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I'm emailing to show my support for voluntary assisted dying for the NT.

My mum was a proud territorian, she was the first liscence female survey in the NT, worked as the first female member of the board of surveyors, dedicated 30 years of work surveying all across the region from tenant creek to Adelaide river to each border east to west. She won the "Spacial Professional of The Year" , the first female and the first rural surveyor to ever win the award, naming her the best in Australia.

She was a passionate gardener and bush walker, spending every free moment exploring the beautiful NT landscape. She always endeavoured to be a positive part of the community.

We have been so lucky to memorialise her contributions to the NT by naming the overpass north of Katherine the Nannette Helder overpass.

One Christmas mum felt a bit bloated, not unusual that time of year, but unfortunately the bloated feeling never went away. Mum went to the doctors, and it was discovered she had cancer which was causing ascites. Unfortunately there is no way to treat this cancer. She spent the four months with her abdomen filling with fluid, getting it drained, and it filling again. The fluid pressed on her other organs, the cancer spread and grew, she slowly starved over four months with her body fighting against her. Mum was a huge advocate for VAD. She died in 2021, and she asked us to continue to advocate for people to have choice in death.

I encourage you to enable Territorians to have the dignity of choice. We have seen VAD in action with other family members in the Netherlands, it can be done, it can be really special. I know my mum would have liked to have more agency in her final months.

Kind regards, Georgia Knight