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Message:

My wife (age 65 retired elementary school teacher) of 36 years has ALS and is declining quickly in health. Unfortunately, my brother (Vietnam veteran exposed to Agent Orange) died in 2010 of ALS at age 63 and my uncle who was a tank commander in World War II also died of ALS in 1999. After seeing what my brother went through, my wife knows what is ahead. I would like to have the option of allowing her to die with dignity and at a time of her choice when the doctors tells us she has less than 6 months to live or less. There is no cure and I remember my brother saying "Bro; if you ever get ALS, end it before you can't yourself". There are 4 states that allow physicians to prescribe a medication that allows the person to take it and slowly and without pain "go to sleep" at the time they want; many choose not to do so, but the percentage of those that do often have ALS. We can do this for dogs, but not for our most loved ones. Please consider what Oregon and the other states that have recognized this as a way for those with no cure to die with dignity. I really don't want to have to establish residency in another state to make her passing one that she wants. I want her to be able to pass quietly with my son and daughter in our own home here in Greenwood, SC. PLEASE, PLEASE!