AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE BILL OF RIGHTS

Every person diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease
or a related disorder deserves the following rights:

* To have appropriate, ongoing medical care
* To be productive in work and play for as long as possible
* To be treated like an adult, not like a child
* To have expressed feelings taken seriously
* To be free from psychotropic medications if possible
* To live in a safe structured and predictable environment
* To enjoy meaningful activities that fill each day
* To be outdoors on a regular basis
* To have physical contact, including hugging, caressing
  and hand-holding
* To be with individuals who know one's life story including
  cultural and religious traditions
* To be cared for by individuals who are well trained in
  dementia care

-- From The Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer's Care
by Virginia Bell and David Troxel