

Dear Lou

5-15, 88

I was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital Friday the 13th afternoon. I had come to the outpatient clinic to see the AIDS specialist in this group. He has seen me every so often for about a year now check my condition. Over the last $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 weeks I've had very little breath and they are guessing that this is pneumocystis pneumonia. They gave me intravenous pentamidine Friday evening for 2 hours and again last eve. I guess that is what they keep doing for a few more days. They did a bronchoscopy where they look down into the lungs and then they wash out some areas with saline to see what maybe growing there. Then they do 6 or 7 little bites into lung for actual tissue samples. The intern was in a while ago to say the lab has so far not found any nasties in the saline washes but had more tests yet to do. The pathologist must look at and slice the tissues and he is not working on this beautiful May weekend. God for him. So I don't expect the definitive diagnosis til Monday late. They thought it might be TB too as the apparent pattern fits it too. I've also read other AIDS patients get TB so we will see. The blood gases were quite low which means I'm not getting enough oxygen. So no wonder I'm weak tired & sleepy.

I'm not feeling full of energy

Doctor was just here again and said he would not know much of any thing til Monday eve when he had the time to sit down and read the reports, so I may not know til I see him Tuesday.

Donna Ulthe came by with violets & lilie of the valley from her yard. I gave her my tickets for the ballet Swan Lake this afternoon as her birthday present. 50+ happened mid week

later Louis Stinae came for a visit also this afternoon. He is now considered cured of his cancer of ~~lym~~ lymph node on right side of his neck. But the effects of the radiation treatment have aged him a lot. Much hair & beard loss as well as graying. But on the good side he lost 60 pounds of his grossly over weight! He is now closer to normal weight than he has been in years. Probably all to the good.

I phoned Eldon last week to discuss with him the idea of turning my house over to a living trust with Mil. Aids Project for housing PWAs. But Sue Deity, head of the project is leaving for CDC in Atlanta when she gets her Master in Nursing Admin. from Cardinal Stritch in August. So many changes there I'll not know to who I will be giving. Or if they are trustworthy.

I've not heard from you in quite a while which I hope means you're healthy and running around doing things.

Love you, stay well and happy
Alyn W. Flea