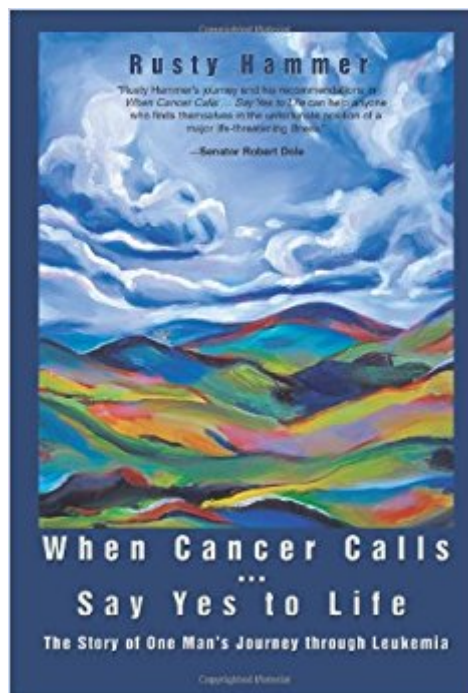




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# When Cancer Calls &#133; Say Yes To Life: The Story Of One Man&#146;s Journey Through Leukemia



## Synopsis

Rusty Hammer is an inspiration We have watched his battle with admiration, for it is a tribute to the human spirit, and to the dignity and courage of a good man. -Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa City of Los Angeles Shortly after his fiftieth birthday in 2003, Rusty Hammer's life irrevocably changed.

Diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of leukemia, he had two choices: fight or give in. And he chose to fight. When Cancer Calls Say Yes to Life shares Rusty Hammer's courageous journey through cancer. With rare candor, Hammer describes how he faced his future with hope instead of succumbing to the blackness of despair. Hammer illustrates how imperative it is to live our lives to the fullest for our own emotional and physical well-being. But Hammer takes his story one step further. He provides sound ideas on how the medical community can better serve patients confronted with this dreaded disease, and also reveals alternative ways to help cancer patients cope with their diagnosis. Honest and heartfelt, When Cancer Calls Say Yes to Life offers comfort and encouragement to those newly diagnosed with cancer or who have fought the disease for years.

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Rusty Hammer was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia in 2003. He has succeeded in political life and as a non-profit, and corporate. Hammer currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Marrow Donor Program. He and his wife, Pamela, live in San Jose, California.

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I met Rusty in Fall of 2007, when he worked with a group at Los Gatos High School (CA) putting on Wit, the Pulitzer Price winning play about a 50 year old professor of John Dunne, who is diagnosed with stage IV ovarian cancer. His humility, yet passion for life and continued willingness to give amazed me. I bought his book during his first book signing event, and read it right after that. It was like the man in person, full of transparency, openness about the tough road he travelled, and very useful advice for fellow travelers. When I went to his memorial, the auditorium was filled to capacity with people he touched through all stages of his life. A little more than a year later I was diagnosed with a cancer not quite as difficult as his, but the road is not an easy one. I reread his book, and it is always by my bedside, more poignant than ever. It gives both practical advice, and shares his spirit of hope and saying 'yes' to life. I would unreservedly recommend it to anybody interested in what cancer is like from a patient perspective, and how to deal with it both practically and spiritually written in a clear and direct, yet personal way.

Rusty's book is a candid account of his experience living with cancer. It reflects his spirit and enthusiasm for life. Rusty lived every day to its fullest until he passed away on January 28th, 2008. He will be missed but will live on through this fabulous story.

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