

# **Randy Baumann**

Randy had an average childhood. He was born on April 3rd, 1965 at St. E's hospital. He was raised in Black Creek, WI.

In June of 2014 is when Randy found out he was ill. He broke out in severe hives and went to get his blood tested. It turned out his kidney was failing. He spent the next three days in the Janesville Hospital.

One year later, in May of 2015, Randy started dialysis. For dialysis he had to drive to Milwaukee three times a week because his kidney function was down below ten percent.

Randy's name wasn't always on the waitlist for a new kidney. The doctors started the process of putting him on the list in November of 2014. He finally was put on the list on August 4th, 2015. He was told to wait three to five years because of his rare blood type which is B positive.

On December 21st a miracle happened. Randy was rushed to the hospital to get a transplant. They found a perfect match. Only two percent of people get a perfect match, but he did.

It's been six weeks since his transplant, and Randy feels awesome. His doctors say he's recovering fine. Randy's family includes: two sons named Brandon and Colby, a daughter named Tabatha, his wife Jan, two dogs named Mac and Remy, two cats named Smokey and Bandit, and horses.

I chose Randy for my hero because he inspired me to always remember there's hope. Also that you should never give up.