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I fully support the DWD bill, I have had 2 partners die horrible and painful deaths. Jeff my first partner died from AIDS, he had HIV for many years and began to suffer on the 25th December 1992, as his illness progressed I had a team of friends and volunteers assist me 24 hours a day. The last 2 weeks of his life he did not know me, our relationship was 15 years. We had talked about if he had pain to squeeze my hand or blink his eyes, this did not happen and all we did was to put 6 drops of water in his mouth every half an hour and applied moisturiser to his lips. He was on a syringe driver delivering Morpheme into his arm to stop the pain but no food as he could not eat. I kept him clean and he had lost so much weight, only bone and skin was left, my der Jeff eventually passed away on the 27th March, 1993 at our home. Jeff pleaded with me in January of 1993 to end his life and as much as I would have loved to end his suffering I knew it was against the law. To this day I still have fond and very sad memories of our time together.

After being single for 2 years I was fortunate to meet another Partner, someone I had the love and commitment for 25 years. Allan was dragonised with throat cancer on the 30th November 2013, after treatment at Princess Alexandra Hospital he returned home, we had many visits to the Hospital for treatment and then home again, the cancer, radium and chemo was progressing rapidly and on the 4th of March I urgently called the Palliative Care Nurse from PA to assist me at home as I could not stop the pain and illness. The nurse vigorously tried to find a bed for Allan in Palliative Care and at 5 pm that afternoon he was transported to QE11 Hospital for care. I left the hospital that night at 10pm and returned at 7.30 am the next day to spend my time with the person I loved. So sad to see Allan slowly fading away, all I could do was to tell him how much I love him and to let go, my darling died at 7 pm that night, he drowned in his own blood and saliva.

These 2 deaths have left a horrible impact on my life, both Jeff and Allan did not deserve to die such a painful and indigufied death, they both would have loved to end their suffering earlier if given the chance.

I strongly support the bill for myself and anyone who wishes do die with dignity and no suffering horrific pain.

If you wish for me to give further information, my telephone number is [REDACTED]

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