On a death and dying roll here, so here is one other oldie. From *The Times* again, November 17, 2002:

To the Editor:

"More Than Death, Fearing a Muddled Mind" (front page, Nov. 11) gave a vivid description of dementia.

I am 92, my wife is 91, and we have been married for more than 68 years. I can tell you that to be a caretaker of someone who is afflicted with this disease is to be cursed. There are constant suggestions of what to do next from well-meaning friends and relatives, but you still only do what you can. It is very difficult.

Hy Grober

Téaneck, N.J., Nov. 11, 2002