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I am the above named person and I live at the address shown overleaf. I make this statement with regard to my mother Ruby Josephine Dorothea LAKE/N1003 , nee WHITE, who was born on the **Code A** and died on 21st August 1998.

Mum was born and raised on the Isle of Wight. She was the youngest of ten children , none of her siblings are alive. Mum worked on the Island doing various jobs until she married dad in 1936. They had three daughters, me, Diane/N1261 /act /S304 /F1 and Margaret/N1187 /A1642 /S323 /F2 .

Mum and dad moved off the island in 1947 as dad had become a Methodist Minister. During the early part of her life mum enjoyed good health. I am not aware of family illness that would have effected her.

Mum and dad retired to Gosport in about 1976. They lived together in Alverstoke, until dad died in 1987.

After dad died mum continued to live at the house. She had a full and independent life, a good circle of friends and was fully able to look after herself. Mum could not walk that far but other than that everything was fine. She did suffer from arthritis which is what caused her a problem with walking.

I would see mum on regular visits at least twice a month. She was in good spirits, always alert and wanting to know what was going on.

In early August 1998 mum had a fall whilst at home. This caused her to fracture her hip and she was admitted to Haslar Hospital/L14 . She underwent an operation on the same day and had her hip replaced.

I saw mum a few days later and she was not very well. She was not eating and seemed to have lost interest in things. We had taken a friend of mum's, Mary BAKER/N1554 / A1758 /F3 , but mum was very subdued.

We went and saw mum again the following weekend. This time she was much more upbeat. She was happy to go in her wheelchair and was very lucid. She seemed her normal self and we felt she had turned the corner and was getting better. This was the weekend of the 15/16th August 1998. We said goodbye to mum and were looking forwards to seeing her again. I knew that she was moving to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital on either the 17th/18th August.

Within a day or so of mum moving my sister Di/N1261 /act /S304 /F4 received a phone call saying mum had taken a turn for the worse. My husband/N1509 /A1759 /F5 and I went down on Thursday 20th August 1998 to see her at the GWMH.

Mum was in a single room. I think she was on Sultan Ward. She was unconscious and I don't know if she knew us or not. It was quite a dramatic decline from when I had seen her at the weekend. It was very upsetting to see this marked deterioration. We never spoke with a doctor but the nurses spoke when they came in. I think mum was on a syringe driver/C43 at this time and was being given diamorphine/C64 .

I don't recall mum ever having mentioned being in pain, I do recall that she had a chest infection whilst at Haslar Hospital.

I spent a long period of time with mum that day, before returning on Friday 21st August.

Again we spent the day with mum, the nursing staff were attentive and trying to make her comfortable. I did think anything was being done that shouldn't have been or likewise nothing was not being done that should have been. Mum died at about 1700 hours. We were pleased that some of the family could be with her at the end.

The death certificate was signed by Dr BARTON/N34 and showed cause of death as Bronchopneumonia. Mum was cremated the following week.

I think we were all surprised at the speed of her decline but I accepted that this does happen to people with hip replacements. There was nothing at the time that raised my concerns. I can't say now that looking back I feel anything untowards happened to mum.