

Hello, My name is Riva Tomasi. On November 18, 2021, I lost my husband, Steve Tomasi, due to what I believe were harmful hospital protocols during his COVID-19 treatment. Steve tested positive for COVID on November 3, 2021. He immediately signed up for monoclonal antibody treatment, but was told he had to wait seven days because of a limited supply and scheduling rules. While waiting at home with no treatment, his condition steadily worsened. On November 8, the day of his scheduled monoclonal antibody appointment, he was denied the treatment because his oxygen levels were too low. A nurse recommended he go to the emergency room. Later that same day, his doctor's office warned that his low oxygen could lead to a heart attack or stroke and urged him to call paramedics immediately. Steve had started using a friend's oxygen tank. By the time paramedics arrived, his oxygen level had improved to the high 90s. They said he was stable enough to stay home, but he was frightened by the earlier warnings and chose to go to the hospital. He was first taken to a small private hospital, where he was diagnosed with COVID pneumonia, then transferred to Lovelace Westside Hospital, and on November 10th to Lovelace Hospital Downtown. While in the hospital, Steve texted me that they planned to give him remdesivir. I immediately called the admitting physician (I was not allowed to visit him as I was also suffering from COVID) and specifically requested the MATH+ protocol. I also clearly stated that I did not want him to receive remdesivir. The doctor said the MATH+ protocol was not used at their hospital and was noncommittal about my request. Despite my instructions, Steve was given five days of remdesivir and six days of baricitinib. At first, he was recovering well from the pneumonia, and the hospital was trying to move him off the COVID floor. However, around November 15, his condition suddenly worsened. I believe this was due to the remdesivir. He continued to deteriorate, eventually requiring intubation. His organs began to fail, and he was scheduled for kidney dialysis on November 17, but became too unstable for the procedure. He suffered multiple heart attacks. On November 18, the kidney specialist told me Steve was not going to recover and that it was best to let him go. He was extubated later that day and passed away within minutes. The hospital nurse told me I needed to become an evangelist for the vaccine so people would not end up like my husband. Thank you for your time and attention.