

Miriam M – December

Miriam is a retired elderly nurse who after serving the needs of others for many years, has spent the past years traveling across Canada with her spouse in their RV. Miriam identifies having a long family history of dementia and was diagnosed with a brain tumor 6 months ago. The diagnosis has affected her travels as well as many psychosocial areas of her life. Miriam shared she continues to love nature, enjoys general socializing with others and has an intense love for reading (visible through her capturing smile while speaking of same).

Miriam shared she fears the impact her diagnosis will have on her linguistics and a need for access to language as part of her existence. Miriam at this time is not aware of a prognosis or treatment plan, but identified strong desire for MAID. Miriam identifies her wishes are to be provided physical care support as needed, however if she is no longer able to coherently and of sound mind engage linguistically with her world it is time for her passing. Miriam feels matters of importance at this time include support in end of life planning which she feels is necessary and includes planning the care of husband as she currently is primary care provider following a recent stroke. Miriam wishes to receive support in this area to be able to access MAID sooner than later.

Miriam identifies having strong supportive relationship with a sister and long-term friend who she is most comfortable in seeking coping support from. Miriam is proud of her independence and would identify it as a trait she would like others to respect and recognize about her as well as remember her by.