

SPOT TITLE: Elizabeth B. & Stephen B. Vignette

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ART CARD: LASTING CONSEQUENCES

A Former Smoker's Story

Super: Elizabeth B. and her husband Stephen B.
Texas

We see Elizabeth and Stephen sitting in armchairs next to each other talking to camera in a living room. Elizabeth is wearing a grey cardigan and pink blouse and Stephen is wearing a blue button up shirt.

ELIZABETH: I'd notice that when I would walk my legs would seize up real bad and my feet would go numb.

Cut to a close up of Elizabeth talking to camera.

ELIZABETH: I can't even go a half a block without having to stop...

Cut back to Elizabeth & Stephen sitting in armchairs talking to camera.

ELIZABETH: ...so I made an appointment with his doctor.

We see Stephen chopping food in the kitchen. Elizabeth walks by and get something by the sink.

ELIZABETH: I could immediately tell something was wrong and he said well I think you have something called peripheral artery disease

Cut to Elizabeth talking to camera sitting in an armchair.

ELIZABETH: ...it's common for smokers. They said that my aorta was 98% blocked and my femoral arteries were blocked and that I had to have surgery immediately.

Cut to images of Elizabeth in the hospital following surgery, we see her lying in bed with many tubes connected and a fresh scar.

STEPHEN: The severity of the surgery itself was really pretty scary...

Cut to Elizabeth and Stephen sitting in armchairs speaking to camera.

STEPHEN: ...so it was a quite a lot to take in for sure.

Cut to a close up of Elizabeth talking to camera.

ELIZABETH: I started having uncontrollable blood pressure I went for some imaging to check that out...

We see Elizabeth by the sink taking medicine.

ELIZABETH: ...she said you have a mass on one of your kidneys, said it was stage 3 kidney cancer...

Cut to Elizabeth and Stephen sitting in arm chairs speaking to camera.

ELIZABETH: ...so I had the surgery to have a kidney removed...

Cut to a photo of Elizabeth and Stephen lying close together. Elizabeth is wearing formal wear and a necklace and Stephen is wearing a tuxedo.

ELIZABETH: You just feel like your life is just sucked out from under you.

Cut to a close up of Elizabeth talking to camera.

ELIZABETH: If I had never smoked you know, would I'd be going through this. It's hard for me to watch him have to clean the house.

Cut to Elizabeth sitting at a table with a plate in front of her. Stephen walks over and sets his plate down at the seat next to Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH: And he has to cook for me...

We see Stephen putting folded clothing away in a closet.

ELIZABETH: ...do laundry...

Cut to Elizabeth and Stephen sitting in armchairs next to each other.

ELIZABETH: I feel like I punishing him for a choice I made when I was 18 years old.

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