

# Rabbit Trail

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What if they died when they died  
to make us look more closely inside  
to invite us to investigate?

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Sorrow fences with fear and questions over socialized medicine and  
what if their deaths could have been prevented  
if their healthcare had been privatized  
though I'll have to ignore my suspicions that money matters more,  
even in that system...

I am no physician, no scientist, and I walked away from journalism  
but undergrad brought me psychology which brought me statistics  
and medical terminology and research methods  
and undergrad brought me an English degree which brought me  
comprehension and critical thinking and combined with my  
psychology, understanding scientific research is just a matter of  
application.

And graduate school brought me a teaching degree which is really  
a degree in the science of learning and my freelance work brings me  
communication skills so together I can write things that facilitate  
understanding.

Add it all up, undergrad to today, and what if I am the most qualified  
to investigate, what if I am at least qualified  
enough?

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And what if socialized medicine isn't to blame  
and correlation and causation all point to the same

truth that people die, people die too soon?

