

## Champion Allen Cathey

Grove City, OH



**Diagnosis date:** September 2001

**What was your first symptom?** Numbness in my feet and legs.

**How does MS affect your daily life?** I am only able to walk a few steps and I have had to switch careers. I am in a wheelchair full time now. I don't have energy to do the things I love to do.

**Why is Bike MS or the Ohio Buckeye Chapter important to you?** The support shown from people willing to give their time and money inspires me. I know I am not alone in this fight. We need to make everyone aware of MS and that the National MS Society is a great source of information, resources, and support.

**How has the National MS Society helped you, or how have you been involved with the Society?** I attended the Columbus Walk last year and plan on going again this year. I also received magazines with inspiring stories as well as new advances in finding a cure for a disease.

**What is your message to the riders?** Thank you for taking the time to show you care. I am amazed at the amount of people who do this.

**Favorite movie:** Varsity Blues

**Favorite musician:** I don't really have one.

**Hobbies/pastimes:** I camp and boat as often as I can. I love to be outside.

**What is something most people don't know about you?** I love to cook.

**Who is your hero?** My wife, Ellen, has been with me for over 30 years and when I was diagnosed she did not bat an eye. She has made sure I have whatever I need to keep moving. She supports me and encourages me. I am so lucky to have her as my best friend as well.

**Identifier:** Something Miami Dolphins related. They are my favorite NFL team.