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Total playing time: 74 mins

A three-part documentary on Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)

This documentary shows how the lives of three patients with Frontotemporal Dementia have changed dramatically and how this has affected the people around them.

1. Living with FTD

(19 mins)

Henk (53) had a high-ranking position when he started to make the wrong decisions due to FTD. Dismissal was impending. He has turned into a passive, taciturn man, so his wife Cynthia tells the story of what happened. With a lot of dedication, the assistance of a homecare agency, and a day-treatment programme, she has managed to look after her husband in the home situation. Minor moments of contact give her the energy to cope.

2. The Rhythm of Rein

(24 mins)

Rein (49) has lost his flexibility and has developed compulsions due to FTD. This is not easy for people around him. His wife Sonja quit her job to look after him and has made her own life secondary to his. As an adolescent, their daughter Jolien responded vehemently to her changing father, but, since she found a place of her own, she has been able to put things in perspective and to regard him with greater mildness.

3. Prima Donna

(31 mins)

Agnes (57) suffers from semantic dementia, a type of FTD in which patients gradually lose their grip on the meaning of words and objects. She can no longer empathise with other people, has developed peculiar rituals, and displays compulsive and even childish behaviour. For her husband Piet, as for other members of her family, this has become a considerable burden. The nursing home she goes to has composed a special daycare programme for her that makes her feel good.

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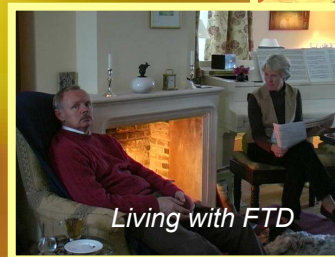
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