

Discrimination and Prejudice in Life

Dear Sir or Madam

We relocated from St Ives in Sydney to [address withheld]. I have been caring for my mother since my father died in 1988 yet people really don't understand the role of a carer.

My mother became very ill in 1996 and in Jan 2000 she again became very ill. From Jan 2000 to August 2000 we didn't really know what to do until [name withheld] was diagnosed with Liver Cancer and Bowel Cancer.

[name withheld], my mother, died on the 1st March 2003 from a fall in Gosford Hospital, not from the cancer. The callous treatment by the neighbours, hospital staff and people in general is really hard to understand.

I have been bashed, assaulted, stalked, harassed etc by some ignorant people because they don't really understand.

A cancer patient requires 24 hour care. It was very sad watching my mother waste away but it seems people need a running commentary on our activities. We have had very little support but people have been so cruel – following us to [name withheld] doctor's surgery and putting excrement outside the front door, harassing us at my sister's place at [address withheld].

We did the very best we could with all the available information. I am a retired school teacher and I have never met so much opposition from just a few idiots. We don't know these people so it is really sad to see them behaving quite badly.

I have given my mother 24 hour care for the last 5 years and yet people won't mind their own business

Yours sincerely,

Frank Schleger