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Theresa Marie Schiavo Life or Death Decisions

Does the government have the right to intervene in your personal life or death decisions? The Theresa Marie Schiavo case has stirred much interest in the government documents world and brings up many ethical, moral, and political questions. All three branches of government have become involved in determining the fate of Terri Schiavo.

Several classes at Winthrop University have begun discussions concerning this case. Your Government Documents Department has put together a quick guide to information about Theresa Marie Schiavo and the right to die decision.

Selection of items available in Dacus Library:

General Collection Books:

A Graceful Exit: Life and Death on Your Own Terms / Lofty L. Basta with Carole Post. R726 .B325 1996.

Casebook on the Termination of Life-Sustaining Treatment and the Care of the Dying / Cynthia B. Cohen, editor. R726 .C36 1988.

Ethical Issues in Death and Dying / Robert F. Weir, editor. R726 .E77 1986.

Death, Dying, and the Biological Revolution: Our Last Quest for Responsibility / Robert M. Veatch. R726 .V4 1989.

Ethics of Withdrawal of Life-Support Systems: Case Studies on Decision Making in Intensive Care / Douglas N. Walton. R726 .W34 1983.

Death and Dying: Opposing Viewpoints / William Dudley, editor. R726.8 .D3783 1992.

Facing Death: Where Culture, Religion, and Medicine Meet / edited by Howard M. Spiro. R726.8 .F33 1996.

Life and Death Decisions: Psychological and Ethical Considerations in End-of-Life Care / Phillip M. Kleespies. R726.8 .K565 2004.

General Collection Videos:

Living with Dying. BF789 .D4 .L58 2000.

Who Plays God? R724 .W46 1999.

eBooks and Journals (access through the Dacus Online Catalog):
Is There a Duty to Die? (eBook) / James M. Humber and Robert F. Almeder, editors.

Death Studies (electronic journal).

Government Documents (online resources):

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/> Full Text of S.686 For the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo.

http://www.miami.edu/ethics/schiavo_project.htm. University of Miami Ethics Programs. Schiavo case resources (includes links to full text court orders and legislation).

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/8457.html>. American Medical Association. Withholding or Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Medical Treatment.

Similar Cases (available on LexisNexis database):

Karen Ann Quinlan. 70 N.J. 10 (1976) -- Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Nancy Beth Cruzan. *Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Dept. of Health*, 497 U.S. 261 (1990).

This is just a sampling of the wealth of information available. Please contact Government Documents x2322 or the Reference Desk x6208 for further assistance.

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