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George: My granddaughter gave me a little duck for birthday. She's 10 then. On 11th birthday, she gave me six more ducks. She wanted to them to fly in a V. Oh, wow. Yeah. So, I put them on my little, little table about a foot and a half by two and a half. The next day one was missing.

Interviewer: Oh, no.

George: The following day, a purple teddy bear was there. Everybody knows bears don't fly.

Interviewer: Yeah.

George: The following day, my original duck was on the floor and the bear was gone.

Interviewer: So, George, could you start with an introduction - so your name, maybe your age, what you want to share about yourself?

George: I'm eighty-six now. So, in '79 '80 my INR blood spiked. They sent me to a hospital and when I woke up, I was fine. But I couldn't walk. I had a stroke.

Interviewer: Yeah. Is that how you ended up in this nursing home?

George: Yeah, but when I got a chance, I came here. Yeah. Nice and quiet. And nobody screaming.

Interviewer: What was your experience with COVID?

George: After two, three weeks, a month we had lockdown. No problem. Locked down in the room for ten days. I had two shots and two booster shots, no problem at all. Never had COVID.

Interviewer: Oh, great.

George: Then I got COVID Twice.

Interviewer: Yeah. So how did it feel to be in isolation?

George: Oh, I felt it terribly. And yet all the other lockdowns, isolation, piece of cake.

Interviewer: Are there any changes that you want to see to the elder care system?

George: My eating partner Izzy. He wants to play poker. Well, get four people, himself and me. And Carrie will learn to play poker but not for money. But we haven't got a fourth person yet.

Interviewer: Right.

George: Izzy played poker for years at the other rest home up center of town.

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Interviewer: You feel like there's not enough activities?

George: Oh...

Interviewer: Well, thank you so much for sharing your story.

George: A little difference than anyone else but...

Interviewer: It was a great story.