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I have been made aware of the Inquiry about Euthanasia of which I presume it to be looking at the for and against argument.

I wish to convey this simple story of how palliative care takes care of those who are facing death and are cared for and eventually die with dignity, no pain and peacefulness as my friend was cared for by the nursing staff.

John was suffering secondary cancer. His bones were full of it, he had tumours removed from his brain and tumours were also found in his stomach. People who advocate for Euthanising themselves in my opinion would not be in as much bother as my friend was. John passed away 10 days ago and his dealing with his imminent death was an inspiration to me in that if I suffer as he has for the past couple of years I want to be as strong as he was.

You see, I think it must be all about the mind. Some people want to die prematurely because they can't deal with their illness from a mental perspective whereas others are a tower of strength and carry others with them. For the few that think Euthanasia is the answer to their health problems I don't think they can be as sick as my mate John if they can ask for such a service to be given.

So for that reason I think it may be better to help people with the mental anguish not by assisted death but by love and care that was offered to my mate in the last 6 weeks of his life.

Increasing Palliative Care to help these people is in my opinion better than the Euthanasia option being proposed.

Regards

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