**I Don't Want To Be an Obligation**

**Friends around me say that they feel kids**

**need to check in with parents now and then.**

**In the ideal world this would be great but**

**grown children decide how often and when.**

**Yes we gave them life but I raised my kids to**

**be independent, able to take care of themselves.**

**Be happy little campers, all the while making myself**

**available in case they are in need of assistance, help.**

**The fact they don't call me every day, leads me to**

**believe they are busy, happily living their lives too.**

**Not for one minute do I doubt my kids love**

**me because I know that they definitely do.**

**In meantime I am going about my life,**

**living it to the fullest one might say.**

**I may be alone but lonely I am not**

**because I keep myself busy every day.**

**And when I am not, I'm resting my**

**body for an upcoming event for sure.**

**I know there will come a day when I won't**

**be as active, I won't be able to endure.**

**I don't want to be an obligation to them, a duty to**

**perform. I want to be someone they are anxious to see.**

**For now I am going to enjoy every precious moment I**

**have. Not be worrying as to why my kids don't visit me.**

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