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I lost my husband to Leukemia in Feb 2012. For the last week of his life he was struggling to breathe and move. It was not only distressing for him, but also for the rest of his family and friends. We had been told at his original diagnosis, it was treatable not curable so we knew although it was to be a long battle it would never be won.

As he deteriorated, he fought hard, but it all became too much for him and it was a relief for all when he finally stopped suffering.

I am now dealing with my father who has had multiple strokes, he is now unable to walk, he cannot dress himself or go to the bathroom or shower. His speech has become affected and also his coordination. He is in a hostel and his time is spent in his room on his own with a TV as he no longer wishes to socialise. This is not living, this is an existence.

If this was one of my dogs I would be berated for keeping them alive, it would be kinder to put them down. Why are we forcing people who no longer want to fight, knowing they are not going to improve keep fighting??

Would it not be kinder to let them die with dignity and know they are happier and pain free??

We need to have laws implemented to let those who wish to die with dignity do so, we cannot keep letting them suffer because medicine can keep them alive, it is no longer quality of life. Please let's stop them suffering.

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