

Health and Environment Committee

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To whom will care and read,

I have shorten this story so it's not a novel to read, but I think you will get my point

I watched my mum pass away June 2018 to cancer. We didn't expect it would be so soon and thought she would be home from hospital within a few days. But it went real bad, real quick. I called my dad to the hospital and he arrived just in time. I had just asked for more pain relief as he walked in, by this time it was getting serious. The pain went from bad to worse in a matter of mins. I soon asked for more pain relief again, the beautiful nurses told us that there was no coming back from this, but it didn't matter. she was in pain.

Within that hour I was begging for a needle full of morphine, so I could stop the pain myself. The most beautiful person in my life, that I never wanted to lose, I wanted to kill because death would have been a blessing then going through that kind of pain. My father and Melinda's husband of 40 years and I were beside ourselves unable to do anything but watch her in agony. We couldn't get into her morphine pump(I always wondered why they were key locked). There was just nothing we could do. They had given her all the drugs they had charted and they had to wake up a doctor to get permission to give her something else.

This was about 3 hour process but slowly the grunting and moaning stoped and it was only her face that gave away she was still in pain. Once all the drugs kicked in and finally work, her face looked pain free. I like to think by that time her mind wasn't there. Her body kept working for about another 24hrs but that was okay and natural also still a little confronting but nothing as to what we had just watched her go through. Cancer may have taken my mum and be a horrible disease but we can't do anything about that yet, but surely we can stop another human going through that kind of torture. Something has to change.

We don't let our animals go through that kind of pain, so why would we let the ones we love go through it. VAD will not take any extra lives, but it will stop so many people from suffering.

Please make the change and bring in Voluntary assisted dying now.

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