

Dear Senator Johnson,

My name is Sharon Burns, and I am writing to you about the death of my husband, USAF Ret. Msgt. Michael V Burns, who died at Eglin AFB Hospital in Florida during the COVID era. Mike was 67 years old. He was the Father of 4 and grandfather to 8. He served his country honorably for 20yrs, he trusted the military medical system and believed he would receive proper care. Instead, I believe he became an early victim of the deadly hospital protocols.

Mike entered the hospital on August 3 2020. 6 days after onset of symptoms. I dropped him off at the ER and was not allowed entry. I was quickly separated from him due to COVID restrictions. Once isolated, I lost the ability to understand what was happening to him in real time. I sat in the parking lot for 3hrs, waiting for word, I was afraid to leave, fearing I would never see him again. He was admitted with Sepsis, Hypoxia and an AKI. He was diagnosed with Covid, and immediately the Covid protocol kicked in.

During his 8-day hospitalization, Mike was administered 9 doses of Remdesivir, placed on CPap and Bi-pap and other protocol drugs. He improved by day 4, however over the next few days, he developed several pneumonia related issues. It was hard to get information over the phone. Day 8, at 7am, I received a call from a Doctor. "Mrs. Burns, I am sorry, but your husband is going to die today" "He has a leak in his Thoracic Cavity, he is going to have a heart attack today and we are not going to be able to resuscitate him" "Your husband has agreed to a DNR and comfort care" "We will administer morphine and pull the oxygen" What!! They would notify me when he was gone. We were not able to be with him to comfort him as he lay ill, and not able to see him in death! I later learned that his Doctor, who was in the building, did not know he was there!

3 yrs later, our family began the task of finding out what happened. It took 2yrs, with the aid of my congressman, to obtain most of his records. I have had them reviewed, and I was told by medical professionals that I should seek legal counsel because of the serious concerns surrounding his treatment and death. I was told, by those professionals, that Mike died of Untreated Pneumonia. As his condition worsened, apparently the treatment did not change to meet those needs. Covid Protocol continued.

My husband suffered through inhumane isolation, deadly protocol drugs, and a covid protocol that made things worse. The Doctors. were locked into following this protocol. I also came to understand that Veterans were used to test Remdesivir during the 2020+ time period. I have attached an article which attests to our exact situation.

Senator Johnson, I am asking you to continue investigating what happened in hospitals during

the COVID response, including inside military medical facilities. Families deserve transparency. We deserve access to complete records. We deserve answers about the use of dangerous protocol-driven treatments, the isolation policies that prevented advocacy, and the liability protections that denied Americans their day in court.

My husband served his nation faithfully. He deserved dignity, proper medical care, and the protection of the very institutions he trusted. Instead, he became one more American life lost inside a system that failed him.

Thank you for your willingness to listen to victims and survivors.

Respectfully,

Sharon Burns

Widow of Ret. Msgt. Michael V Burns