

Trauma Survivors Network Peer Visitor

Expertise in Traumatic Amputation-Patient Perspective

WAYNE



Wayne: On Sunday, April 20th, 2008 Wayne was riding on his 2005 Harley Davidson “Fatboy” south on Hwy 231 in Lebanon when his motorcycle crash occurred. While approaching the entrance to Cedars of Lebanon State Park, a car heading north on 231 cut across in front of him. Locking up both brakes and swerving to the right to avoid the collision, he hit the bumper and side wheel of the other vehicle and was thrown several feet upon impact. Bystanders immediately came to his aid, one of which was an off duty firefighter who kept Wayne awake until the EMT’s arrived. Given the extensive injuries to his foot, Wayne was immediately transported to Vanderbilt via LifeFlight. Wayne sustained severe de-gloving to his left foot and extensive nerve and tissue damage. Although doctors told him that they could try to repair the nerve damage, it would only prolong the inevitable of a future partial foot amputation. Agreeing to amputate his foot partially, doctors soon realized during surgery that the nerve and tissue damage was far greater than originally anticipated. The damage actually went all the way up to his knee. Wayne had a second surgery to have his leg amputated 8 inches below his left knee. Wayne spent 6 day in Vanderbilt Trauma before going home to relearn how to walk with a prosthesis. Wayne is recovering well despite periodic phantom pain. He still enjoys riding motorcycles and helping newly amputee trauma patients through Peer Visiting with the Trauma Survivors Network.

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