

Corrected Testimony of Connie Neal

Regarding Timothy Edward Neal - Genesis Hospital, Ohio

My name is **Connie Neal**. I am the wife of **Timothy Edward Neal**, a United States Army veteran who served his country for approximately ten years, including during Desert Storm. Timothy was my husband, a father and Papa. He was 58 years old when he entered the hospital on August 30, 2021. He died there on October 7, 2021, after 38 days.

Timothy and I owned and operated a transmission business together. After he entered the hospital, I eventually had to shut our business down because there was no one to run it.

On August 30, 2021, I was the one who was sick and asked Timothy to go to the emergency room with me. He initially refused but eventually agreed because I asked him. He did not leave home expecting to be admitted. Timothy tested positive for **COVID-19 and was diagnosed with COVID pneumonia**. I did not know he was being admitted or transferred. I left without him, never imagining he would never come home.

His early medical records document **Glasgow Coma Scale scores of 15**, meaning he was recorded as fully alert and responsive. Timothy continued communicating with his family before his intubation.

In the early morning hours of **September 7, 2021**, a nurse called and told me they were going to intubate Timothy. Shortly afterward, Timothy called me on FaceTime. We talked for approximately 30 minutes. He told our family he loved us. Staff then told Timothy to hang up and give them his phone. I could tell he did not want to end the call. **This became the last conversation I ever had with my husband before he was intubated. Evidence I preserved places this FaceTime call at approximately 12:53-1:23 AM.**

I had no contact with Timothy again until **September 22, 2021**, when I was finally allowed into the hospital. I was devastated by what I saw. I began taking photographs and videos documenting his condition, including Timothy opening his eyes and moving his head and shoulder.

Timothy had previously told me he did not want to be intubated. I did not consent to his intubation. I want what Timothy was told and what consent was obtained fully reviewed.

During his hospitalization, Timothy received numerous medications, including **remdesivir, steroids, blood thinners, antibiotics, strong sedatives and pain medications, and at times medication that paralyzed his muscles while on the ventilator**. He later received a tracheostomy and feeding tube.

His records document serious complications including **ARDS, pneumonia, bloodstream infection, kidney failure, neurological problems, bleeding and numerous wounds**. His wound-care record documented deterioration of his coccyx wound, dead tissue and a foul odor, even recommending odor-removal spray or coffee grounds under his bed.

By **October 7, 2021**, his kidneys were failing. His discharge documentation describes renal failure requiring dialysis and the transition to comfort-only care. I begged the doctor to save my husband's life.

Timothy didn't just suddenly die.

I was told they were going to give my husband **two shots for comfort care so he would not feel pain. I did not witness those two shots being given**. When I came back into the room, **the machine had already been shut down**. I watched Timothy during his final moments. He died at approximately **4:20 PM**.

I am asking for a full and independent review of Timothy's medical records, medications, treatment decisions, intubation consent, wounds, bleeding, dialysis decision and the circumstances surrounding his death. I have medical records, text messages, photographs and videos supporting my testimony.

Timothy deserved to have his voice heard while he was alive.

Connie Neal

Wife of **SGT Timothy Edward Neal**

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