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Please take note that I want to say when and how my life will cease.

My darling mother-in-law passed away last year at the age of 96. She was a wonderful vibrant woman all her life raising 5 children and being a vital part of the Armadale community.

She developed osteo of the spine around 85 years of age and suffered terribly from that point on. She was given numerous injections at the Pain Clinic of SJOG but they became less and less effective. During the last 5 years she was in constant terrible pain and would ask repeatedly for us to ring the doctor to help her die. We discussed the fact that we couldn't and it was against the law. She had a catheter in place & suppositories for bowel movements as the pain meds she was given made her very constipated for many of the last years, could no longer walk and had lost everything that she held dear to herself and her dignity. This went on for years and was gastly to watch and not be able to help her. She became completely dependant like a little child and was so sad to become what she wasn't.

She was a powerful energetic woman and it broke my heart and hers to suffer so greatly for no purpose but to appease others idea of how her end should be.

She wanted to choose her time and was to die but was denied that choice. She wanted change but it will be too late to help her and no doctor or pallative care was able to help.

Kind regards,

Jenny Bosma