

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into End of Life Choices

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My aunt in her late 80's, was mentally alert but physically frail and resided in a nursing home. Her family and friends, made the effort to visit her frequently. She was often in tears saying that she prayed every night she would not wake up, also saying everyone in the home was sadly just waiting to die. With out a doubt, especially those suffering, wanted to get it over and done with.

With no hope of ever leaving the home, most if offered, would welcome the option of voluntary euthanasia.

This voluntary act, would also save the family and tax payer a huge expense.

As well, a friend of mine sat with her 42 year old daughter for 2 months just watching her, highly drugged, slowly dying of cancer. Sadly since the funeral, my friend has had a series of breakdowns and has not been well for the past 2 years.. Two lovely people have suffered greatly. For what benefit?

When my daughter took her lovely Labrador who had cancer to the Vet, she hugged him during his final injection and thought, why cannot humans be treated just as humanly as her dog, possibly also in the arms of a loved one.

I do not intend to suffer or be a burden to my family, and will do what ever is necessary if the time ever comes, to end it as peacefully as I can.