

Description of Noreen's Video:



Meet Noreen Campbell of North Saanich, BC speaking about "What Medical Assistance in Dying Means to Me".

Noreen is a retired nurse/educator and who applied for Medical Assistance in Dying and was approved for MAiD soon after the Parliament of Canada passed Bill

C-14, the law on assisted dying. No, she hasn't taken advantage of MAiD, yet. However, knowing that she might end her life at any time or in any place she chooses gives her a peace she did not have before.

It is truly her life and her choice. She is alive today because she chooses to be alive although her various illnesses and disabilities do cause enduring and at times intolerable suffering to *her*.

I invite you to come next Monday Nov 14 to see our Australian film on this topic, **Last Cab To Darwin**. After the film, we'll have the co-chairs of the Victoria Chapter of Dying With Dignity Canada here for a Q&A and to talk about what the new law means in Canada. They'll also have an information table so you can talk further with them there.

C-14 sets out strict criteria that must be met in order for a patient to qualify for Medical Assistance in Dying. The two main ones are death must be reasonably foreseeable -- this is determined by two physicians who assess and approve the patient for MAiD. The second is the patient must be suffering intolerably, according to the patient. It is not up to the doctors to decide if the patient is suffering enough. It is up to the patient.

Once approved for MAiD, the patient can then call upon their physician to assist in their death at a time and place of their choosing. Noreen suggested in her case she might decide it might be in the barn with her horses.