SHE'S GOT ALZHEIMER'S:

CAN I GO ... OR DO I HAVE TO STAY?

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A study on "partner abandonment" found that men were 6 times more likely than women to leave a seriously sick spouse. I have never felt so humiliated by my sex, as I did after reading that study; it was the closest I have ever come to considering a sex change operation.

The main excuse given is, "Her body is there - but she's gone." I used to believe that.

Question: When you forget where you left your keys, does that mean "you were not there?"

When people develop dementia, through brain injury or aging, they become less able to retrieve memories. In time, they are robbed of the ability to recognize even their own loved ones. Oh, she's in there all right. But she can't find her keys. She will never find them. The woman who gave you everything she had, now desperately needs you more than she has ever needed anyone in her life.

Sure, go ahead and walk away. Start a new life. She won't know anyway, will she?

Just give me a damn scalpel ... I'll do it myself.

<http://psychcentral.com/news/2009/11/11/men-more-likely-to-abandon-partner-during-illness/9479.html>