

**DEATH BY NEGLECT
STARVATION
DEHYDRATION**

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I was glad to see your name in the Journal, when Jennie Nelson's death at Jubilee Lodge was reported. My 93-year old uncle died at Jubilee last fall under neglectful circumstances, & I haven't had anybody to talk with about it.

My uncle must have had a stroke, because when I found him he couldn't raise his arms to feed himself. He had been like that for 3-4-5 days, who knows how long? Surely they must have noticed that none of his meals were eaten, or none of his beverages consumed, He became so severely dehydrated that the ambulance attendants within 1 minute started an intravenous drip - it was that obvious he was dehydrated. Once they got 2 bags of fluid into him, he no longer suffered from the 'failure to respond' syndrome. He became talkative & even regained some of his mildly cantankerous nature, as he recovered in the UofA emergency dept. But he did not fully recover from the dehydration the same way a younger person could. It killed him. **The male emergency room nurse, Keith, bluntly slated they (Jubilee) killed him with neglect.** The lodge states they aren't allowed to diagnose, start an intravenous, or in any way do anything other than mercilessly watch people die. I believe they killed him. His parents lived to 95/97 years - he could have, too.

I never did file a complaint - I don't need the stress, scrutiny, the focus on a painful memory. But their lax standards must be changed.