



My name is Don Royer. I am really good looking and I believe this is the cause for my Friedreich's Ataxia.

I was diagnosed with this disorder about 8 years ago when I was 25 (right at the peak of my male modeling career). I had known for a several years that something wasn't right but, refused to seek help.

Then I was thrown out of a bar after 1 drink because they said I "appeared intoxicated". I think it had more to do with being dressed as Axel Rose. The bouncers appeared to hate 80's hairbands. It was after this moment that I knew I needed to find out what was happening with my body.

After several months and a battery of tests, I had my answer.

What is Friedreich's Ataxia I wondered?

Well, eight years later I know what it is. I fight it every day, armed with good looks, humor and wit. I married the most amazing woman, she fights this with me each day. My body may be getting weaker but, my mind is getting stronger (that sounds like a country song).

With the strength of the FA community and the power in Hope, I know we will find a cure for this disease. Thank you. A little love for y'all!