

Rory Feek: Joey's Greatest Dream Came True

Joey Feek, half of country duo Joey+Rory went to the arms of her Savior last week, a transition her husband calls a dream come true.

"My wife's greatest dream came true today. She is in Heaven," Rory Feek wrote in a blog post. "The cancer is gone, the pain has ceased and all her tears are dry. Joey is in the arms of her beloved brother Justin and using her pretty voice to sing for her Savior."

Doctors diagnosed Joey with cervical cancer years ago. Though the surgery was initially successful, the cancer returned with a vengeance. In October 2015, Joey stopped cancer treatments.

Through her courageous battle, though, Joey's faith was always on display.

"I wasn't mad at Him; I wasn't upset," Joey told the *Tennessean* of her relationship with God after her cancer returned. "I was just greatly disappointed. I really thought we had it. I thought, 'I'm going to be that exception. I'm going to be that statistic that stands out and says, 'She fought it.' We did the most extreme surgery we can do in the gynecologic world, and she did well.' But for whatever reason, it wasn't enough, and God had different plans. I was disappointed. I was exhausted.

" ... But God decided for me that my job of singing for people down here is my legacy, and He needs me singing up there. That's how I look at it."

In a video tribute for his wife, who died March 4, Rory sang about how Joey's faith was indeed strong enough to save her.

"In the time that God gave her ... I believe Joey's given all she could give. She's loved all she could love, and lived all she could live. And her faith ... yes, it's strong enough to save her. I know she's done Him and all of us proud ... in the time that He gave her," Rory sang.