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Son Files Nursing Home Neglect Lawsuit against Arbor of Itasca

CHICAGO, IL, June 16, 2009 – Chicago personal injury lawyers Steven M. Levin and Margaret Battersby of Levin & Perconti filed a nursing home negligence lawsuit in DuPage County yesterday on behalf of Robert Gryncewicz for the personal injuries his mother Rosemary Gryncewicz sustained while under the care of the Arbor of Itasca nursing home in Itasca, IL. Rosemary's injuries contributed to her death on August 4, 2008 at the age of 92.

Rosemary Gryncewicz was admitted to Arbor of Itasca on October 7, 2004 after suffering a stroke that left her immobile. Prior to her admission, she lived with Robert, her only son, at his home in Bloomingdale, IL. However, since she could no longer walk, Robert decided that she needed more care and supervision than he could provide. "I looked at a lot of nursing homes in the area and The Arbor of Itasca seemed like the best for my mother," said Robert. "I trusted that they could give her better care than I could on my own."

When she was admitted, she was assessed as requiring supervision and assistance with activities of daily living, bed mobility and transferring to prevent falls and accidents. On April 18, 2008, she fell as nursing home staff transferred her from her bed to her wheelchair. The fall resulted in a fractured knee that was treated at a local hospital. Several weeks later, she fell out of her wheelchair in the hall of the nursing home. This incident required another hospitalization and aggravated the previous injury. After the falls, her condition rapidly deteriorated. Rosemary developed serious pressure ulcers on her heel and sacrum. She never recovered from these falls and passed away on August 4 as a result of her injuries.

According to Robert, his mother's death came after a decline in the quality of care she received at the nursing home. "The two years that she lived there, I had no complaints. But things got worse over time and I truly believe that their negligence caused my mother's death."

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The lawsuit alleges that the Arbor of Itasca was negligent on several levels. Among these allegations, the complaint alleges that the nursing home failed to appropriately assess her risk for falls and accidents, failed to appropriately assess her risk for falls and accidents, and failed to provide adequate medical care, personal care, maintenance, and treatment.

Attorneys Steven Levin and Margaret Battersby of Levin & Perconti filed the case. According to Steve Levin, "Robert trusted the Arbor of Itasca and they violated his trust when they allowed her to fall during transfer. Falls in older people can have devastating effects, and unfortunately Rosemary never bounced back after her fall at the nursing home."

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