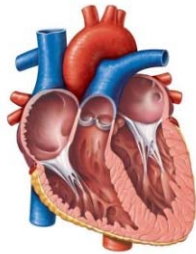




**At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:**

- \*discuss the major ethical considerations when giving organ donations
- \*understand the profound definition of death and how to remember your departed loved ones



**Read the article:**

The time will come when my body will lie upon a white sheet neatly tucked under four corners of a mattress in a hospital busily occupied with the living and the dying. At a certain moment, a doctor will determine that my brain has **ceased** to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped. When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life by the use of a machine. And don't call this my deathbed. Let it be called the 'bed of life', and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives. Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman. Give my heart to a person whose own heart has cause nothing but endless days of pain. Give my blood to the teenager who was pulled from the **wreckage** of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play. Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist.

Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled walk. Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that, someday, a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her window. Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow. If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weakness and all prejudice against my fellowman. If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.



### Let's Talk:

1. Does the writer want to prolong life artificially?
2. Why does the writer want to call his deathbed the bed of life?
3. What does this phrase mean?
  - for all intents and purposes
  - instill artificial life by the use of a machine
  - who depends on a machine to exist



## Express Yourself:

1. What do you think about organ donation?
2. Do you carry an organ donation card?
3. If your child were declared brain-dead, would you donate his or her usable organs to some stranger in need?
4. What do you think about your body being donated to medical research after you die?
5. What's the difference between donating some organ while you're alive (such as kidney) and donating your entire body when you are dead?