

'I don't want to die': Rhoda star Valerie Harper, 76, says she exercises daily to cope with terminal cancer diagnosis she received **THREE YEARS** ago

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She was diagnosed with terminal [cancer](#) of the lining of the brain in 2013, but is still going strong.

And on Wednesday Valerie Harper told [Closer Weekly](#) she has no plan on giving in to the fight.

'I don't want to die,' said the 76-year-old TV vet, who appeared on The Mary Tyler Moore show and Rhoda in the 1960s and 1970s. 'All of us have the same thing coming- death. It's waiting. But I don't want to go. I want to live to be 102!'

The TV icon added: 'Life is amazing, live it to the fullest. Stay as long as you can.'

The brunette beauty talked to the publication while at the Tower Cancer Research Foundation Hope Gala in Beverly Hills on May 19.

She also said she has been thriving since she was diagnosed with brain cancer three years ago.

'I saw my doctor last week and I'[m doing really well,' confided the Dancing With The Stars vet.

'Some days I feel icky, but today I'm feeling good.'

She credits her well being to taking care of herself.

Harper said she eats right and still exercises as much as she can. It also helps that her husband, Tony Cacciotti, used to be a personal trainer to the stars.

'My husband is the best caregiver in the world,' she said.

'He makes me exercise. So many of us don't. We think it's food that matters the most, but exercise and food both matter.'

Tony also talked to Closer. 'She is very strong in what she is going through. She is staying positive.'



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On the go: The actress talked to Closer when at the Tower Cancer Research Foundation's Tower of Hope Gala at The Beverly Hilton Hotel on May 19

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