Dear Friend,

In May of last year, while my Mom bravely battled her cancer diagnosis, she wanted to give back to a local group of friends who run an organization "Touched by Cancer" who had been kind and loving to her during her nearly year-long battle with different forms of cancer.

We opened our farm for the Clays for Cancer Sporting Clay Event, thousands of dollars were raised and she was thrilled and proud to have so many friends to the home she built and that for a day, all of the sadness that had gone along with her battle could be replaced with smiles, laughs and memories for a good cause.

Later on in the summer, those happy times and positive outlooks on the farm were replaced with sadness and loss as a pretty damn strong person was taken from us far too soon. Many will miss her loving and caring heart, directness and unfailing support and loyalty to her friends and family.

With that, we had two options on how to proceed after the 2019 that we had. We could either choose to remember the sadness and focus on how mom was towards the end of her life. Or, we could remember her joy and happiness and excitement that she had with the successful Clays for Cancer event that represented the good times we shared.

For me, even though the loss has been hard, focusing on the positive and loving memories have begun to replace the sadness. And in that spirit, "Karen's Shoot" will go on again this year.

Cancer and loss can only truly win if we let it be the legacy of someone's life. But I refuse to let that happen to my Mom. Her legacy will be what she was – giving back, having fun and making sure that anyone who came on her farm was treated to a great experience.

There is no easier way for us to do that than to host this event. To those that sponsored us in 2019, I invite you back for what will be an even better year. For those that did not make it, please consider it as I do not think a single person left hungry or displeased with their afternoon.

I hope to see everyone at "Karen's Shoot" on Friday, October 9th supporting Touched by Cancer! Sincerely,

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