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Farewell to a beloved grandfather

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John was admitted to Intensive Care with a severe pneumonia. The nurses started a diary for him but it was the family that really embraced it and used it to talk to him and to express their feelings.

Hi Grandad

I'm so sad that you are gone. I was so proud to have you as my Grandad and Ryan too he loved you very much and we always will and I know we will see you again 1 day. When I was writing to you before the consultant came to us and told us that you was dying and we all decided it would be fair to you if we let you go. We'd all really hoped that you would make it but it wasn't to be. I'm thankful to God that you didn't suffer at the end and that it was quick and painless and that all your family was with you. I'm also very thankful that I had so many years with you and that Ryan had nearly 7 years with you too and got to see you nearly every week and get to go to the park with you and swimming at the caravan too. I've got so many precious memories of you and will keep them with me forever. Love you so so much grandad and going to miss you dearly. X X X X X X X X X

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