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My husband died some years ago at the age of 58. Initially he had throat cancer,& after radiotherapy it recurred so that he required a tracheostomy. We were very proud of the fact that he learnt to talk without a mechanical aid, & was able to swim with an endotracheal tube & snorkel. After returning to work & 2 years of relative health he was found to have cancer of the pancreas & liver. Four months later he died,leaving three teenage children.He enjoyed staying at our favourite holiday house during the last month. Transport to hospital was difficult with an air lift & ambulance, but he was too ill to nurse at home. A peaceful death at that stage would have been wonderful. Instead he had 10 days in hospital when he was in pain, his tracheostomy tube was constantly blocked with thickened mucus, he could not communicate or recognise us.

I fully endorse Medically assisted dying for terminally ill people.

Yours faithfully

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