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Legalising voluntary euthanasia for terminally ill people would be a wonderful achievement.

My mother had Alzheimer's disease from about age 76 and died at 92 after 14 years in a nursing home. For a large proportion of those years she did not recognise anyone, and was not able to do anything for herself. Absolutely no quality of life. And there is no cure. I do not want this to be how I end my years.

My father had been looking after my mother at home when he had a stroke, leaving him paralysed down his left side. The last 14 years of his life were spent in a wheelchair in a nursing home, from age 82 to almost 96. Again, I do not want this to be how I end my years.

It is about having some dignity and choice at the end of my life. In a compassionate society we should be free to make up our own minds to end our life if we are suffering disease with no possible cure.