



Andrea Battit Fisher  
1959-1999

The project is made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Elizabeth Lane and family. Andrea Battit Fisher, Elizabeth Lane's daughter, met the challenges of living with ALS with courage, determination and a sense of humor. Andrea, who died in 1999 at the age of 39, was an attorney, wife, mother, daughter, and cherished friend. Andrea's own video created a lasting memory for those who loved her. The video reflects how Andrea's hope, optimism, and resilient spirit triumphed in the face of illness.

If you would like to make a donation to the Andrea Battit Fisher Fund, please contact the Development Office at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at 617-667-7330.

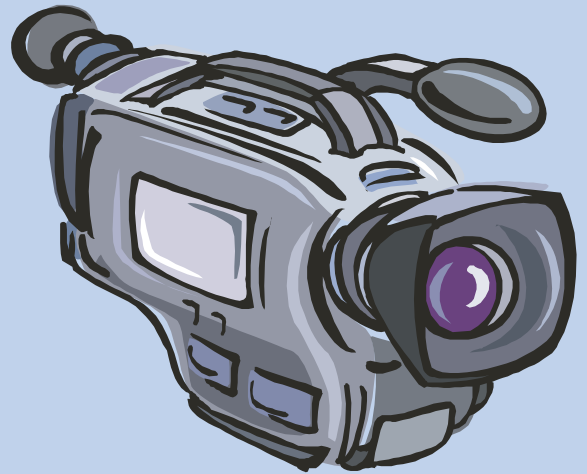
*Life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon, and the horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.*



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## *In Your Own Words:* The ALS Video Legacy Project



Our team is pleased to offer patients with ALS the opportunity to create a legacy video, "In Your Own Words."

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, in conjunction with the family of Andrea Batit Fisher, invites patients with ALS to create a video keepsake. Each patient will create a unique video that has meaning for them. The video provides a way for patients to capture thoughts, feelings, hopes, and values, and may also inspire important discussions with loved ones. A clinical social worker from our team meets with patients and families to plan the video, which will be produced by a professional videographer. Filming the video can be done at home, at the hospital, or another place that has special significance.

If you would like more information about this project, we invite you to speak to a member of the ALS treatment team, or to call our Department of Social Work at 617-667-3421.

**A**myotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, is a disorder that causes slowly progressive loss of muscle function. Amyotrophic is a greek word. The "a" means "no," "myo" translates to "muscle," and "trophic" means "nourishment." So when put together, amyotrophic combines to mean "no muscle nourishment." The nerve cells that control voluntary muscles in the central nervous system are involved. The cause of ALS is unknown and currently there is no cure. ALS is also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, after the famous baseball player who died from it in 1941.

The Motor Neuron Disorders Clinic at BIDMC uses an integrated team approach to provide specialized, comprehensive care for individuals who have ALS and related disorders. The ALS treatment team strives to provide the highest level of medical, functional, emotional, and spiritual support to those with ALS and their families.

If you would like more information about the Motor Neuron Disorders Clinic at BIDMC, please call 617-667-8130.