Please support the Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill.

Millie's Story.....

This is about my beautiful, courageous mum who passed away on the 2nd November last year. Mum endured two years of oesophagus cancer and was 79 when she passed away.

Her last weeks were spent in Hostel accommodation where she was monitored 24 hourly. I will say that her carers were amazing in their love and support for Mum but were helpless to give mum the peace and ending she craved in the weeks leading up to her death.

I am all for active, voluntary euthanasia and I feel mum should have been given that option and I know she would have taken it. She was ready to leave this world many weeks before she actually passed. Instead she just shrank in her bed, not eating, not drinking, not communicating, it was a horrible, undignified ending for a lady who had lived and loved 79 years on this earth. It was a tragic end for both her and her loved ones who had to sit and watch helplessly her suffering and misery.

It is something that I myself will never forget and will stay in my memory forever, that is why I am so passionate about getting this Bill passed.

If more than 80% of the population are in favour of terminally ill people being given, under certain circumstances, the right to die a dignified death at the time and place of their own choosing, what is all the fuss about, it makes no sense.

Politicians wake up! it is a difficult subject I know but not a difficult decision, when you vote with your conscience. Let's get this Bill passed so that more Millies' and their families do not have to go through what our family did.

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