

UPDATE ON LOU WALTER:

5/2/2021: Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou is a bit more alert, but still very fragile. I have no updates currently on the status of the MRSA, but hope to know more tomorrow. His mailing address is Manor Care, 2811 NE 139th St. Room 143 Vancouver WA 98686. He is currently in quarantine and I was not able to visit him on my final two days in Portland, so we talked via Facetime. Or, rather, I said hello, and he went back to sleep. He is very, very tired and has issues with his heart now. Once he is out of quarantine (another week or so) he would LOVE to have visitors. Appointments for a visit are required and I know they allow visitors on Thursday and Saturday (they mentioned another day, but, honestly, I wasn't listening). They did move him to a room with an outside window and Joe and Isaac were able to talk to him through that window last night. You can certainly call him on his cell phone (206-915-6844). Joe has asked that no one send flowers or plants or candy, etc., because he just can't take care of the plants and flowers (and Joe doesn't want any!) and candy is tough on his diabetes (I thoroughly enjoyed the chocolates sent to him previously when I visited him the past two weeks! Thank you very much :-). Not that my waistline appreciated the joys of chocolate.

4/27/2021: Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou had had a tremendously rough few days. The MRSA infection is in his spine, neck and shoulders. Due to that, he has been moved from the Quarry assisted living situation to a skilled nursing facility. He is in a lot of pain but happy to be out of the hospital. He will continue his PT and OT while undergoing wound care and other nursing care at the Salmon Creek Oregon Manor care facility. He was moved there this evening and he's getting settled in.

4/24/2021: Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou is doing much better. He is not nearly as sedated, and he had a port put into his arm today. He will be on IV antibiotics for the next three months, trying to clear out the MRSA infection. We are not sure where he will be situated — the hospital is looking for a rehab place for him to go to because the quarry cannot take him while he has an IV in his arm. He is still in very fragile shape and we are encouraging him to participate as much as he can in rehab, PT and personal care. As soon as we know where he'll be located, we will post an address on this site.

4/21/2021: Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou is still hospitalized and heavily sedated.

4/19/2021: Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou was admitted to Peace health hospital at 3 AM this morning. The MRSA infection is in his back, shoulder, neck, and spine in addition to the UTI. He's on some pretty heavy duty Intravenous antibiotics. V antibiotics. Visited with him this morning, he was able to eat lunch but he's not picking up his phone. He is in a lot of pain.

4/18/2021: Journal Entry by Terry Walter—At the ER with Lou. He was doing so well before this. He seems to have cascading symptoms.... lots of pain(recurring MRSA?), now a UTI, blood pressure is going up, confusion. Mostly great pain. They are trying to get him an MRI, but his pain level makes it very difficult to lay flat for the length of time needed.

3/29/2021: Journal Entry by Terry Walter— Lou continues to improve although he is still not able to do his physical therapy. His wound care continues as does the five-day-a-week hyperbaric treatment (his skin looks great).

3/9/2021: Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou is looking great today! Here is a pic of him in his new digs at The Quarry in Vancouver WA—room 352. He has been undergoing quite a rigorous schedule of wound cleaning. You may remember he got a bad infection in his foot and he has a wound VAC on the foot as well as twice weekly visits to a wound doctor to clean it. While the wound is healing nicely, the infection has gotten into the bone. He has been put on Antibiotics and the doctor has recommended hyperbaric treatment for 90 days. Our hope is to save the foot and avoid amputation of his lower leg. He is in good spirits, is eating well and staying on top of other aspects of his treatment.



1/29/2021: Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou is feeling very good now; no more talk of amputation for now. Not only is he feeling better, he is looking better—he was able to get a haircut! No more Prince Valiant. I'll try to get a picture of him tomorrow and post it for your viewing pleasure. He sent me a picture of the wound on his left heel—I won't be posting THAT! You're welcome.