



*Married
Fifty years
But
Mom no longer
Knows him*

*Dedicated
Dad
But
He no longer
Cares*

*Doctors
Say his
Illness
Is severe
Depression*

*And for
Our family
Many
Things have
Changed.*

*He used
To be
The one
Who gave us
Guidance*

*Now he
Rarely
Makes
Decisions for
Himself*

*We cannot
Trust
The product
Of his
"Reason"*

*Dad's lost;
He
Cannot
Find his own
Way home.*

All drugs

*The doctors
Tried
Were worse than
Useless*

*Each
Physical
Exam
Proved
"Nothing wrong"*

*This
Once-strong
Man shows
Clear signs of
Dementia*

*He sits
Alone and
Looks
Down at his
Shoes.*

*Mom
Supervises
Every
Waking
Moment*

*She has
No time
For
Anything her
Own*

*She did
Not plan
To
Babysit her
Husband*

*We pray
She can
Survive
The non-stop
Strain.*

*He
Worries
Constantly
About
"The money"*

*He's sure
His savings
Won't sustain
Him to the
End*

*But
We will
See him through
This time of
Trouble*

*Our family
Is
Dad's
Strongest
Safety net.*

Credits:

Poem, by Carole Bos, for forthcoming book *Family Is a Safety Net*.

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