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The choice to die a dignified death in extreme cases should be legalised to not only give the wider community faith that if something horrible happens they can die with dignity and the friends and family can be with them in this time. I have witnessed a family member deteriorate very quickly from dementia and he knew he was losing his mind, he did not want to be a burden on family and have his dignity taken away, I believe his biggest fear was being here in body but not in mind which was inevitable at that time. Whilst at the time we didn't know, he chose to not take vital tablets for survival and passed away peacefully in his sleep, others not so lucky.

A family friend who watched her father wither away in a home with a horrible disease was years later diagnosed with the same fate, over around 5 years secluded in the hopes that people would forget her so her death would not have any affect. She committed suicide by driving head on into a truck, she should have been able to be given a legal dignified way out, instead she saw this as her only way to avoid the years of pain she saw her father go through and the effects it had on the family. Unfortunately her method I'm sure will effect the truck driver forever, but this could've killed an innocent person because we do not have that legal choice.

Another family friend, who in the end was riddled with multiple cancers including bowel wanted to die peacefully in her home with her family with her, her other request was to not die alone. The family did everything to make sure she got that, taking shifts 24 hours a day for a week so someone was with her, for weeks she said she was ready to go, and that she loved everyone, but for a good month after her decision she suffered, and her family had to watch this. It was the cruelest way I have seen someone die because she was suffering and waiting in pain for that moment of peace, she should've been able to have that choice. I believe in certain cases especially with already terminal illness the choice should be on the individual, it is their life, and most people want to go with loved ones around for comfort, hope that their suffering will be over, and most of all a dignified death. How this right is taken away from those people at the moment is immoral, and for those who are in a position to suicide, it harms so many more people than just the family, it can hurt innocent people and be a ghastly brutal death.

Please it shouldnt even be a question, its not a political issue, its just doing what is right for people who are suffering

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