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## THE CAREGIVERS' NEWSLETTER

*Connecting Caregivers to Answers and Support*

### News And Articles

#### [10 Things to Know About Planning a Funeral or Cremation Service](#)

Preplanning a funeral is something that aging adults often consider, and it offers many benefits to the entire family. Keep these important things in mind when it comes to making final arrangements in advance. [Read More »](#)

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**Q: Should I take Mom home for a visit?**

My brother and friends think it would undo the progress she's made in her ALF, but I promised that I'd take her home for visits. It would break my heart to not follow through.

**Q: What should I do if I suspect my sister is stealing from our dad?**

In the two years since she became POA, she has had a boob job and done extensive renovations on her boyfriend's house.

**Q: Has anyone ever dealt with an overzealous nurse?**

He is new at Mom's SNF and seems overly interested in getting morphine and Xanax on board.

**Q: What do I do when my sisters-in-law want my unmanageable father-in-law to go home to receive hospice?**

He is morbidly obese and currently in assisted living for end stage prostate cancer, bone metastases and frequent falls.

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