The Monroe Dunaway Anderson Society was created to pay tribute to the generosity of special individuals who have made commitments to the fight against cancer by naming M. D. Anderson Cancer Center as a beneficiary in their wills or estates. The Monroe Dunaway Anderson Society is a way for us to recognize this enduring contribution.

There are no membership fees or minimum gift amounts to join The Monroe Dunaway Anderson Society. The size and specific details of your gift is entirely your choice and remain confidential. If you have already included M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in a bequest or other planned gift, we hope you will let us know. Your willingness to be listed as a member of The Monroe Dunaway Anderson Society is not only encouraged, it will inspire doctors, researchers and patients through the knowledge that M. D. Anderson Cancer Center will continue Making Cancer History® for generations to come. If you have not included M. D. Anderson as part of your plans, please consider giving the gift of life, hope and health to those who are fighting cancer.

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Coleman’s next goal? Helping others eliminate the Ultimate Goal

It was 1985. “I had no injury or any reason to believe anything was going on. I was sound asleep one Tuesday night, but I woke up screaming in pain. It was very strange,” he says. Being an athlete, Coleman was accustomed to bumps and bruises. But by Friday, when he developed a large, swollen area above his elbow, he called his orthopedist. After a series of tests, Coleman was diagnosed with hairy cell leukemia. He underwent surgery, followed by six weeks in the hospital — the first two in intensive care. Then he was homebound for three months, continually monitoring his blood count in the hope that his condition would improve enough to allow him to receive treatment for the leukemia.

The Treatment

Coleman began his initial treatment at the University of Chicago, but in the meantime, his mother began learning all she could about the disease. When a friend told her about an article in Time Magazine explaining a treatment at M. D. Anderson, she knew she wanted to learn all she could about the disease. When a friend told her about an article in Time Magazine explaining a treatment at M. D. Anderson, she knew

The Diagnosis

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