



Resource List for Caregivers of Dementia Patients

Dementia reconsidered: The person comes first

Tom Kidwood, McGraw-Hill, 1997

The author suggests 7 ways in which we can gain some insight into what it is like to have dementia such as Alzheimer's disease.

Gentlecare: Changing the experience of Alzheimer's disease in a positive way

Moyra Jones, Hartley, Marks, 1999

Gentlecare covers every aspect of Alzheimer's caregiving from assessment to attitudes, and grooming to communication. It looks for ways to cherish the diminishing person and will be of profound interest to anyone affected by Alzheimer's disease, whether concerned professionals or family members of those afflicted.

Grief and mourning from the perspective of the person with a dementing illness: Beginning the dialogue

Rentz, Krikorian and Keys, *OMEGA: The Journal of Death and Dying*, Volume 50, Number 3 / 2004-2005, pgs. 165 – 179.

This article addresses current models of grief, examines the ability or inability of affected individuals to experience and resolve grief, and attempts to formulate questions that may ultimately allow clinicians and caregivers to better recognize and address the difficult issues of the grief response and mourning process in the person with dementing illness.

I'm still here

La Doris "Sam" Heinly, MSW, 1982

Heinly utilizes Art Therapy through late stages of disease progression to demonstrate that the "person" is still there.

The best friends approach to Alzheimer's care

Virginia Bell and David Troxel, Health Professions Press

The validation breakthrough

Naomi Feil, 1993

Further demonstrates findings of success of "The Feil Method" and develops more fully the work of "Validation."

Validation: The feil method

Naomi Feil, 1982

Between 1963 and 1982 Mrs. Feil developed *Validation: The Feil Method* as a response to her dissatisfaction with traditional methods of working with the severely disoriented old-people who were her clients.