

Judge will decide man's right to die

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"He pleaded for our help, and that would have put us in the roles of murderers," Culham continued, referring to her husband's request to his wife and two daughters. Joan Culham testified before Judge Breck Wednesday in a hearing on her husband's petition, filed in November, requesting removal from his ventilator and feeding tubes. Culham, 57, suffers from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is a disease that

attacks the nerve cells that control muscle movement.

THE DISEASE, diagnosed in January 1983, has left Culham paralyzed, unable to speak and eat. He also is losing his sight.

Culham's attorney, David McCleary of Troy, Wednesday requested that "a doctor be given immunity to perform the procedure to withdraw him (Culham) from artificial life-support, namely a ventilator and feeding tubes."

McCleary said the Culham case is

significant because it is apparently the first of its kind in Michigan. McCleary notified the state attorney general's office, which offered no opposition to the petition.

Two physicians, one a court-appointed expert from Michigan State University, joined Joan Culham in testifying that Culham should be allowed to die.

Dr. Mark Glasberg of Birmingham testified that he would be willing to comply with Culham's request to be removed from his ventilator and the feeding tubes in his stomach.

"He will be given both morphine and valium for sedation," Glasberg said, outlining the procedure that would be used.

Culham's feeding tubes would be turned off before the procedure, which involves providing Culham with pain-killing medication that would slowly sedate him. The ventilator would be gradually turned down, which would increase the carbon monoxide in his lungs, further sedating Culham, Glasberg testified. The ventilator would continue to be turned down, as Culham becomes

fully sedated, until he stops breathing, said the physician, who cared for Culham from March 1985 to April 1987.

JOAN CULHAM testified that her husband is frustrated by lack of control over his life because of the disease. "All he's done since March is lay in bed and watch TV," she said.

The costs of her husband's condition forced the Culhams to sell their Farmington Hills home. "We went through all that money," Joan Culham said.

She now lives with her daughter in Farmington Hills. Culham is in an Ohio nursing home because insurance won't cover the cost of care in Michigan, she testified.

Joan Culham also testified that she "doesn't begrudge" the costs of caring for her husband. "The point is that I can't go on forever."

Testimony was offered that Culham is considered mentally competent and aware of the consequences of his request. The petition hearing

followed an initial hearing Saturday, Dec. 5, at Culham's bedside in a nursing home near Lima, Ohio.

Judge Breck spoke with Culham. "It was very clear to me he is very competent," Breck said. Paralyzed and unable to speak, Culham nodded his head in response to questions, Breck added.

"I DETERMINED from my interview with him, he understood every question asked and gave rational answers," Breck continued. "He knew the ramifications of what would happen if his request was granted."

Both Glasberg and medical expert Dr. Howard Brody testified to the ethics of Culham's request.

The consensus of the medical field, Brody said, is that physicians "would see this as a rather clear case, not a difficult or controversial case."

Glasberg testified: "Ethically speaking, I feel he completely has the right to determine whether to stay on life-sustaining equipment."

Faith in people his motto

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Chamber of Commerce, the Farmington YMCA Capital Fund Drive, and the Farmington Founders Festival Committee. He currently serves on the general board of the Church of the Nazarene, an international denomination, which has 40 board members from around the world.

Beyond the community activities and his long-term devotion to his company, "family," Lunn harbors thoughts of his hometown of Kansas City, Kan., and returning there when he retires next year. His three chil-

dren and their families are all settled in suburban Kansas City.

"I've had a wonderful life. I have a wonderful family and I love Farmington Hills," he said. "It will be difficult to leave here. This has been my life."

DESPITE ANY misgivings about retiring when he turns 65 next summer, Lunn already has thoughts of becoming involved in his hometown in Kansas. "I'd like to go to work for a church there as a volunteer basis. I'd like to head up all the volunteer work," he said, thinking ahead. "I'm in excellent health and I feel great."

Lunn will also get to see his three grandchildren grow up, and family is important to him. "That's another reason I want to move to Kansas City," he said. "I think grandparents can have a tremendous influence on grandchildren."

But Lunn still has many months before retirement, as he continues in the day-to-day activities at Alexander Hamilton, as he has since 1965.

After a 15-year merchandising career with Sears, Roebuck & Co., Lunn was invited to join the fledgling life insurance company.

"I've been here through all the dramatic changes," he said.

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Lunn started as a regional salesman with Alexander Hamilton, eventually moving into the senior vice president's position. He realizes the importance of understanding other jobs. "I wouldn't want to go back to that (selling)," he said, "but I wouldn't trade it for a million bucks either."

And Lunn does not let his current, executive title place him above anyone else. "The great people are those who we might just call the common people," he added.

Lunn gained his values growing up in a "rich, rich heritage" as the son of a Kansas publisher, in a family with seven children.

Today, his family is still at the top of the list.

Mobile terminals will aid officers

Six Farmington public safety vehicles will soon be equipped with mobile data terminals, allowing them immediate access to computerized law enforcement information.

A seventh terminal will also be installed in the department's dispatch area.

The Farmington City Council approved the terminal purchase Dec. 7. It will cost between \$800 and \$1,000 per year, per terminal, according to the seven-year lease agreement.

The agreement includes maintenance and installation. The purchase will be made in the next fiscal budget year, according to city manager Robert Deadman.

ACCESS TO criminal files, driver records and vehicle files is only some of the information available, according to a recent city report. They can check this information

without using radio air time, leaving the radio free for other communications and getting the officer information more quickly.

In the case of emergencies, such as bank robberies, a nonverbal message can be transmitted that cannot be overheard by those monitoring police and fire frequencies.

A consortium of Oakland County law enforcement agencies is banding together to form a network of these terminals. The county has offered to purchase the base system hardware, with local communities paying the cost for terminals, the city report said.

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