

53 DAYS OF HORROR: THE STORY OF JUDIANN MONAGHAN



On August 17, 2021, 74-year-old Judiann Monaghan tested positive for COVID-19 alongside her husband. Judiann was an overall healthy woman who had successfully managed lifelong epilepsy. As flu-like symptoms progressed and triggered a seizure, she and her husband contacted her doctor, to be told there was nothing they could do.

On August 23, seeking monoclonal antibodies or treatments like Ivermectin or Hydrochloriquin, Judiann was taken to BayCare Hospital in Clearwater, Florida, expecting to return home.

Instead, she was admitted for COVID pneumonia with hypoxia, despite having normal vital signs and clear lungs. Without discussing or obtaining explicit consent with Judiann and her family the numerous risks, doctors initiated a 5-day course of Remdesivir alongside heavy steroids. She was immediately placed in strict isolation and cut off from her family.

What followed was a horrifying 53-day nightmare.

Constantly alone in her room, Judiann's fears jumped off the screen in her text messages to her family:

"Doctor said I may not make it - I'M SCARED"

"I feel like I'm in prison."

As doctors escalated her respiratory support to increasingly extreme modalities, Judiann's panic turned to desperation the messages to her family became frantic pleas. These are just a few:

- *"YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME HERE ANY LONGER"*
- *"PLEASE DISCHARGE ME NOW!"*
- *"TOO MANY DRUGS, VERY CONFUSED, NEED HELP"*
- *"BAD HOSPITAL... NO COMPASSION... CALL ATTORNEY"*
- *"THEY ARE PREPPING ME TO INTUBATE AND KILL ME!"*

While Judiann begged for help, we fought tirelessly from the outside just to get basic answers and to get her released to no avail. We were met with unreturned phone calls and a dizzying rotation of over 17 doctors and dozens of nurses, leaving no single physician accountable for her care. She was moved many times to different rooms which prompted new case managers, and patient advocates to make communication and representation even more confusing. No continuity anywhere. We continuously begged staff to administer alternative medicines to be told

“NO” by the Doctors. Several medical notes show the doctors had claimed Judiann specifically asked them NOT to speak with her family—an accusation she vehemently denied.

Sept 6th was their 36th Wedding Anniversary. Her husband went to the hospital with flowers in hopes to see her. Security stopped him and directed him to the chapel to pray instead of allowing him to see his wife.

After five long weeks, they finally permitted limited visitation. We quickly realized that Judiann was not receiving personalized medical care—she was being run through a rigid, institutional protocol and was heavily drugged. A nurse strongly suggested do everything we can to get her out of there fast. She said the treatments were way too extreme as she’d seen many patients die as a result.

Hospital staff repeatedly pressured the Judiann and her family to sign Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Intubate (DNR/DNI) orders. Strangely, records indicated they obtained consent for intubation, forcing the family to quickly overturn it and uphold Judiann's explicit wish to remain "Full Code.

Judiann suffered numerous cycles of great progress, followed by sudden declines. Under the hospital's protocols, her body ultimately sustained severe, compound injuries:

- **Acute Kidney Injury & Acute Respiratory Failure**
- **Pneumothorax & Severe Protein and Nutrient Deficiency**
- **Urinary Tract Infection & Hyperglycemia**
- **Severe Anxiety, Extreme Muscle Wasting, & Open Bedsores**

And On October 16, Judiann suffered sudden **CARDIAC ARREST**. The care team managed to revive her, but as we held her hand, Judiann looked at her husband, Bob, and motioned to him to stop the machines and let her go.

Honoring her final wishes with broken hearts and sheer defeat, we made the devastating decision to withdraw life support, letting her rest in peace. Her death certificate reads “**Natural Manor of Death Caused by Covid 19 Pneumonia. UNVACCINATED.**