

## UPDATE ON LOU WALTER:

**3/29/2021:** Journal Entry by Terry Walter— Lou continues to improve although he is still not able to do his physical therapy. His wound care continues as does the five-day-a-week hyperbaric treatment (his skin looks great).

**3/9/2021:** Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou is looking great today! Here is a pic of him in his new digs at The Quarry in Vancouver WA—room 352. He has been undergoing quite a rigorous schedule of wound cleaning. You may remember he got a bad infection in his foot and he has a wound VAC on the foot as well as twice weekly visits to a wound doctor to clean it. While the wound is healing nicely, the infection has gotten into the bone. He has been put on Antibiotics and the doctor has recommended hyperbaric treatment for 90 days. Our hope is to save the foot and avoid amputation of his lower leg. He is in good spirits, is eating well and staying on top of other aspects of his treatment.



**1/29/2021:** Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou is feeling very good now; no more talk of amputation for now. Not only is he feeling better, he is looking better—he was able to get a haircut! No more Prince Valiant. I'll try to get a picture of him tomorrow and post it for your viewing pleasure. He sent me a picture of the wound on his left heel—I won't be posting THAT! You're welcome.

**1/16/2021:** Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou has not been well lately. He was in the ER on Thursday for IV fluids and very weak. Some issues with vertigo. Hope he starts to feel better soon. He was able to keep food down yesterday.

**1/10/2021:** Journal Entry by Terry Walter—SGN - some good news! Lou has been moved to the Quarry Assisted Living, 415 SE 177th Ave in Vancouver WA 98683. He wounds have improved substantially although they are still being watched closely. He is in a small apartment of his own, although he still requires a great deal of direct care. He will begin his home healthcare therapy on Tuesday and hopes to quickly get back to where he was before he was sidelined by his wounds and his toe amputation. Quite an improvement in his standard of living; he is very happy and continues to have a great attitude. His 76th birthday is coming up on January 14-I know he would appreciate any well wishes and cards you could send.

**12/20/2020:** Journal Entry by Terry Walter—WOW! Lou was taken into surgery early this morning for wound cleaning on his left foot. His baby toe *was* amputated. His spirits were good (how much of *that* was due to meds?). Now more waiting. I know what you're thinking—wound cleaning and amputation but they couldn't trim that toenail? Patience, grasshopper.

**12/18/2020:** Journal Entry by Terry Walter—This afternoon, Lou was admitted to the wound care hospital due to the severity of the infections on his left foot and right leg. He will have surgery next week to have the wounds cleaned and, most likely, the amputation of a toe. His attitude is upbeat (he's looking forward to the food). It may be that he will be in the hospital until after the first of the year.



**12/16/2020:** Journal Entry by Terry Walter—Lou was scheduled to move to a long term care facility today at noon, but due the level of care he still needs for his open wounds, his move has been postponed. It is for the best and still May happen before the end of the year. His attitude is terrific and upbeat.