

Why I Walk

A Mother's Day Tribute

This Mother's Day we honor those mothers, grandmothers, aunts and sisters who have left us too early due to Alzheimer's disease. Marica Pethke and her sister Sara Smith lost their mother, Fay, to Alzheimer's in 2010.

"When I think of my mom, her smile and her generosity always come to mind," Marica shared. "She was a giving person and always helped others out. She was involved in church, 4-H and loved spending time with her grandkids."

"After she passed, we wanted to do something in her memory," Marica said. "We joined the Walk to End Alzheimer's® and created *The Alzheimer's Fighters* Walk team. I truly believe that we will figure this out and find a cure, but it's only through raising funds and awareness. Maybe not in my lifetime, but in my kids' lifetime." In addition to her mother, Marica walks for her father-in-law and cousin who are both on a journey with Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Fighters have an annual rummage sale and brat/bake sale to raise funds for their Walk team. Join them at the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Stevens Point on September 17.



Marcia Pethke
Bear Creek, WI



Fay



Sisters, Marcia and Sara

