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DALE, SPOUSE OF A MEMORY CARE RESIDENT

Neither Dale nor his wife of 52 years, Geri, could have expected that their plans of traveling after they'd both retired would be dramatically altered over such a short period of time. Geri began to experience symptoms of dementia and as they worsened, Dale became her full-time caregiver, while navigating the unfamiliar world of memory loss. With Geri's continued well-being and safety in mind, he decided it was best for her to move into the memory care neighborhood at Renaissance North Tampa.

He has been impressed by all the ways the caregivers at Renaissance have helped ease the transition, both for Geri and for him. "They recommended that we bring in as much of our bedroom that we could so she has familiar dressers and furniture to make it feel homier." The team at Renaissance also helped Dale to share everything that makes Geri so special – for instance, her love of ABBA music and dancing –which provides ways for caregivers to more easily relate to her and customize her care.

As is common among caregivers and spouses of those with dementia, Dale has been dealing with a gamut of emotions, which he is beginning to share with others who are going through the same challenges at the Caregivers Support Group offered at Renaissance.

When he has dinner with Geri every evening, he is able to focus less on her care and more on spending quality time with her. "All the people who work there are wonderful and it's nice to have them managing the medicine, as well as having physicians who come to see her. They are always thinking about each resident and how to best help their situation."



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