

Keith was admitted to Regions Hospital after the infallible PCR test showed he had COVID. According to his medical records he was started on an antibiotic for pneumonia. The next day he was started on remdesivir. He was not consulted about it. He told them he did not want to be intubated. Early on 8-21 they intubated him without his family's knowledge. I believe his kidneys were already shutting down. I do not remember that time frame. He was heavily sedated. I was told by the nurse who went over his records later that he given something hourly and something else in between. This went on for two weeks. Plus a paralytic. She also said his wrists and ankles were tied down. I had asked the doctor to wake him up. He said he wouldn't wake up a man to tell him he was going to die. The nurse told me he probably couldn't be awoken. On 9-5-21 they stopped the paralytic and about four hours later when family was there they pulled the intubation and his heart stopped. Aside from pneumonia, before going to the hospital he had been remarkably healthy. We were able to speak on the phone through 8-20. I/ we couldn't visit him until 9-3, when he was no longer "contagious". Neither was he conscious. The nurse also told me was malnourished, dehydrated and had lost 45 pounds.