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In December 2017, Billie woke up with a droopy eyelid and double vision. Her son, who is in the medical field, got her in to see a neurologist right away. Dr. Jenny Guerre of Glenwood Neurology diagnosed Billie with myasthenia gravis, a long-term neuromuscular disease that leads to varying degrees of muscle weakness, commonly in the eyes and face. It can result in double vision, drooping eyelids, speech and walking difficulties. A CT Scan was ordered to make sure there were no other complications.

The results of the CT scan showed a thymoma, a tumor originating in the epithelial cells of the thymus gland. Thymomas are frequently associated with myasthenia gravis.

Dr. Guerre referred Billie to cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon, Dr. Harry Donias at the Glenwood Heart & Vascular Institute. Because Billie's tumor was close to her heart, Dr. Donias performed a transsternal thymectomy completely removing the tumor and the surgery was a success.

"Everyone including the nurses, technicians, hospitalist, and of course Dr. Donias were excellent caregivers!"

Billie G.
of Strong, Arkansas

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