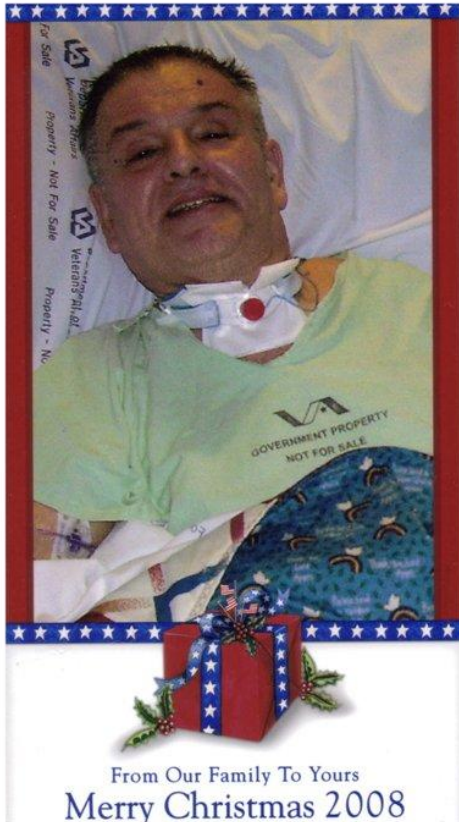


Harold Aubel's Page



Dear Family and Friends,

December 11, 2008

It has been 18 months since Harold's accident; he has come a long way.

Due to such severe damage to his right lung, he has to have two respiratory treatments every day and must be suctioned several times a day. They have discovered that he has sleep apnea and must be on the ventilator at night. Now he is awake in the daytime and sleeps at night.

The bedsores (2) that he has had since February are much improved and should be healed in a couple of months.

Sometimes people are afraid to visit because they think he might be depressed, but Harold picks up their spirits and they go home feeling better. Once people visit for the first time, they return often and Harold has lots of company. His attitude is wonderful.

I (Mom) am getting older every day. I feed Harold two meals a day besides exercising his arms and legs in addition to what the hospital staff does to keep them limber.

I plan to go home around March 15, 2009, to do my taxes as well as to move my things into my sister-in-law's home. I've paid a year's rent for time that I've spent in Florida and it seems silly to continue doing that since Sally offered to share her home after my brother passed. I don't know exactly when I will return to Florida. My address in Ohio and Harold's at the VA:

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Harold and I want to thank you all again for the cards, gifts, letters, prayers, and good wishes – there is no way to express how much they have meant to us during this trying time.

Love to all from Harold and Anne Renee

July 19, 2009 Update:

Randy & his daughter went to visit Harold today, his spirits are still very good, at present he is having a home built to accommodate his needs, he expects to be out of the hospital in a couple months. The home has to be made to support the equipment needed to lift him in and out of his bed, he has people who are going to classes to learn how to handle his everyday needs, and on how to handle him.

He has made the decision that he will be retiring from the school system, otherwise if he return to work he will lose too many of his benefits through social security, so he made that decision. He is doing quite well for his condition, and has great thing planned for himself. He still could use visitors; he misses the chapter, so if at all possible go visit him, when you can. If there are any changes we will keep everybody posted.