





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
Rarely Makes
Decisions for
Himself
We cannot
Trust
The product
Of his "Reason"
"Reason"
Dad's lost;
He
Cannot
Find his own Way home
Way home.
All drugs

The doctors Tried Were worse than Useless Each Physical Ĕxam 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 Owň She did Not plan To Babysit her Husband We pray She can Survive The non-stop Strain. Не 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 IsDad's Strongest Safety net.

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