

Anne Woods
Patient Testimonial
Storm Eye Institute

At the age of 68, Anne Woods started to become a recluse. She was losing her vision and was afraid to venture too far from her Sugar Loaf Island home. The previously active retiree started to trip and fall. She was embarrassed and her family constantly worried about her safety.

Years ago, Anne was told she had cataracts in both of her eyes but was advised to wait until they “ripened” to have them fixed. And because she wore glasses, she assumed that her problems were from aging, not from her vision. “The glasses fooled me. I didn’t realize that my depth perception was off.” Anne knew it was time to see her family physician when she no longer wanted to take her annual vacation with her daughter. “I didn’t want to do anything because I had become so clumsy. My family was worried, I was worried. What a relief to learn from my family physician that my problems were related to the cataracts and that those could be fixed.”

Anne’s doctor referred her to Kerry Solomon, MD, at the Albert Florens Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina. “Dr. Solomon was wonderful,” she says. “He was very comforting and thorough. He answered my questions, looked me in the eye when he spoke to me and was very comforting.”

Anne chose to have both of her cataracts removed within two weeks of one another, and immediately experienced 20/20 vision. “I could see as soon as I got off the operating table,” she says. “The first thing I noticed was that I was wearing mismatched socks – one blue and one black.”

With her vision restored, Anne has returned to her favorite activities – traveling, attending church and playing bridge. She credits Storm Eye Institute with returning her to a full life. “My eyes were everything. When I lost my eyesight I lost my life. Everyone should know about this procedure. There was no pain and no anxiety,” she said. “It was a life changing experience. We are so lucky to have Storm Eye Institute and Dr. Solomon right here in South Carolina.”