Relay for Life supports victims, survivors

More than 130 luminaries lit

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The American Cancer Society teamed up with Rand Park and the City of Keokuk for its annual Relay for Life fundraising and awareness event held at Rand Park in Keokuk. "Relay For Life is a community-based fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Each year, more than 5,000 Relay For Life events take place in over 20 countries. Events are held in the United States, military communities, universities and in virtual campaigns. As the American Cancer Society’s most successful fundraiser and the organization's signature event, the mission of Relay For Life is to fundraise to improve cancer survival, decrease the incidence of cancer, and improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their caretakers," according to information from the American Cancer Society.

The Relay for Life event in Keokuk this year placed 137 luminarias in Rand Park where survivors walked a path to remember those who lost their battle with cancer and marked the path where survivors walked in hope, strength, and solidarity that a cure will be found. The Survivor Lap, which is often the first lap of a Relay event, is used to identify the survivors. Opening with the Survivor Lap, the event begins with the lighting of the luminarias. Each bag honors a person who either have lost their life to cancer, beat cancer or is still fighting. The bags for the past few years have been placed around the flower garden area in Rand Park.

For Lance’s part of that particular story, he said Ramo was driving for the Auto Parts building, 3971 Springfield, Illinois, that day, finishing 15th, “Corrie and Lance Stott. For him a feeling of pride when he got the engine put in and for Lance it was a time he was really involved in getting his father’s race car put together. “Pop won, I had an average day, finishing 15th,” Corrie told those gathered at the fifth Keokuk Racers Reunion held Saturday at the NAPA Auto Parts building, 3971 Main Street.

For Lance’s part of that particular story, he said Ramo was driving for the Pierce Brothers out of farmers. He would let dad get the car and they get the mechanic ready for racing. Then it gave him a feeling of pride when his father crossed the finish line first.

Lance said he started racing in 1984, at the Lee County Speedway in Davenport, and had his best year in 1988, winning 18 features. “It fell like, when we went to the track, we did no poorer than third,” he said. He always fished it was kind of cool, to be on the road driving a semi somewhere and someone see his info and ask if he was related to Ramo. “Yes, I am,” he said. He also get the question a lot it was a time he was driving a semi somewhere.

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