



Joanne Rossy

Joanne is riding in honor of the cherished memory of her father, **Edmund Rossy**, who passed away from colon cancer in 2007.



A message from Joanne... My father was a kind and generous man who dedicated his life to his family, his work, and the church – a true gentleman who can be compared to no other. He was diagnosed with colon cancer in the summer of 2006. With the love and support of my mother, Shirley, his children, grandchildren, family and friends, he quietly fought a very brave and determined fight, not once uttering a complaint. However, he had an aggressive disease that could not be stopped, despite two massive surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation treatments. My dad died of cancer on September 22, 2007, at 79 years old.

That final year of my father's life became a tremendous learning experience for me. I admittedly was completely oblivious to the world of cancer care. As I accompanied him to his frequent hospital visits, I was astounded by the services and attention we received from the hospitals, his physicians and medical staff. This is when I truly recognized the importance of giving back.

I have chosen to give much of my time to Cedars, a group of very committed people determined to make a difference. I am very proud to dedicate my efforts towards the *Ride with Lance*, an exciting event in support of Cedars and the Cancer Care Mission of the McGill University Health Centre. However, more important than my physical commitment to the program is my personal goal to raise \$25 000 toward this effort. I hope I can count on your support. Your donations are essential to the success of future improvements in cancer care at the MUHC. Your generosity can help make a difference.

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