

Bill's Closings

Tuesday Seattle KP Cancer Support Group

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Most of us remember, and have laughed, and been encouraged by articles written by the late Erma Bombeck. About a dozen or so years ago, she wrote "If I Had My Life To Live Over Again." We had Group back then and I think Erma Bombeck must have been in it, and recorded things she heard around this table.

If she could re—live her life these are some of the things she would do:

- I would have talked less and listened more. I would have invited friends over to dinner, even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.
- I would have burned the scented candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.
- I would have cried and laughed less while watching television —~— and more while watching life. '
- I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending that earth would go into a holding pattern if I Weren't there for the day.
- And finally, There would have been more "I love you's"...more "I'm sorry's"...but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute...look at it and really see it...live it...and never give it back."

I like the phrase she used in saying if she had "another shot at life." In a sense, this is one of those "gifts of cancer" — giving us another shot at life. Perhaps you have pondered, as I have, "How different my life would have been if I had lived it *before cancer* as I have lived it *since cancer*."

No doubt about it, Erma Bombeck was a member of Group.

Miss you, thinking of you,

Bill