

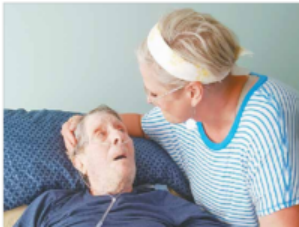
Knox County hearing set for July 16

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The COVID-19 pandemic has the closure of courts in Tennessee. Some courts have opened with limited seating recently and the efforts in Knox County result, which has been in limbo for several months, finally appears on the Chancery Court Docket.

During the Knox County Person Board meeting Tuesday the board's attorney, John Demps, said that July 16 at 9:30 a.m. is the new date and time. The hearing is to rule on a petition to dissolve the

for a loved one from afar during pandemic



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He's finally back home and recovering but the difficulties and worries that his family faced while he was in the hospital during the pandemic is a heartwrenching story that must be told.

The 88-year-old West Knoxville lay in Parkwest Medical Center several weeks ago awaiting surgery for his broken hip. Mostly deaf and confused, Franklin Davis Mills was alone and could have no visitors because of hospital policy due to the coronavirus pandemic.

One of his daughters, Missy Shorter, was panicked and concerned about her 77-year-old mother wanting to be with Mills during the ordeal. Missy and her husband, Mike, began a frustrating effort to see her father. "We've been trying to get in to see