

## Roses in December: A Story of Love and Alzheimer's

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Sometimes the best way to deal with a tough topic is through comic form. This collection of Crankshaft comics brings together the long-running strip's two Alzheimer's stories: Helen and her husband (Crankshaft's friend Ralph) and Crankshaft's neighbors, sisters Lillian and Lucy. Fourteen years of comics delicately trace the progression of Alzheimer's, from first diagnosis through growing confusion and personality changes, the difficult decision by caregivers to move their loved one to a nursing home, all the way to the inevitable end, eliciting both laughter and tears. With an appendix of resources, this is a wonderful gift for those whose lives have been touched in any way by Alzheimer's.

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