

Re: It's okay

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My friend's sister did this. She had breast cancer, which she did not treat, and she did not tell anyone. They have a very large family, and no one knew until the very end when she was so sick she couldn't hide it any longer. It was a tortured situation. Though I believe everyone has a right to tell no one, seeing what it did to my friend and her family was very sad. In the end they were all in the room (at her home) with her when she passed, and they wished so badly that they could have been with her when she was not in such pain.

(On a side note, in this family of 5 girls, 3 have had breast cancer (one died), their mother has had breast cancer, and their grandmother died of breast cancer. My friend had her "girls" removed after her sister died, and says she doesn't miss them at all! I thought she would look "abnormal" but she doesn't at all... she looks like a very fit, flat-chested woman. She is also the mother of my daughter-in-law, who has already started mammograms).

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> *"Dona" <montynaaa@hotmail.com> wrote in message
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>> *When my time comes, I'm going to die a long, long way away. I'm not
> telling*

>> *anyone. I don't want to watch them watch me die.*

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> *I'm not sure that's a good idea... One of the effects it would have is
> to deny the survivors the opportunity to say good-bye. It also tends to
> leave a lot of things unresolved and causes feelings of guilt by those
> who would feel that they should have been there for you. Much better to
> let them decide whether to be there or not, IMHO.*

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> *That said, let's all hope that none of us have to deal with that problem
> for a very long time. :-)*

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> *Eliyahu*

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