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Relatives: Woman in good health before dying at nursing home

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CHICAGO -- Relatives of one of six elderly residents who died under suspicious circumstances at a northern Illinois nursing home say the woman was in good health before she died.

Virginia Cole's son-in-law says she was a vibrant 78-year-old who enjoyed life at the Woodstock Residence nursing home despite the onset of Alzheimer's.

But Cole died on September 10th, 2006 after falling unconscious days before.

One current and one former nursing home employee have been indicted on charges tied to overdosing residents of the home with morphine. But prosecutors do not allege the overdoses caused the residents' deaths.

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A Cole family attorney contends the woman was not suffering before her death. Steve Levin says relatives plan to file a wrongful death lawsuit in the case.

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