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perhaps someone else' I wish this tale were fiction, nonetheless it is not. It modified him, us and me. It is created in the wish that others might benefit from what I learned as the caregiver of a dementia victim. Only after that will Jim' that dementia victims and their loved ones are humans who should have respect, kindness, empathy and patience, so often lost in our fast-paced society. And because it might remind people of medical care industry – it's the tale of our experience with dementia and the lessons I learned as I tried to be Jim's cruel affliction serve some purpose, since it might help others feel less lonely, bewildered, angry or frustrated than I did so, shorten the dreadful learning curve, or encourage others to ask more questions and make fewer assumptions. The diagnostic procedure I describe was painful and disappointing; Diagnosed with dementia in 1997, my hubby, Jim, lived at home during his illness and passed away there in January 2006. Caring for Jim was exhausting; s caregiving encounter might be easier. perhaps someone else's might be less draining. Viewing somebody lose his / her brain and body is not polite. It is rude and mean-spirited. Dementia brutalized Jim and stole the like of my life from me. Dignifying Dementia is definitely both a love story and an attempt to attain out to others who you live through or who'll live through a similar tragedy. This is simply not a medical text; from physicians to orderlies, from agency administrators to accredited nursing assistants –s voice, to maintain his dignity also to care for him and for me personally.



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Should be required reading for dementia related caregivers. T.'s Dignifying Dementia Elizabeth Tierney's (E.T.'s) new book, "Dignifying Dementia" can be an essential addition to the literature of Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders. It's the chronicle of a patient, Jim Tierney, as informed by his wife, E.T. This book referred to my husband's symptoms to a tee and provided me the tools had a need to get him the correct treatment. Memorably, it addresses the countless disconnects between your patient and his family members and the health treatment community. No segment of the latter is untarnished. E.T.'s struggles to recognize health care providers for her spouse are frustrating and sad. "The psychologist offered us chairs but never smiled. yet, she encounters just as much obstacles as additional caregivers while caring for her husband for nine years. Disease narratives belong to three classes: quest, restitution, chaos. Excellent This is an extremely well crafted and thoughtful book." A neuropsychiatrist, when asked by E.T., "What should I do? Reeling from this inappropriately timed comment, the Tierneys make an effort to get on making use of their lives but this diagnosis haunts them.. T. assembles a caring group that treats Jim with dignity and, indeed, love. A lot of people would not have had E.T.'s persistence and moxie. I HATE what he's been reduced to.. Chaos is the least generally written and the hardest to learn. It may also become the most important, the truest type of pathography. There are several books about caregivers and their journeys. And, as a wonderful bonus, she lived to inform the story! Compassion, Dignity and Love will never be Denied Because of Dementia As soon as I started to read Elizabeth Tierney's publication "Dignifying Dementia" I possibly could not put it down. That is a heart-rending true story of one couple dealing with dementia. She did, so I could also, God willing! I read this publication in one sitting: I hope that it will gain broad publicity throughout medical and nursing academic institutions and programs for house care companies. As my mother is Dad's single caregiver (at 82 yrs . old) and is walking in your sneakers, only God knows how much it will help her in addition to us upon this long journey. I am sorry it emerged at such great cost to the writer. Dignifying Dementia is a love story as well.. Should be required reading for all medical professionals and caregivers and family. Initially of their life collectively Elizabeth and her husband Jim had a relationship filled with romance and adventure. Too early, their happy life became a sad trip of doctors, medicines, house health aids and frustrations. Dr. Tierney's well written reserve about the trials and tribulations of looking after a loved one with a terminal disease is both interesting and heartbreaking. She makes it clear that the traveling objective in Jim's professional existence was advancing education. Once again, I understand it was painful for you yourself to be so transparent, but thank you from underneath of my heart. Penned from the heart In the first section of Dignifying Dementia, Ms. Tierney opens our eyes and inspires us to ask questions Once the world of caregiving descends upon your shoulders if you are not really aware of what things to expect, your experience will be a struggle. After having been the primary caretaker for a loved one, I can appreciate the feelings both Elizabeth and Jim were going through. In the spirit of that legacy, Dignifying Dementia seeks to shed a bit more light on the painful, but very true experience of losing someone you care about to terminal disease. Elizabeth's story is effective and has important insight not merely to spouses or other family members acting as caregivers but also to doctors who treat dementia patients. Also caregivers to those suffering various other terminal illnesses could reap the benefits of Elizabeth's determination to fight for dignity before end. Type of "What things to Expect IF YOU ARE Expecting Dementia. Certainly, people in the same sneakers as Elizabeth was in will see ease and comfort in knowing their feelings and struggles are not just their own. Jim Tierney had not been the "appear at me" guy when he was alive, but he understood the worthiness of shared debate and there is no question that he's smiling now, with a twinkle in his

eyesight, saying "Please, read my story". timely My father happens to be suffering from DLB. At times, it was too painful to learn this because of the similarities."Eventually, after much effort, E.. Yet it had been so enlightening. Thank you for composing this! What struck me repeatedly was that should not really be so hard." I appreciate the progress knowledge; Perhaps, that's one reason so many dementia sufferers wind up in assisted living facilities. My only wish is certainly that Elizabeth discover peace and convenience knowing she did all she could for Jim and that his last years were enhanced by her love and devotion.E. Very insightful. As a new CNA working in a long term care facility, Elizabeth's accounts of her encounters with dementia have given me insight into being a better caregiver to my residents. She lists all the assets and her avenues of caregiving at home, so I need not repeat what didn't work and will use what did. Great for those looking after someone with weird symptoms (Lewy .. As sad since it is, what also shines through is definitely that Jim Tierney was cherished and looked after, and that at the end of his existence there was laughter and compassion and dignity and care together with the tears and heartbreak and frustration. The book recounts Jim's slow, stable decline from being truly a vibrant productive instructor and administrator to a totally dependent patient with Lewy Body Disease. Great for those caring for somebody with weird symptoms (Lewy Body Dementia). I couldn't believe how unfriendly he seemed. I would suggest it to one to help understand a pal dealing with dementia. really helpful resource I found this book on a particularly bad day time with my husband and was relieved to get I am not by yourself. Looking after your hero who can no more function at full swiftness is quite hard work and often discouraging. The book was helpful and encouraging. You can easily wonder in the event that you will endure the caregiving. Their specific tale is engaging, but offers much broader implications for ordinary people as untold thousands of families are or will end up being coping with similar situations. I feel my husband is too vital that you put in a nursing home. feedback from the writer It's gratifying to know a lot of people are contacting me by email, by Amazon or on the site dignifying dementia to state that the publication has touched them, are glad that I've written this and that it reminds them of their own situation or assists them make decisions. This is a memorable book that will help all of us who'll be called to care for vulnerable individuals suffering from the varied forms of dementia. What to Expect My wife and I read it as preparation for my own increasingly likely journey straight down the same tortured path. That is a must go through for anybody who refuses to settle for second rate care for themselves at a nursing home facility. My Dad, an honored and enjoyed Pastor of 50 years, now sits with that blank stare and constant drooling. Our maturing parents and friends and we ourselves should not be subjected to so very much indifference, hostility, insufficient compassion, bureaucracy, and misery in every area once we seek to care for those who require it. Tierney describes her existence with her husband Jim before he's identified as having dementia. Elizabeth Tierney, author of Dignifying Dementia: A Caregiver's Struggle, has a doctorate degree;. No matter one's education, looking after a loved one is a challenge and as Tierney learns a journey in discovery. Dignifying Dementia is mostly a chaos tale, with an admixture of restitution permitted by the team of carers that formed around Jim. Some are expressed in a unique voice that opens our eye and teaches us something. Tierney and her husband's journey begin after he goes to the emergency room for anal bleeding and leaves with a medical diagnosis of dementia." responded, "Don't purchase a boat of a 10,000 square foot house. VISITS 5 NEUROLOGISTS They see a neurologist after that another and another-five in every. Each presents a different diagnosis ranging from cognitive impairment to Alzheimer's and an unusual medical diagnosis in between. The outcome? Lewy Body Dementia. Tierney opens our eye and inspires us to ask questions Once the world of caregiving descends upon your

shoulders if you are not really aware of what to expect, your experience will be a struggle.
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