

Old Digger

2010 was one of those years;

From May to November there were many tears.

Old digger's health began to decline;

The ageing process took its time.

Old digger compromised by wear and tear,

With physical pain he is unable to bear;

And loss of mobility caused by a stroke;

Then loss of dignity, losing all hope.

His life was ours to watch out of control;

In and out of hospital;

Nursing home care did not have a role;

Old digger's health decline took its toll;

On sons and daughters there to repay;

Their father whose life was now in decay.

His wife of 68 years, breaking her heart,

Drowning in tears;

Left alone with her biggest fears.

Old digger passed away on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

His wife survives only for the worst; totally messed;

A widow afflicted by blindness, grief and depressed.

Without old digger, she wants to be dead.

Now what lays ahead?

Sons and daughters are there to support;

Their mother now in aged care; guilt is there, for them to resort.

As nursing homes are ageing in place:

Baby boomers are now in the race.

2014 BEGAN A NEW YEAR

OLD DIGGER'S WIFE UNABLE TO MEND

A FRACTURED HIP BROUGHT HER TO AN END;

WITHOUT THE NURSES WHO GAVE THEIR CARE;

END OF LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN SO HARD TO BEAR;

STANDING BEHIND THEM IN THEIR HOUR OF NEED;

CONSOLING AND SUPPORTING; NO MATTER WHAT COLOUR OR CREED;

UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE MAINTAINED UNTIL THE END;

NURSES WERE THERE TO BE A FRIEND.