



## A Journey Through Fire: ALS - Memoir of a Caregiver

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Createspace, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 226 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Life changed forever when the doctor diagnosed my husband with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig s disease. Extreme tragedy, dread, and grief surrounded us as the disease stalked him unmercifully. It finally defeated him with death after long months of torture. There were many challenges during our journey. We struggled to accept the inevitable, understand the disease and its consequences, and to find appropriate medical care and treatment. The mental, emotional, and heart-wrenching consequences of grief, despair, fear, helplessness, and then hopelessness were the greatest challenges of all. At the time of my husband s diagnosis, I had been a practicing R.N for forty-five years. I had cared for many people with serious or terminal illnesses, and suffering and death were not foreign to me. However, I knew little about ALS. I recalled from nursing school that it is a rather rare disease with no known cure. As I began the search for information, it became clear very quickly that this was no ordinary disease, but an exceedingly ruthless and deadly affliction. The care for someone...

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