

Understanding Alzheimer's Caregiving, The Law, Sibling Struggles, Eviction, And More Guns



Guiding Mother Home is Betty Alder's second book, and the sequel to *Old Parents and Purple Tulips*.

It was crucial to complete this family's emotional journey in their struggle with Alzheimer's through the declining years of the one remaining parent. Book Two tells the story of the brother evicted from the family home with his gun collection of over 250 weapons. The story continues with the dismantling of the house that Daddy built, foster care for Mother, and a long, slow good-bye culminating in Mother's death -- a quiet, peaceful journey into her heavenly home.

Guiding Mother Home, like its predecessor, is not only an exciting if at times harrowing narrative, it is also a resource for caregivers, family, and friends of those struggling with Alzheimer's. Betty has thus provided two appendices: 1) "Resources For Caregivers"; and 2) "Questions To Think About / What Would You Do?" From the latter, "Having been a career teacher, one of the author's goals in telling her story and publishing it was to be helpful to others who may face similar situations in becoming the parents of their parents. The following questions are added to the story to give readers opportunity for thought to prepare for this part in their life, hopefully to stimulate conversation in families, book clubs, church groups, or around the office water cooler."



The author's mother and father,
Francine Malfait 7/6/1914 to 1/23/1995
and Roger 9/8/1910 to 2/2/1991

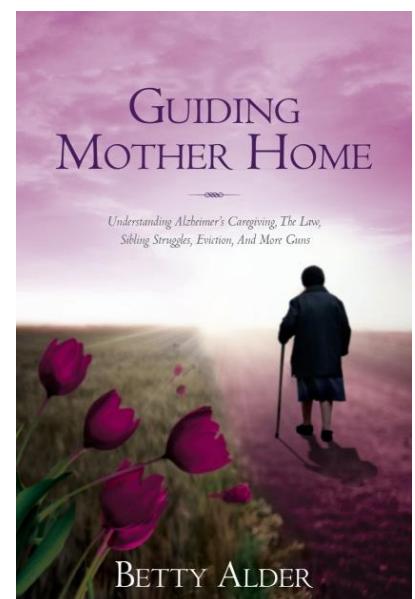


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Bio:

Betty Alder has years of first-hand experience and learned wisdom in caring for elder parents and has worked with both legal and medical experts in the field. Trained as a scientist, Betty's skills in observation and teaching give her a unique ability to navigate and articulate the field of elder-care. And her years of experience in senior caregiving have given her a unique perspective in navigating the maze of Alzheimer's.

Betty Alder is a retired biology/plant science teacher and mycologist. She has written primarily in her scientific field but has had creative work published in *The Reporter* (a local Bremerton newspaper), *Succotash* (a publication of creative writing and poetry in Shelton, WA), and the quarterly national journal *Crone Chronicles, A Journal of Conscious Aging*. Betty lives with her husband on Hood Canal, Hansville, Washington.



DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to "Francine and Roger Malfait." Thank you for years of intense and sacrificial devotion to our family, years that would not let me shy away from the pain and unpleasantries involved in helping you through your declining years. I know my choices for you were not always appreciated, but I am ever hopeful that they were right choices, at least in the eyes of God. I remain optimistic that we will have opportunity to acknowledge that as we are reunited as a family in the presence of our precious almighty God in eternity.

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