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Bloomfield, Missouri - The 6th Annual Larry and Kathy Jones Family H.O.P.E. Campaign has kicked off their 2017 fundraising event with proceeds directly benefiting area cancer patients.

The HOPE Campaign was initially established by the Jones family from Bloomfield in memory of Larry Jones in 2011 following his death. Last year, Larry's wife, Kathy, died of cancer. The family decided following their mother's death to rename the charity to include the name of Kathy Jones.

"It's hard to believe we're nearing the 6 month mark of when we lost our beloved mother," commented Lora Galati, "Mom loved the H.O.P.E. Campaign, and looked forward to the annual fundraiser each spring. Well, here we are, and it's that time again! In past years, we've held fish fries, raffles, sold pork loins and more. This year, our primary fundraiser will be t-shirt sales."

"When we lost Mom this past August we renamed the charity: Larry & Kathy Jones Family H.O.P.E. Campaign. This year, our new t-shirts reflect our new name. The design idea came easily this year. We used a photo that we took from our parents' farm the afternoon that our mother passed away. The sky was absolutely beautiful and so peaceful that day. There were three distinct sunrays, which are significant for us; we continue this Campaign of Healing, Optimism, Prayer and Example to honor the memories of Dad, Mom and our sister, Sara. We hope you like the new t-shirts, and we hope you'll consider

supporting the H.O.P.E. Campaign this year as we continue to raise prayers, funds and hope for area cancer warriors and individuals faced with life-threatening illnesses," commented Galati.

The shirts sell for \$15 each and are available in sizes small - 6XL. Sizes from 2XL - 6XL are \$18 each. Children sizes are also available.

Further information may be obtained through emailing larrybjoneshopecampaign@yahoo.com or call (314) 402-7777. Find them on Facebook by clicking HERE.

"This is our small way of giving back! We celebrate H.O.P.E. ~ Healing, Optimism, Prayer and Example," continued Galati.

Since March of 2011, this charity has raised over \$83,000 for area cancer warriors and individuals faced with life-threatening illness.

The H.O.P.E. Campaign is a division of 18 FORE Life, a 501(c)(3) charity, with a shared mission of benefiting area cancer warriors and individuals faced with life-threatening illness.

To date, 18 FORE Life has sent out over \$1,900,000.00 in love offerings to families all over Southeast Missouri. The generous donations and support to the charity have truly made a difference. But, there's "more work to do!"

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