

# Epilogue

## *The golden years*

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**O**f course, we have no idea what challenges Life will throw at us. However, I knew that I had made the right decision to accept the early retirement package from Volvo Motor Graders Ltd. and settle into private life on December 21st, 2005. The previous six chapters have described my passage through Life, together with Monica at my side, up to the traditional longevity of three score years and ten. From then on, it would be bonus years.

As time went by, it wasn't all smooth sailing, and our respective health issues made for some anxious moments. By and large, however, we had kept relatively 'sound of wind and limb' knowing that the predictable aging process was slowly and inexorably taking its toll. Fortunately, during this time period, no permanent debilitating or immobilizing condition affected our lifestyle.

## *Finis coronat opus*

**C**onvenient source information, largely due to Monica's detailed messages to her correspondents, provided much of the content in this memoir; thus condensing the research time to less than one year. For this, I'm very thankful, as many key events would've been overlooked or, at best, skimmed over. So, you, dear readers, would've reaped the benefits of following the adventures of **Just an Ordinary Retiree**.



