

I support aid in dying for terminally-ill patients. My father was relatively fortunate that the time between cancer diagnosis and onset of great pain to death was less than three weeks. within three weeks. (He was in home hospice for four days, during which his pain escalated daily and higher, more-frequent doses of pain killers needed to be administered.) My father didn't fear death, but he told his doctors he feared excruciating pain. Given his terminal illness and the pain that came with it, he was fortunate that his life ended so quickly. I have heard of others with painful terminal cancer who have lived months. If that had been my father's case -- or mine, for that matter -- I know that aid in dying would have been welcome and even necessary.

Please support aid in dying for terminally-ill patients, especially those who have a "future" of severe pain. It is the compassionate thing to do.

Regards,
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