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At 67, I was shocked to learn I had breast cancer. In January, after showering, I ran my hand across my chest, I said to me wife, I have 2 nipples and the left side. She called UNC nurse line and told to see me right away. Went through a mammogram, sonogram, and biopsy. The nurse told me I had cancer! I looked at my wife, back to nurse and said we got this! I did a gene test and learned o had the BRCA 2 gene mutation. Took a positive attitude from the beginning! My daughter also tested positive. Have reached out to my 18 cousins and share gene information and to follow up. I have 50 pounds, but put ½ weight back on. Another positive side. With attitude and prayer, I went through the chemo with no reaction. I have been fortunate with many supporters. It is unusual for men to get breast cancer, a small number. But what I have learned, the people I have met, doctors and staff have been wonderful. I want to help others and make them aware. Help more people to self testing and see their doctors timely!