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Coronary Artery Bypass / ICD

Rusty had never experienced any symptoms that would lead to him to believe that anything was wrong with his heart. But one morning, he woke up and could hardly breathe. He had a lot of fluid in his lungs, so his wife, Donna, took him to the ER at Glenwood Medical Regional Center. He was admitted “right away” because the doctors at Glenwood determined it was his heart. Dr. Gregory Sampagnaro performed a heart catheterization to evaluate how bad the blockages were, and to see if there was any other damage that could be repaired with stents alone. All of the blockages could not be reached with stents alone. Rusty was then sent to Dr. Harry Donias, Glenwood’s Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon, for a consultation. At that time, Dr. Donias explained to Rusty the procedure that he would need, a coronary artery bypass, to repair his heart.

Rusty also had to get an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD), a small electronic monitoring device installed inside the chest to prevent sudden death from cardiac arrest due to life threatening abnormally fast heart rhythms. Dr. Donias also recommended that he participate in Cardiac Rehab due to a bout with pneumonia following the procedure. Since surgery, the ICD and Cardiac Rehab, Rusty feels much more like himself again and is back at work.

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of West Monroe

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