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As we go into the nursing homes we find our loved ones at different levels of memory. We need to love and care for them all equally but sometimes they can disrupt their neighbors. We need to have a good environment for all. Sometimes we cannot have all in the services and activities. Maybe they will disrupt their neighbor, maybe they will not get anything out of it and sometimes they are place there because the facility staff thinks they need it. We must assess them each and every time.

Ephesians 4:32 New International Version

32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

We forgive one another and we respect them. We do not just stop loving jut because they are losing the capacity to love us. We still love. Any circumstances. We love and need to remember what Christ said:

Matthew 5:43-48 New International Version

Love for Enemies

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor[a] and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what

reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? [47] And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? [48] Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

If we are to love even our enemy, then we Have to love then ones that are not what they used to be and when things are out of their control.

Colossians 3:13 New International Version

[13] Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

So, we forgive as we love.

Loving and forgiving everyone because of Him,

Chaplain Tony