

TEAM TONE

TONY MOEDER, FATHER OF KYLE (X19), MARY KATE (X22) AND HUSBAND OF KATHY, WAS DIAGNOSED WITH FRONTOTEMPORAL DEMENTIA (FTD) IN 2017.

"TEAM TONE" WAS CREATED TO SUPPORT THE MOEDER FAMILY AND BRING AWARENESS TO FTD.

EARLY SIGNS

"I [Kathy] started to notice a change in late 2015. He [Tony] would go off on his own in social settings and wouldn't participate in family decisions. As the year went on, it got worse. At work, he would start a conversation that had nothing to do with what he was selling. I finally sensed it was bad at the end of 2016. Many friends, family and clients were concerned, so I got an appointment with our family doctor. After an MRI, six hour neuropsych exam and miscellaneous cognitive tests on February 6, 2017 at 45 years old, we were given the horrible diagnosis that would change our lives forever: Frontotemporal Degeneration (dementia). No cure, no medications to slow down the disease."

FTD FAST FACTS

- The majority of cases occur between 45 and 64 years of age.
- It is frequently misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's, depression and Parkinson's.
- On average, it currently takes 3.6 years to get an accurate diagnosis.
- There are an estimated 60,000 cases in the U.S. and many in the medical community remain unfamiliar with it.

STAYING POSITIVE

"We can confidently say the reason our family is still going is because of the Lord and the trust we have placed in His plan for our family and the constant support from our family and friends. We have so many wonderful people in our lives who deserve a whole lot of credit for the lasting impact they have made on our family. We would not be here without their love, care and consistent inspiration."



The Moeder Family (Left to Right: Mary Kate, Tony, Kyle and Kathy)



Tony Moeder



Mary Kate, Tony and Kyle Moeder

CONTINUAL SUPPORT

1. Pray for the Moeder Family
2. Go to www.theaftd.org for more information
3. Spread awareness for FTD and Team Tone
4. Join the Facebook group "Team Tone" for more information, pictures and ways to support the Moeder Family through this time.

POST DIAGNOSIS

"Responsibilities that Tony could no longer handle were executive decisions, business decisions (we are small business owners with another family) and transportation. A year and a half post diagnosis, he could no longer work. I [Kathy] had to make arrangements for him to be safe and occupied while I worked. As the disease progressed, he required 24/7 supervision help with all adult daily living (showering, shaving, dressing, etc.). The hardest part to date was December 1, 2020 when Tony moved to a memory care facility: CountryHouse Residence. The days leading up to his move were extremely painful and heartbreaking. We always wanted him to know he served a purpose and we scheduled our days around making sure he knew he was loved, cared for and needed."