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I write from personal experience as a nurse for 52 years I know much about death and dying

My experience is not of my profession but of my Father Albert Edward Daley born 1902 died 1976

My Father was a boilermaker in Port Melbourne where he was born and where I live

Dad worked in many factories, industries in the Port Melbourne area where there was great demand for his profession

In his 30's he worked at the State Electricity Commission NEWPORT POWER HOUSE in the boiler room in the 1940's on

He was on call and many a night I can remember him riding his bike around the Footscray road to repair something that had gone wrong after being called in an emergency

During the week he rode his bike across the punt at the end of Todd Rd across to Newport but at night it was not in service so a long journey had to be undertaken

Dad was diagnosed in 1974 at the Alfred Hospital with Mesothelioma and given a year to live, there was no treatment and very little in the way of pain relief, so my Mother and I

cared for him at home ..there was no compensation either from employers or even the union movement in these times, this I found appalling as Dad had been a strong union member and shop steward on many jobs over the years.

The pain my Father suffered over the 2 years was unbearable to watch and to know we could do nothing to alleviate his suffering

The exposure to Asbestos could have been in so many jobs he had from the Naval shipyard in Williamstown to the S.E.C at Newport and the boiler rooms at Kraft Cheese and General Motors Holdens

who knows .....One only has to read the book written by Andrew Rule after the Bernie Banton case against Hardies to know how this KILLER DUST TOOK THE LIVES AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR MANY MORE YEARS TO COME as company after company lies and hides the truth.....

As a nurse I wanted to end my Father's pain and suffering but in 1976 I did not know what I now know. What is available to me now I have this information I am a wiser woman in this field

As I near my 80th Year I am a member of DYING WITH DIGNITY and have through my solicitor and GP put into practice my wishes and directions for my death to be dignified and chosen by me.

This is my personal story of why I believe the Labour Party and the Greens and Independents can pass a bill in the Victorian Parliament to see we all have a Dignified Death of our choosing

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