



“We grew up
with words
we didn’t
speak, like
cancer.

That’s the problem.
There is too much
silence about colon
screening.”

— *Ruby James, Yakama*
Portland, Oregon
Cancer Survivor



Ruby was diagnosed with colon cancer at age 27. Since then, she has been diagnosed and treated many times. But Ruby will never give up — no matter what.

Her type of colon cancer runs in her family. Her grandchildren and daughter also have it. They all have to have regular colon screenings. But they go through it together...as a family.

“I think it is easy for many people to just give up and not work at staying healthy or going to get that screening test. It takes someone like me to sit and talk with them and hear my story...we need to talk to another person we trust about cancer.”

COLON SCREENING CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE.
Get screened after you turn 50. If you have a family history, start screening earlier. Don’t wait for your doctor to bring it up. Ask to have a colorectal wellness screening TODAY.

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logo after her husband’s
cancer was prevented with
colorectal screening. Her
drawing shares her personal
experience and shows how
colorectal cancers are
experienced not just by the
patient, but by the entire
family. The experience of
colorectal cancer is tied to
life, health, and family.

