

Verifiable Proof of an NDE Experience—1991

This event was recreated and filmed by the BBC as a documentary, *The Day I Died*, available to be seen on YouTube.

Pam Reynolds, a musician in Atlanta, GA was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm (the ballooning of a brain artery that threatens to burst). Neurosurgeon Robert Spetzler practiced a radical surgical procedure termed “hypothermic cardiac arrest.



7:15 AM—General anesthesia was begun.

8:40 AM—Bone saw was used to remove a section of her skull; a tiny microscope was inserted into her brain. Another surgeon incised her right groin preparing the femoral artery and vein for cardiopulmonary bypass, but because it was too small, prepared the left side instead.

10:50 AM—Blood- and body-cooling cardiopulmonary bypass was begun.

11:00 AM—Core body temperature reached 73 degrees.

11:05 AM -- Cardiac arrest was induced and her breathing was stopped. The EEG of her outer brain functioning went flat. The EEG of her inner brainstem function weakened.

11:25 AM—Core body temperature reached 60 degrees. Total brain shutdown. Cardiopulmonary bypass was begun and the blood was drained from her head. Any possibility of metabolism to support brain functioning was eliminated. The aneurysm was then repaired, while she was clinically dead for an hour.

12:00 Noon—The heart monitor began to show signs of ventricular fibrillation. After two rounds of defibrillator shocks, her heart beat normally.

12:36 PM—Core body temperature reached normal. Monitoring equipment was removed. Closing surgery was begun.

2:10 PM—Reynolds was taken to the recovery room in stable condition

After having lost consciousness due to the general anesthetic, she was suddenly brought to consciousness by the piercing sound of the cranial saw, which she said emitted a natural D tone, and that it popped her out of the top of her head. She came to rest near Dr. Spetzler’s shoulder. She saw things, despite having her eyes taped shut, she had not expected or that contradicted her expectations, such as the appearance of the cranial saw, the interchangeable saw blades in a socket-wrench-type case, and the way her head was shaved. She was dismayed to see someone conducting a procedure in her groin area when this was supposedly brain surgery. She heard the report that the blood vessels were too small and to switch to the other side. She was drawn into the presence of the ‘Light’, where she encountered deceased loved ones. She returned with a deceased uncle, and upon seeing the condition of her body did not want to reenter it. She saw the body jump once, and upon a second jump her uncle pushed her back into her body.