

Micky Barry/Rebecca Grafton
Patient Testimonial
Storm Eye Institute/Magill Laser Center

Rebecca Grafton researched LASIK eye surgery to correct her near and far-sightedness for five years before finding the right surgeon at Magill Laser Center. And she thanks her mother Micky Barry for the good advice.

“My mother had the cataract in her left eye removed in June 2004 by Dr. David Vroman at Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina,” Rebecca says. “He was very reassuring and answered all of her questions honestly. You could tell he really cared. That honesty was important to me when choosing someone to do my own surgery.”

Ms. Barry has a hole in the retina of her right eye so finding the right doctor for her cataract surgery was important, too. “Dr Vroman was very reassuring. And he had a sense of humor. I put notes on my body to indicate which eye he was supposed to work on,” she says. “Dr. Vroman thought that was funny.” Ms. Barry describes having the first cataract removed as a ‘born again’ experience. “So in November I decided to have my other one removed. I was amazed at how easy the procedure was. I was aware of everything and completely comfortable.” She had no idea how poor her vision had become or how it was affecting her quality of life. “I didn’t realize how bad my vision actually was until after the surgery. I could drive at night again. I could see the marsh outside of my window.”

Knowing that her mother’s surgery was a success, Rebecca, now 45, turned her attention to correcting her own vision problems. Having worn glasses since the 4th grade, she was tired of her glasses fogging up during outdoor activities and wanted to look at a clock and actually see what time it was. “I just wanted to see without the hassle of glasses or contacts,” she says.

For Rebecca, finding the right surgeon was more important than cost. And she knew that having a local physician perform her LASIK surgery meant more personalized attention. “I would advise anyone thinking about LASIK to come to Magill for a consultation so they can get all of their questions answered,” she says. “I’m thankful my mother had her cataract removed successfully. And I’m especially thankful that she introduced me to Dr. Vroman. I know I made the right decision when I chose Magill Laser Center.”