

My name is Ann White and I am here to support Medical Aid In Dying.

Over the last 26 months 4 of my close relatives have died, 3 having had the choice of how and when they died and 1 who did not have a choice.

The one who did NOT have a choice was my 90 year old uncle. He was a Korean War Vet, a construction project manager, a builder of Model A & T cars for holiday parades, an avid reader of westerns, mechanical journals, and current events. He was also a well known jokster and kidder of all who knew him. You ALL would have liked him!

In March 2022 he suffered a major stroke, which left him:

1. paralyzed on his left side, dependent dressing & bathroom assistance and using a wheelchair
2. with difficulty swallowing, having all foods pureed and beverages thickened
3. 95% aphasic, almost completely unable to speak

Despite his gallant efforts working with the rehabilitation staff for 2+ months, almost no recovery was made and he was transferred to a nursing home for paliative care and hospice. It was excrutiatingly frustrating, emotionally painful and sad. He begged his granddaughter to help him die, which of course she could not do. Imagine yourselves in this state!!!

After 6 months of this level of suffering, on January 25, 2023 – ONE YEAR AGO TODAY, he died.

Everyone dies.

It is oxymoronic and cruel to not accept Medical Aid In Dying as an option to prevent lengthy suffering for those already on the path of bodily exit.

We are more “humane” to our pets than we are to our fellow humans, unless we support Medical Aid In Dying.

Please vote YES! It is about our individual FREEDOM of choice and BASIC RESPECT.