

Death by starvation:

Joyce did not die on October 29, 2005, from cancer. Shortly after Joyce was diagnosed with cancer in January 2005, she was prescribed medication to help her keep her weight while in chemotherapy. Joyce was well nourished on June 24, 2005, when I visited her. Sometime thereafter she became emaciated. She lost considerable weight. She was not eating and not drinking, by reports from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. When did that weight loss and her difficulty to eat or drink first begin? Is that normal for her treatment and condition? And if so, what does that imply must be done for Joyce's overall care, including food and hydration?

When I saw her in September she looked as if she had been in a concentration camp for years. She was dehydrated and not oriented to time, place, or person. She was in a drug induced stupor as acknowledged by her daughter [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The purpose of keeping her drugged was pain, they said. We were told she was kept this way around the clock. I asked how did they know how much pain meds to give her if she was always asleep and if awake, totally disoriented, unable to speak? [REDACTED] answer was that he was following the directions on the bottles and on a yellow sheet of paper he flashed in front of me, that [REDACTED] he created. That was good enough for him. She was in worse condition when I saw her again in the middle of October, 2005.

In some of the material already provided to your various offices, you have information from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) which describes special diets for cancer patients like Joyce. Please take a moment to read those, and understand them. You will see that it was not necessary to starve Joyce like she was being starved. Of course you know it is against the law to starve someone to death. You must ask several questions here.

Why did she lose so much weight? Why, if special diets were available for cancer patients like Joyce, why was she not on one of those diets? Look in Joyce's medical records for Joyce's discharge or treatment plan for each doctor who treated her in the past 12 months. See any plan?

Look for an evaluation by a nutritionist or dietitian. Did you find one? Why not? What does Joyce's medical records and discharge plan say about diet and hydration? If nothing, why? What do any of her doctor's say about her