

# **Come Back Early Today**

## ***A Memoir of Love, Alzheimer's and Joy***

**By Marie Marley, PhD**

### **Suggested Interview Questions for Marie Marley, PhD**

1. What is your favorite memory from the early years of your romantic relationship with Ed?
2. Why do you think your relationship with Ed was so powerful and lasted so long?
3. Were there any issues or challenges because of the age difference between you and Ed?
4. You were introduced to Ed by your Italian professor, Guido, with whom you'd had a seven-year passionate relationship. Whatever happened to Guido?
5. What would you say is the one thing you admired the most about Ed?
6. What would you say is something Ed admired most about you?
7. Looking back, what were the first signs something was wrong with Ed?
8. Taking care of Ed began to consume a significant amount of your time. Were you able to balance taking care of your personal needs with your commitment to care for Ed, especially before he went to live at the Alois Center?
9. Caring for Ed was a very demanding role, how did you maintain your sanity before Ed went to the Alois Center?
10. What was the most distressing aspect of caring for Ed?
11. What was the most rewarding part of taking care of him?
12. Did there ever seem to be moments of mental clarity for Ed, when he revealed somehow that he knew something was wrong and he knew you were taking care of him?
13. While Alzheimer's is a very serious condition and your role in caring for Ed was all-consuming, can you reflect on any humorous or funny moments?
14. What was the hardest, most painful decision you ever had to make on Ed's behalf?
15. How did you finally come to accept Ed's dementia?
16. If you had it all to do over again would you do anything differently?
17. How has life been for you since Ed died?
18. Why did you write this book?
19. Is there more of this story to tell, or are you working on any other books?
20. Do you worry about getting Alzheimer's Disease yourself?
21. Is there a question about Ed you always wanted to answer but no one ever asked?

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