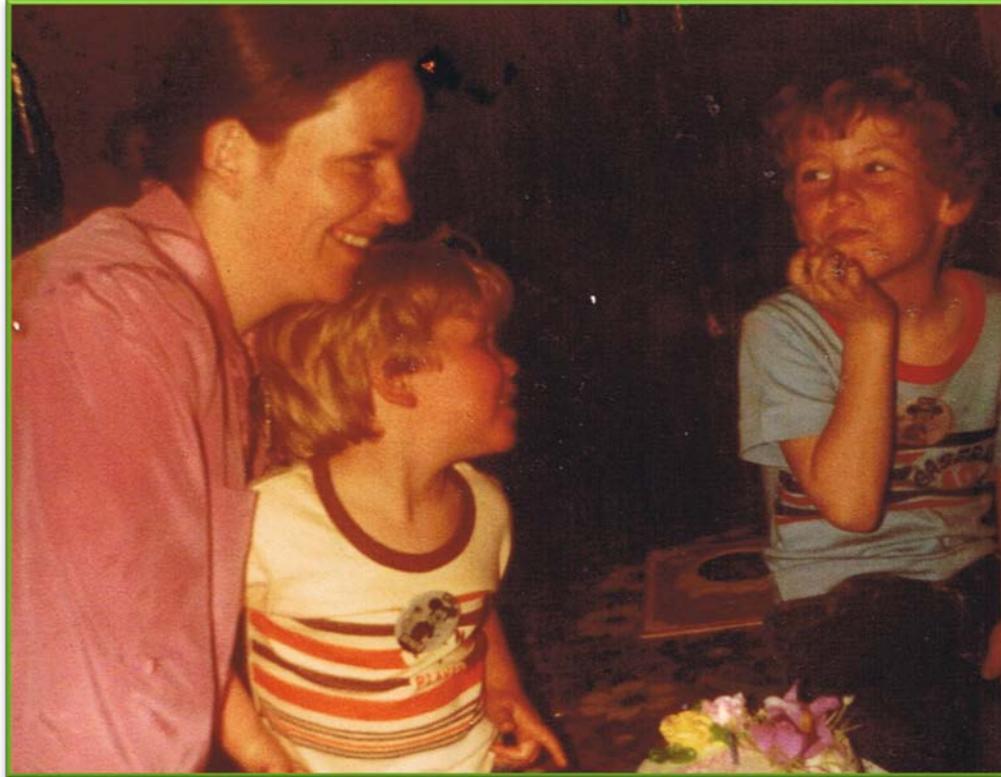
# PLF's Work

- Educating the Public
  - C. diff Stories
  - PSA, Website and Social Media
  - Hospitals, QIOs, Agencies
- Empowering Advocates
  - Amplifying Our Work Locally
  - HAI Committees, Hospitals, Media
- Shaping Policy
  - Increased Funding for ARO
  - Increased Surveillance/Reporting

“It is scary to think about the amount of antibiotics that have been put into my system in the last three months...This has been a nightmare, but I truly believe I can beat this devil!”



“All you have in this world is  
each other.”



# We know what must be done

- We know how to prevent infections
  - High degree of hand washing and sanitation compliance
  - Vigorous sanitation coordinated with Infection Control
  - Active detection and isolation of suspected carriers
  - Antibiotic stewardship programs
  - Education of patients and visitors
- New technologies from more sensitive tests to electronic hand hygiene to ultraviolet cleaning exist
- What's **missing** is the moral and ethical imperative to change our healthcare system

A woman with blonde hair and sunglasses is smiling outdoors. She is wearing a purple top. The background shows green foliage and a stone wall. A dark grey banner is at the top, and another dark grey banner is at the bottom containing text.

# Peggy's Vision

A World Where *C. diff* is Rare,  
Treatable & Survivable.