



Shirley Powell

My mother, Shirley Powell, had late stage Alzheimer's when the lockdown began. At that moment in time, I thought maybe a month or two, at the most, we would be separated. She passed away November 24, 2020 in my home, after taking her out of the nursing facility due to negligence.

Unknown to me, she had COVID-19 and the facility did not tell us there was an outbreak in her hall. My entire family tested positive for the virus after caring for my mom. She died 12 days after I rescued her from the lockdown. I cared for my dying mother, even though I was on oxygen for COVID-19. Three days after she passed away, I was admitted to the hospital.

I have recovered from the COVID-19 physically, but it has taken a toll on me mentally. I lost so much precious time with my sweet mother. My mom's teeth rotted away and she was left in a wheelchair, unable to sit up properly. Staffing shortages also lent itself to the gross negligence of our loved ones.

To my mother, your family loves you and we fought mightily for your unheard voice.