



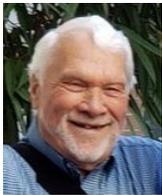
Eilon Caspi PhD is a Gerontologist and dementia behavior specialist. He currently works as an Assistant Research Professor at University of Connecticut. He started working in the aging field 28 years ago as a nurse aide in a nursing home where his grandfather lived. Since then, he worked as a social worker in a nursing home, consultant, applied researcher, author, documentary film director, and care advocate. In recent years, he conducted several studies to improve understanding and the prevention of various forms of elder mistreatment (e.g., injurious and deadly neglect of healthcare, fatal resident-to-resident incidents, financial exploitation, and thefts of opioid pain medications) in long-term care homes. He serves on the board of *Elder Voice*

Family Advocates (Minnesota) and *Long-Term Care Community Coalition* (NYC). In his free time, he enjoys carving wood and recently completed hand carving brain hemispheres and educational signs such as *SEE ME Not My Dementia* and *Justice for Elders*



Nancy Haugen is a Registered Nurse and RN Public Health Nurse in Minnesota. She earned her Baccalaureate nursing degree from the College of St Catherine and a master's degree in Mental health Nursing from the University of Minnesota. For more than 25 years Nancy has provided nursing leadership to multiple teams composed of Public Health Nurses, Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses and Unlicensed Assistive Personnel. She was a Public Health Nursing preceptor for more than 30 years and has taught Nursing Assessment competency for the Minnesota

Department of Education. Nancy currently serves as a board member of Elder Voice Family Advocates and the Minnesota Department of Health Assisted Living and Home Care Advisory Council. She has facilitated Family Councils at two Assisted Living Communities.



Bob Savage

I grew up in a small town in northern Maine named Fort Kent. Completed most of my education there that ended with my attending an extension of the University of Maine designed to learn how to become a schoolteacher. I left Fort Kent to join the Air Force which proved to be a very exciting and rewarding experience. After 4 years of service, I was Discharged. I then attended an extension of Bryant University that offered a BS in Management after two full years of classes. I graduated Magna Cum Laude and was selected as the class speaker at graduation.

I then worked for eleven years for the Singer Manufacturing Corporation working in the marketing division located in New York City. I then started working as a teacher in a Drug Treatment facility run by and for addicted persons to assist them in their recovery from addiction. That started by career and Addiction related programs for the next 60 years.

Soon after my retirement my wife started to notice that my memory was starting to get less and less. After a strong denial that I should even be tested because of the stigma associated with Dementia. I finally agreed to be tested and the results were early-stage Alzheimer's and signs of Vascular Deterioration. I still felt at that time that I was in pretty good shape and continued to live my life ok even with the diagnosis. Unfortunately, shortly there-after I had a stroke while shopping in a supermarket when everything went black. I desperately held onto my carriage.

Sometime later, I could see enough to walk to my car and drive home. That started the whole process of whether I should tell anyone or not. Later during that night of thinking about this I started thinking what would have happened if I were on a major highway at that time. I would have killed myself and others. That morning I turned over my license to my wife and gave my lovely Honda to one of my daughters. This is how I had completely lost my sense of independence and started feeling very depressed. Now I was convinced that I had completely lost my sense of independence and would have to depend on others for anything I would like to do. At the same time, I was losing control of my temper and my wife and I decided that perhaps we should seek care in a nursing home.

We decided that I should live at LiveWell and five years later we both realize that this was a very good decision. Shortly after I arrived, I started doing things that I thought were no longer possible; things that bring purpose, meaning, & joy in my life. That continues to be so up to this day.

These experiences have led me to become an educator and advocate for the rights and quality of care of people living with dementia, facilitator of support groups for this population, and founder of Dementia Peer Coalition:

<https://dementiapeercoalition.wordpress.com>