

Brenda Merchant died days after her compassionate release from Stage 4 Breast Cancer. She filed request after request and told medical of her symptoms that varied and multiplied. Corizon, the healthcare provider, advised her she was abusing the system. She told them that she had a family history of breast cancer and that her mother had died of the disease. While at GCF she lost her sister from the same disease. Corizon never even ordered a mammogram or a visit to outside medical for evaluation. She finally gave up getting any assistance and they gave her a clean bill of health and a medical release to go to work release. Upon her arrival at work release, she got a job and started her daily routine with the goal to EOS in December of 2015. Within a month of arriving at work release she collapsed on the job and was taken immediately to outside medical. They ran extensive tests in the ER and she was admitted. Days later she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Ductile Carcinoma. They transported her back to Lowell and she began the process of seeking compassionate release. She spent time in Butler and an outside hospital. She was granted compassionate release and passed away less than 10 days later in October of 2015. She was a wonderful, caring, kind, meek woman with a strong faith in God. May she rest in peace and know that she is not forgotten and her story is still being told in hopes of making a difference for another inmate in her same circumstance. Please pray for her family including surviving siblings and her children.

Written by her former cellmate