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GRANDFATHER REPORT

Chennai, India, November — My Maternal Grandfather, on the 27th of October, while returning from the bank for some work, had a fall on the road. He fell down while trying to pick up some money which dropped, lost his balance and fell on his face and grazed his forehead and nose. Alhamdulillah, it was not very bad, so he washed it and applied some ointment and it was all right.

On 1st November he again fell, and this time on the road in front of our house, as he lost his balance and fell on his back. He sustained a large injury on the back of his head, and was bleeding, and dirty from falling on the road. He was washed and taken to a nearby hospital, where they fixed surgical clips to close the wound - as it had split and could not be stitched - and dressed it.

After these events, my Grandfather started getting weaker: he had reduced his food, it was difficult for him to move about, and get up and stand. He was too weak and had to be in diapers since he couldn't even walk to the toilet.

On the morning of 2 November, he was taken in an Ambulance to ProMed Hospital in Kottivakkam after he developed unstopable shivering and he was extremely weak. He was put on IV (Intravenous Therapy) there and tests were taken.

By the afternoon the decision was taken to shift him to Government Royapettah Hospital, due to exorbitant rates, and demands for more unnecessary tests. He was admitted there by the evening. The next day, scans and tests were taken. His results were all normal, except the chest CT (Computed Tomography), which showed some infection in the lungs - this was because he already had some cough -, and his WBC (White Blood Cells) count, which was more than ten times the prescribed amount. The suspicion was now that he had cancer since there is no other way his infection could be so high.

They then said that a biopsy would be needed to confirm this suspicion. By this time, his infection was healing, and his condition was better, so the decision was taken to discharge him against medical advice, as the care was also not good there, and we believed that he could be taken care of at home. So by the evening of November 4th, he was brought back home, and plans were being made for alternative house treatment.

On Friday, he was well, and managed to walk about with the help of a walker, and went to the toilet on his own.

On Saturday, his condition started deteriorating again. It was hard for him to get up, move or eat. He needed at least three people to make him sit up on the bed and feed him and make him drink and lie down again, and he was again put on diapers. On Sunday, a new wound behind the existing wound was discovered, which had started to get infected again, and was suspected to be the reason for his deterioration. Due to heavy rains, no doctor or nurse could come immediately, but a nurse was scheduled for the next morning at 7 am to dress and put him on IV. Hence, his hair was cut on Sunday, his dress was changed, powder applied, and he was cleaned for the next day.

But unfortunately, on the morning at 5 am, along with Fajr Adhan, his soul was taken away. My mother was supposed to visit him to feed him at 1 am, but he wasn't hungry. She looked on him at 3 am, 4:30 am, and finally at 5 am, she saw his breathing cease.

His Janazah took place after Dhur Salah at The Ameerunnisa Begum Sahibas Endowments Mosque in Royapettah, and he was buried in the adjourning Burial Ground, since all of his relatives are from there, and are buried there. Though not many people came home, they all came directly to the Burial Ground due to the rains and also as they all reside nearby.

Special thanks must be given to Irshad Ustad and Sadiq Bhai for their support and help throughout the process till the end. May Allah reward them for their assistance.

Alhamdulillah, my Grandfather died without any pain or signs of it on his face. He died with the *tasbeeh* of Allah on his tongue, along with the Fajr Adhaan, during the time of the change's of the Night and Morning angels. He had enough resources to fund his own medical expenses, burial expenses and leave behind an abundant inheritance for his successors. But more than that, he left behind a larger legacy of constant and consistent Salah, Dua, Qur'an and remembrance of Allah, which we hope to continue as a remembrance of him, and as *Sadaqatul Jariyah* for him.

Ameen.

"[To the righteous it will be said], O reassured soul,
Return to your Lord, well-pleased and pleasing [to Him],
And enter among My [righteous] servants,
And enter My Paradise."

-Quran 89:27-30

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