Caring for the Spouse of a Person Experiencing Dementia

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Abstract (300 word limit)

Even though caring for a spouse with dementia is a terrible hardship, realizing the continuing value of the person allows for an opportunity for healing, growth, and understanding in a spouse. With a positive approach to the disease by focusing on the remaining abilities of a person experiencing dementia, spouses receive a unique opportunity for a season of insight at the end of life. By understanding the disease and acknowledging the changing nature of their roles, better relationships can be fostered between the couple.



Biography (150 word limit)

Mr. Matthew Kuiper completed his Bachelor's in Business Leadership from Baker College Cadillac, Michigan. While finishing his Masters degree, he began working in the field of dementia care. Prior to moving to Penang, Malaysia to work with Firm (L) Foundation, he spent 7 years as one of the directors of a memory care facility in Louisville, KY. Mr. Matthew Kuiper is currently studying at Bellarmine University where his research interests include aging in low resource communities, dementia, and soul care.

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