

My name is Kay Mueller Bresnahan. I am the surviving widow of Anthony E. Mueller Jr. A 6 year very proud Navy Veteran, husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. My husband first experienced respiratory symptoms on December 26, 2021. Our first attempt seeking medical care was on December 29, 2021 by calling the VA hospital where Anthony received his annual wellness checks. He was denied any type of prescription for his complaints and given general medical advice for his symptoms. Another call was placed on December 30 and again on January 1, 2022. My husband awoke at 3am on January 2 with shortness of breath and asked me to call an ambulance which I did. He was transported to the local stand alone ER and I arrived shortly thereafter. The doctors came to me about an hour later and said my husband was stabilized and on antibiotics as his lung x-ray showed bi-lateral bacterial pneumonia and he was on oxygen and satting well, I asked to see him and they said no, they needed to do a Covid test first and I said fine. Maybe 45 minutes later they told me he was covid positive and I should leave as I would not be able to see him. Not much later my husband texted me and said that he was feeling so much better and sent me of picture of himself. I honestly thought I would be heading back to the ER to pick him up. Instead they advised him that they wanted to send him to the main hospital in Ft. Myers and admit him. He agreed and that is when they started giving him remdesivir. From this point forward he slowly declined. He had a stroke the next day and they continued with remdesivir. His breathing became more of an issue and they continued to pump drugs into him. Albuterol, sodium chloride, Azithromycin, Ceftriaxone, Enoxaparin, Methylprednisolone, Tocilizumab, Iodamide, Nitroglycerin, Pantoprazole, Morphine, Insulin, piperacillin-Tazobactam, Dexmedetomidine, Potassium Chloride, chlorohexidine, norepinephrine, Fentanyl, propofol, calcium gluconate, furosemide, meropenem, amiodarone and epinephrine. There was never any improvement in my husbands condition once the remdesivir was started. Each day brought more issues. I requested on January 6, the first day I was allowed to visit him, that Ivermectin, Hydroxychloroquine and Budesonide be tried to help improve his condition. The attending physicians told me they cannot use those drugs in that hospital and their hands were tied. His condition continued to deteriorate and he was placed on a ventilator January 10 without my knowledge. I was called after the fact. On the morning of January 13 he went into cardiac arrest and did not survive. I was summoned to the hospital but did not arrive before he died. There are numerous errors in the hospital records. I was never asked to give any type of permission for anything they did to him other than a filter in his central line as his kidneys were stressed which I approved as they said it was temporary and would help his kidneys. The comment on venting him was that it was a "good thing" as he was tired and it "would give his lungs a rest." I was never consulted on this.

Anthony E. Mueller JR.

Admitted to Lee Health Healthpark Ft. Myers FL January 2, 2022

Died at Lee Health Healthpark January 13, 2022