His struggle over, Rivlin says a quiet goodbye

"He died peacefully, he went quickly, there was no pain," said his aunt. Marton Gornbein-Melton of Florida, who was at his side. "The only consolation I have is that I have helped him achieve what he wanted for himself."

only consolation I have is that I have helped him achieve what he wanted for himself." I'm my heart, I'd like to beg him to stay alive," Bradiin said before his Funeral arrangements for Rivlin were private, according to the wishes of the family, said a spokesman from the Ira Kaufman Chapel in Gouldfield. He is survived by his aunt

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and several cousins.
One cousin, William Bradlin, said he visited Rivlin every other day until recently. He stopped visiting because he feared he might try to talk his cousin out of the decision to die.

Marks was first elected to the city council in 1984. Vagoozzi was first elected in 1987. Arnoid was appointed to December to fill the remainder of former councilwoman Jan Dolan's term, which expires this year. Dolan was elected to the state House in November.

HIVLIN — BRIGHT articulate and determined—gave numerous interviews before his ultimate wish was granted; to die with dignity. He rarely ventured from bed as he watched TV, listened to the radio and talking books and pondered his plight of virtual immobility. The isolation had sapped his will to live. Reporters were drawn to the for-mer Oak Park resident after he filled

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a petition with the Oakland County Circuit Court in May, asking for per-mission to disconnect his ventilator to which he was hooked up in De-

cember 1986. Circuit Judge Hilda Gage sald July 5 a ruling from her court was not necessary; that the de-cision belonged to Rivlin because he

court was not necessary; that the de-cision belonged to Rivilli because ho was a competent adult.

"In just thred of Deserver the next day." It's artificial, I've hated it from the beginning. I've tried to live with it, but I cant."

Rivin severed his spinal cord in a 1971 surfing accident in his native California. The accident paralyzed him from the waist down. A former hospital carregiver, he learned to live independently, with the help of an aide. He went back to school. He flirted with marriage.

But his condition starting declin-ing in 1979. In 1986, an aneurysm cost Riviln the use of both arms and his ability to breathe.

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"HE IS in prison with no escape," Rivlin's attorney David Rosin of Detroit said in an earlier interview. "All he has to do is lay there in bed. Tomorrow is like today and so is 20 years from now."

Rivilin's situation is rare, when a person in a nursing home or facility is on life support and can still make their own decision, said Mike Connors, director of Citizens for Better Care, a support group for patients and their families. Many people are not conscious or mentally capable. "The way his case was handled is the way we would encourage others to handle it," he added. "We strongly believe the individual should have the right to make that decision." Volunteers at CBC had talked with Rivlin in recent times, listening and advising. Connors said he believed Rivlin valued the attenden his case considered the strong the control of the control of the control of the way we have been used. "It'd created a lot of awareness," he added. "I don't think it will change things; it will change the understanding of it. People don't always perceive what their rights are."

RIVLIN'S FEELINGS of hopelessness are common, especially in nurslog home attuations. But Connors as said he did not believe Rivlin's decision would influence others to die, just aid in overall understanding.
"It's not uncommon, the feeling,
that life doesn't have voite," Connors added. "There sometimes are
feelings of hopelessness."
Hivlin, who had trouble even moving his head, mirrored his hopeless
feelings in a look to the future: "For
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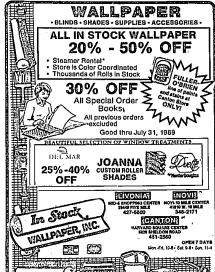
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