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To all those who have asked or are just wondering about my Dad (Allen Nicholls)

Unfortunately with Mom's passing, we found ourselves in the position of needing to put Dad into an environment in which he could get the care, supervision and company that he now requires. The poor guy has had a pretty rough time of it lately. In addition to losing the one person in this world he relied on more than any other, he's had to move into a space by himself, he's had a hernia scare which we may have address in the near future (right now he has enough on his plate) AND his prostate issues now require that he wear a catheter. (He's too old for the operation and the medication would be too strong for his system to handle). October has not been kind.

Thankfully, Portal Village, where he and Mom resided in the independent living area, also has a "full care" area. So as of last Friday (October 26th), he has a comfy little bed sitting room and a great new 'sight & hearing- impaired' phone that he's learning to use. At the moment, we have 9 numbers programmed in so that he only has to punch the name of the person he wants to call. As he gets used to that (so far it's working well) we'll show him how to dial numbers of those we have no room to program in. His phone number if you want to call him is 1 – 905 – 835 – 2761. Just be sure to speak slowly, clearly and not too long. Unfortunately, this phone does not facilitate the leaving of messages so just call back if you don't reach him the first time. Also, know that his breakfast is from 8 – 9 am/ lunch from 12 – 1 pm and dinner from 5 – 6 pm. As well, his schedule for his weekly bath is Sat. morning, so visits and calls are best left until after pm

He seems to be settling in quite well, but you know Dad. He'll only say that to people outside the family To us he still grouses !! Gotta' love him ! He has his meals with 3 nice old guys and there are people we know there, who've said they'll watch out for him and help him along. The people there, both staff and residents are really great. We're fortunate to have found this place. I say that in full confidence since I lived there with him for a week while making the transition from one area to the other. I was really impressed with everyone.

The one activity that Dad looks forward to every day is getting the mail. So please consider dropping him a note from time to time. It doesn't have to be lengthy, just something that lets him know you haven't forgotten him. His address is :
Room 250, 300 Elgin St., Port Colbourne. On. L3K 6A3. And if you're in the area please drop in for a quick visit. He'd love that.

All things considered he's doing quite well. He obviously misses Mom a lot. But we're doing our best to try to fill some of that gap. If you can help, even a little bit, it would be great.