

Faith Porter, prospective kidney recipient dies

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Thirty seven year old Faith Porter, who was gearing up for a kidney transplant died on Friday night, October 1 of unknown causes.

Over the past two weeks, The Times carried two parts of a heart wrenching story about a brother, Norman Porter, who was willing to give his sister a second chance by giving her one of his kidneys (See Times Vol.9 #36 & #37). The only thing that stood between them and the surgery was the \$550,000 to pay for the facilities, the nurses and doctors. Now, all of that has to be forgotten because of her untimely death.

Norman gave The Times an account of what happened up to the time of his sister's death. "She did a blood test at the Port Maria lab and got the wrong results. They were results that we had already got. The Monday before she died, we went to the clinic at the Kingston Public Hospital (KPH). That's where the doctor found out that it was the wrong blood test. She asked me to get the right blood test and bring her in on the 11th of October. On Tuesday, September 28, we went to the renal unit at KPH for the doctor to access her. At that time, she was a bit pale and weak and she wasn't eating enough. She said that she was tired of the special diet she was on. The doctor told her that she had to eat up because she was looking pale and weak. He told her that she could drink the Lasco Lasoy food

drinks to add more protein to her diet. After that, everything seemed to be O.K." he said. They went back home.

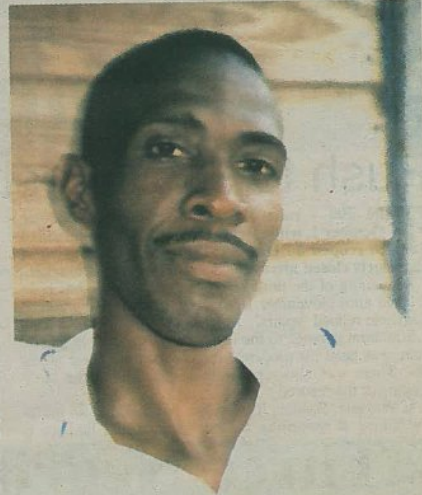
COMPLAINTS

"Late Wednesday night to Thursday morning she started complaining about coughing. I called the doctor at KPH and told her that Faith was coughing. She told me to buy her a normal cough syrup, and if she was short of breath, I should bring her in to KPH. She didn't have short of breath, so I just got the cough syrup for her on Thursday and she drank it. I gave her dinner, but she didn't eat it. On Friday morning, a cousin gave her breakfast, she didn't eat it. She just drank tea, but shortly after that she threw up. After a while she was crying for pain in her chest and back which was very unusual. On Friday evening, while I was on my way home from running errands, I got a call from my cousin saying that Faith was hungry. I rushed home to cook, and while I was cooking, another cousin came by my house and said that I should come now. When I went around to Faith, I saw that she was dying. I rushed her to the Annotto Bay Hospital. They put her on a stretcher and the nurse checked on her and said she was dying. Ten minutes after that the doctor pronounced her dead. It was very shocking to me. I wasn't expecting it." Norman said.

MOVING ON

Right now, Norman is trying to cope with his sister's death. "The whole community is shocked. We know that she was sick, but she had bounced back from worst instances. I called the renal unit at KPH and they were shocked because she didn't give any signs of going. Right now, I'm trying to be strong, but it's taking a toll on me. But I'll pull through. Still, I have no strength to move around as I want to.

All dates of appointments and arrangements have been cancelled and the Porters are now looking to make funeral arrangements. "I have not made any specific funeral arrangements as yet. I'm just waiting on the whole family to get together." He, however, is thinking of having the funeral on October 17.



Norman Porter is in complete shock as he tries to cope with his sister's death. He now has to start making funeral arrangements.



Faith Porter died of unknown causes at the Annotto Bay Hospital. This was a shock to her family and the community, as there was no sign of her dying, even though she was very ill. She was preparing to undergo kidney transplant which was going to be donated by her brother, Norman Porter.

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