

# Barbara Blue Scenario

## Lucy Blue

### Your life:

- You are married to Dennis, son of Steven and Barbara Blue.
- You and Dennis live in Toledo, Ohio, while Barbara and Steven live in Wisconsin.
- You are fond of your mother-in-law, but you can't say the same for your father-in-law, Steven.
- You are glad that Dennis has always been a respectful and loving husband and father, and you are very supportive of him.

### You value:

- Your husband and kids.
- Your job at the bank
- Balancing the demands of a job and family and finding a little time for yourself

### You appear in Scene Two

## **Summary of the Scenario**

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This case occurs in Blue Hills Assisted Living Facility. Barbara Blue is a 72-year-old resident who is in a single room. She has been here for a few days following surgery for ovarian cancer. She has been married to Steven Blue for 48 years. She needs assistance with bathing, dressing changes, transferring, toileting, and medication. The facility staff, family, and friends are concerned that Mr. Blue is being verbally abusive to his wife. He tells her that she should come home NOW to take care of his needs. The doctor believes Barbara must remain in the facility for at least a few weeks before she will be healthy enough to go home; and only then if she will have someone who can care for her and not expect her to be doing housework or cooking.

## Lives

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- **Barbara Blue**, a CBRF resident
- **Reverend Marvin Mitchell**, Minister
- **Jamie O'Connor**, CNA in CBRF
- **Dennis Blue**, Barbara and Steven's son
- **Sonia Solomon**, CBRF social worker
- **Kelly Anderson**, CBRF supervisor
- **Lucy Blue**, Dennis's wife
- **Ron Records**, Documentation Specialist

## Who is in each Scene

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- **Scene One** (on Blue paper): Barbara, Reverend Mitchell, Jamie
- **Scene Two** (Green): Dennis, Reverend Mitchell, Lucy
- **Scene Three** (Yellow): Sonia, Jamie, Kelly
- **Scene Four** (Pink): Jamie, Barbara, Reverend Mitchell, Sonia

## **Lucy Blue, age 49**

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### **Starter page**

- You are married to Dennis, son of Steven and Barbara Blue. You live in Toledo, Ohio, and your in-laws live in Wisconsin.
- Although you are fond of your mother-in-law, Barbara, you can't say the same for your father-in-law, Steven. He always seems to be in a bad mood and is always bossing Barbara around.
- You're glad that your husband doesn't treat you that way. Dennis has always been a respectful and loving husband and father.
- You have 2 teenagers and a very busy job so you weren't able to go with Dennis to Wisconsin last time. You are very supportive of your husband.

### **You value:**

- Your husband and kids. Raising 2 teenagers presents a new challenge almost every day
- Your job at the bank
- Balancing the demands of a job and family and finding a little time for yourself

**Props:** Phone

**Scenes you are in:** Two (Green)

## **Warm-Up**

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### **Barbara, Jamie, and Kelly**

- Barbara is in her room reading her get well card from her son and looking at the picture of her cat, Marble.
- Jamie and Kelly are in her room and they talk about the weather, the cat, and the nice card.

### **Sonia and Reverend Mitchell**

- Sonia is in her office going over her case record of Mrs. Blue.
- Marvin Mitchell, the minister, stops by to call on Mrs. Blue. Talk about the weather and general topics.

### **Dennis, Lucy, and Ron**

- Dennis recalls fond memories of his mother's holiday molasses cookies with Lucy, the Facilitator, and Ron, the documentation specialist.

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## Scene Two: Green

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**Time:** Tuesday evening

**Participants:** Dennis, Reverend Mitchell, and Lucy

*Dennis calls Reverend Mitchell to discuss how his mother is doing.*

**Dennis:** Hello Reverend Mitchell. It's Dennis Blue calling.  
Have you been to visit my mother lately?

**Reverend Mitchell:** Yes, Dennis, I just visited yesterday. She said she felt like she needed to get home and take care of your father as soon as she can.

**Dennis:** What!?! He's so self-centered. I just got off the phone with him. He was mad, talking about how my mother is "faking it, as always."

**Lucy:** (on an extension phone) I'm really worried about Barbara.

**Reverend Mitchell:** Perhaps your father is just very stressed out. It's hard work taking care of someone with cancer. I'm sure your dad loves your mother very much.

**Dennis:** Baloney! He has never done any "caregiving" in his life. And if he loves her so much, he has a funny way of showing it. He was just yelling at me about how my mother needs to get home now!

**Reverend Mitchell:** I'll ask some of the church ladies to bring over some food for Steven. That should help.

**Lucy:** Maybe we need to go to Wisconsin, Dennis.

**Dennis:** I think I need to come to Wisconsin and see for myself how Mother is coming along. But first, I'm going to call Blue Hills and talk to someone in charge. He shouldn't be bullying her there!

**Reverend Mitchell:** We'll do the best we can to support Steven and Barbara, Dennis.

**Dennis:** Thank you for that, Reverend Mitchell. I'll talk to you again soon. Goodbye.

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## Barbara Blue – Individualized Care Plan

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*(excerpted)*

### Diagnosis:

- 72-year-old woman
- Admitted after 5 days at Washington Memorial hospital
- Ovarian cancer surgery
- Anticipate radiation to begin next month
- Married
- Grown child

**Special Note:** Husband is around a lot and seems lost without her. Patient seems eager to improve and go home to husband.

### Personal interests:

- Her cat, Marble
- Sewing
- Church activities
- Her son, Dennis

### Needs Assistance:

- Bathing
- Toileting
- Transferring
- Incision care
- Medication management
- Range-of-motion exercises with arms and legs

**Special Note:** Needs significant rest. Avoid visits in PM. Should remain in care for two to three weeks after discharge from hospital.

### Nutrition:

- Normal diet

### Safety:

- No issues