

Marilyn Lawrimore
Patient Testimonial
Storm Eye Institute

For Marilyn Lawrimore, good vision wasn't just something she wanted, her career as a realtor depended on it. The inability to see listings, to read the phone book and to review paperwork gave Marilyn the motivation she needed to seek medical treatment for her vision loss.

In 2003 Marilyn received the news that her diminished vision was the result of cataracts in both of her eyes. Her doctor referred her to Kerry Solomon, MD, at Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina for further evaluation. "I knew I was in good hands at Storm Eye Institute. Dr. Solomon came highly recommended so I trusted his judgment," she says. Because her cataracts were affecting her quality of life, the decision to remove them was easy.

"While discussing my options in what type of lens to have implanted I learned about a clinical trial for a new lens called ReSTOR which could also treat my need for reading glasses." Marilyn chose to participate in the clinical trial and had her first eye implanted with ReSTOR in May 2003 with her second eye to follow later that August. "The surgery was easy. In less than the amount of time it took me to get ready that morning, my first cataract was gone and my vision restored." Marilyn followed Dr. Solomon's instructions and took it easy the night of surgery but the next morning was ecstatic. "I saw a burst of colors. I had forgotten how bright colors could be, what it was like to read the newspaper. I still can't believe I no longer need glasses for anything."

Now 71 years young, Marilyn appreciates her new lease on life and her experience with Storm Eye Institute. "People ask me what I did with my glasses after the surgery. I tell them I politely put them in a drawer and haven't looked at them since."

Approved March 21, 2005 by the FDA and offered at Storm Eye Institute, Alcon's AcrySof ReSTOR, is the first and only intraocular lens that uses apodized diffractive technology to provide cataract patients with and without presbyopia a full-range of quality vision.

Clinical studies show that 80 percent of patients who received the lens did not use glasses for any activities after cataract surgery and 84 percent of those receiving the lens in both eyes achieved distance visual acuity of 20/25 or better and near visual acuity of 20/32 or better without correction by contacts or glasses.