



Congratulations
Denise!

“With a full heart and tear-stained cheeks, I summited Mt. Katahdin today (September 13, 2004).”

Once again, Cheryl's memory was my hiking partner; today, a clearly vivid partner. During my 5,268' ascent, I revisited all 14 states, my trail relationships trail towns, trail magic, amazing wildlife, God's natural wonders, and my love for my dear husband, Bruce, and my three children, Christina, Bruce, and Brittany. I contemplated my renewed relationship with God. I prayed for breast cancer victims and their families. I thanked God for the opportunity to raise money for those families and for guiding me safely throughout my 2,174 mile odyssey. I thought about my conversation with Cheryl as she lay dying. Cheryl was afraid that people would forget about her. I promised her that I would NEVER allow that to happen. From Georgia to Maine, Cheryl's memory lives on! There will be forget-me-nots growing wildly all along the AT! And when the forget-me-not seeds miraculously bloom on mighty Mt. Katahdin, it will be by the grace of God... in loving memory of my dear sister, Cheryl Rose Counts Walden.

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Ladybug – Denise Hill

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