



## Go Back and Be Happy

*A devastating injury left Julie at the gates of heaven...*

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*The streaming light beckons me to enter. Like a moth, I have an inner urgency to go to that light source. . . . Every part of me wants to become part of this light. I know it's a pathway that will bring me to where I'm ultimately supposed to be.*

Little did Julie know that a quick trip to the mall would send her straight to the gates of heaven and back. After her divorce, she struggled to find purpose in life, but a reckless teenage driver caused an accident that would force Julie to reexamine her existence.

After sustaining a traumatic brain stem injury from the accident—an injury with only a 4% survival rate—Julie finds herself on heaven's doorstep, greeted by her two grandmothers. Although she wants desperately to follow her grandmothers into heaven, she is told that her body will heal, and to “go back and be happy.”

When Julie wakes from a month-long coma, she finds herself paralyzed. As an athlete, she finds this hard to swallow, but her memory of heaven and what she experienced there have given her new meaning and a new will to recover and get more out of life. *Go Back and Be Happy* chronicles her amazing journey toward healing—a journey that ends with a 5K race, a triathlon, and an incredible spiritual turn-around.

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