

## UPDATE ON LOU WALTER



**9/4/2020:** Journal entry by Terry Walter

Lou continues to improve, little by little. He is working very hard at his rehab, PT and OT. Today he got to sit in the sunshine and he was able to use his arms to wheel the wheelchair a bit. He still has a lot of pain in his shoulder, but it is getting bearable, little by little. He may be in line for a release date at the end of the month, depending on his improvement. If it happens, he will go to a group home or assisted living facility where he can continue to have therapy on an outpatient basis.

**8/30/2020:** Journal entry by Terry Walter

Lou SO appreciates the lovely plants so many of you have sent! So thoughtful. BUT he is unable to care for them, nor is the hospital staff. Joe has taken them home but his green thumb is getting overwhelmed! Notes and cards would be easier for Lou to manage and Joe would only need scotch tape for Lou to enjoy them. And thanks so much for thinking of Lou.

**8/21/2020** Journal entry by Terry Walter

Lou's surgery seem to be very successful. His spirits are high and he is looking forward to finally getting started on physical and occupational therapy. He is waiting now to see if he will stay at peace health center or return to Vibra Hospital for his therapy.

**8/17/2020** Journal entry by Terry Walter

Lou has taken a bit of a negative turn. He had a bad pain episode yesterday and was given some rather strong pain meds. He slept most of the day and ended up having a very serious hypoglycemic episode when nurses were able to wake him. He was quite frightened during the episode. Thus morning he was given results from tests after the episode. He has a UTI as well as an infection in his leg (with the fixture) and numbness in his right arm. The concern is that he may not be able to have surgery as planned on Wednesday. He is now on antibiotics, both orally and topical, so ...fingers crossed.



**8/15/2020** Journal entry by Terry Walter

I want to thank everyone for their kind thoughts & hopeful prayers... I truly appreciate everything that I received... thank you & hope you & your families are safe & well... God bless us all! —Lou

**8/12/2020:** Journal entry by Terry Walter

Some Good News: Surgery has been scheduled for early next week for Lou's knee repair and removal of the external fixture. The hope is that he'll soon begin PT and OT once healed. While Lou is worried about the intubation impacting the healing of his larynx, he's looking forward to the next phase of his recovery (and getting out of that bed!). His doc had mentioned that they may need to amputate down to the first knuckle of one of the fingers on his left hand, but so far they are giving it additional time to heal—and we're all hoping it won't be necessary.