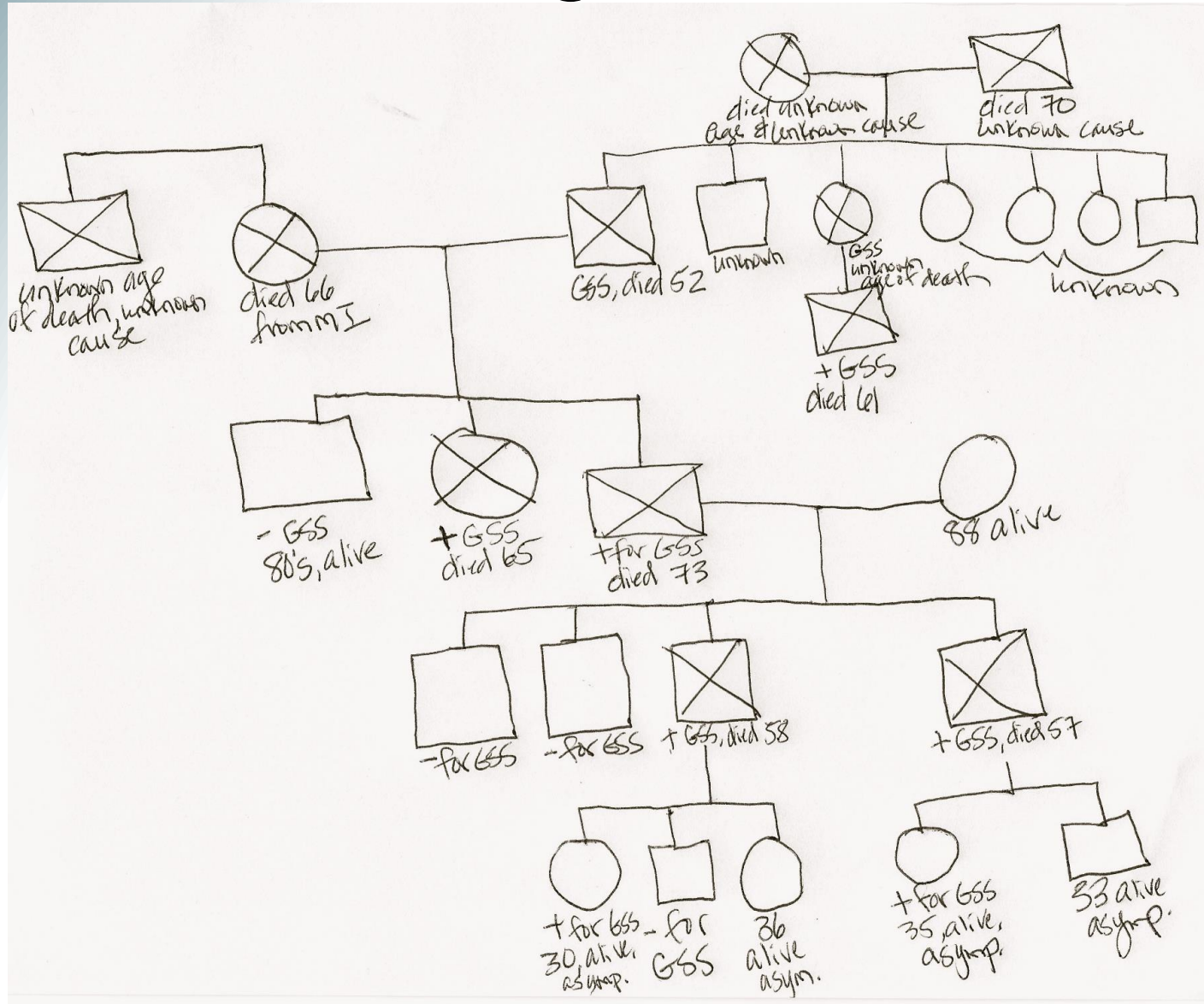


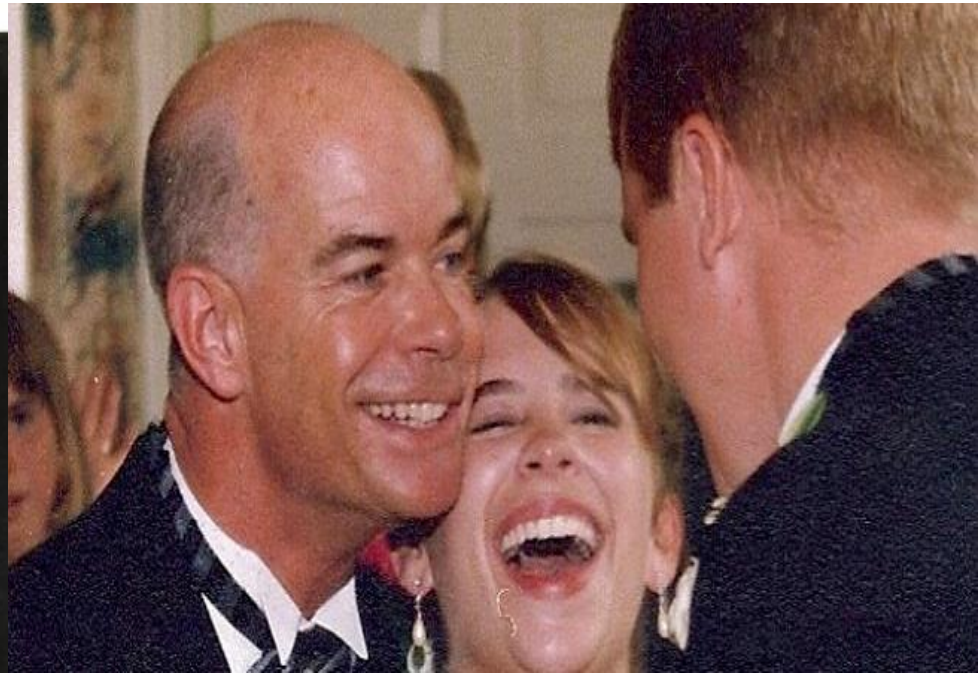
**After IVF with PGD: Where Do
We Go From Here?**

Background





My Dad and I a couple of months after his diagnosis. He passed away 6 years later at the age of 58.



My uncle with his daughter and son-in-law. He developed GSS and passed away at the age of 57.



If my disease progression is similar to my father's, in my early 50's I will start to display the first symptoms of GSS and by the time I reach my late 50's, I will be dead.

“Our borders and our obstacles can only do two things to us; stop us in our tracks or force us to get creative.”

-Steve Jobs

Why did I do IVF with PGD?

- For myself
- For my children
- For my dad
- For future generations to come
- For Bradley

Five years later...

- Why did I go public with my family's story?
 - To hopefully raise awareness of prion diseases
 - Help at least one person feel like life is still worth living
 - To let others affected by a genetic disease (including genetic prion diseases) know that if they are considering starting a family, but are concerned about passing on a genetic disorder, there are reproductive options available. IVF with PGD is just one of those options. **Other options are listed on the last slide. For more details about these options, please feel free to contact me.**
 - To give others hope and the courage to get creative.
 - When life gets tough, put on your boxing gloves. Find your way to fight back. Robin Roberts said it perfectly, "Make your mess a message. Find the meaning behind whatever it is you are going through because everybody's got something." I'm using my something to help others who are going through similar struggles.





Options Available

- Natural Conception
- Prenatal Diagnosis
- Termination of Pregnancy
- Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis
- Gamete (egg or sperm) donation
- Adoption

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