

Keith Smith was 52 years old. He was a loving husband, hardworking provider, and deeply valued member of our family and community. Prior to his hospitalization, Keith was active, healthy, and living a normal life. He was not elderly or terminally ill when he entered the hospital and had no comorbidities that impacted COVID-19. He did not take any prescription medications. He was not vaccinated for COVID-19.

On November 19, 2021, Keith was admitted to the hospital with COVID-19 symptoms. Shortly after admission, he was isolated from family due to hospital visitation restrictions. I was unable to remain by his side to monitor his condition, advocate for his care, or communicate with him consistently in person, aside from the allowed two hours per day of in-person visitation. Most of Keith's time in the hospital was spent alone and helpless. Most of the important decisions regarding his care were communicated remotely.

Keith was adamant that he did not want to be intubated, but at 12:30AM on November 21, 2021, the hospital staff allowed him to FaceTime with me. He told me that they had strongly pressured him and convinced him of the need to be intubated. Post-procedure, he could no longer communicate with family members or advocate for himself.

During his hospitalization, Keith's condition progressively worsened as more aggressive interventions were introduced. It seemed like each solution to a problem created an additional problem. Keith's organs were healthy upon intake into the hospital, but within days of ventilation, he was on dialysis. Additionally, he was administered numerous medications, including powerful sedatives, blood pressure medications, antibiotics, pain medications, and other powerful medications including Levaquin, a black box labeled drug.

As the days passed, I watched my husband weaken as his body broke down. The inability to see him regularly, ask questions directly, or intervene in real time created tremendous emotional trauma and helplessness for our family.

On November 29, 2021, I sued the hospital for the right to administer ivermectin to Keith. My lawyer was Ralph Lorigo. A court order was issued on December 3, 2021, by York County Judge Clyde Vedder, allowing the administering of ivermectin.

We followed the court order's instructions and attempted administration of ivermectin on Saturday, December 4, 2021, but the hospital initiated approximately an 8-hour standoff in the ICU, banning the legal execution of the court order, calling the cops on me as I calmly refused to leave the ICU, bullying, harassing, and attempting to intimidate me with phone calls from hospital administration and their legal counsel. The police reviewed the court order and left the premises, stating that it was a civil issue, not criminal. The hospital continued to deny our right to give Keith ivermectin until Sunday evening, December 5, 2021.

On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, a friend sent me a copy of a text from someone that worked at the

hospital which stated “So between u and I (as long as my name isn’t brought into this) I fear that the hospital will omit things to help this man survive to try and prove that the ivermectin doesn’t work, I fear the retribution. I would watch him like a hulk if I were the wife. At this point I don’t think the docs will try as hard, they are pissed that she has defied them, anyone who dares cross *them* is gonna burn in their eyes. U can repeat that but keep my name out of it!!”

On December 12, 2021, Keith Smith died. He was one of the two cases that Ralph Lorigo won that ended with death.

My husband entered the hospital alive, alert, and expecting medical treatment. He never returned home. His bloodwork upon intake showed he had healthy organs. His final bloodwork showed evidence of renal and liver failure. His death devastated our family and changed our lives forever. I am submitting this statement so that Keith’s story and the circumstances surrounding his hospitalization and death are preserved in the official record.