

## Welcome Aboard

This site celebrates the life of Ernie Wallengren, an ordinary guy who fought an extraordinary battle. In spite of a disease that paralyzed him, robbed him of speech and eventually took his life, he never stopped believing that Dreams Don't Die. We share his dreams - a cure for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) - and on this site we introduce you to Ernie and the campaign his life inspired.

We want you to laugh with us, cry with us, dream with us, and join us in banishing ALS to history. Even as you read this someone is being diagnosed with ALS, a disease that for now is a one-way street to a dead end. Thirty thousand people - men and women, young and old - are praying right now for a cure with many, like Ernie, taking an active part in raising awareness of their disease, participating in research trials, and along the way living their lives with humor and dignity and acceptance.

Please explore this site. Get to know Ernie and witness his struggle. Become his friend. Help us keep his dream alive. If this is your first visit here , please feel free to browse around this site. All menus are 'clickable', if you have an account or wish to create one for Hoopfest 2010, click on 'Hoopfest Registration / Login '. Creating an account or logging in with an existing account will provide you with additional functionality and will allow us to become better acquainted! Welcome aboard!