**Aging Gracefully - Funnies**

**Man: “Earl, this is my friend, Howard. He turns fifty next month, and he’s very excited about getting his AARP card. You know, for the discounts and such.” Earl: “You only have to be fifty to join the AARP?” Man: “That’s right.” Earl: “Geesh! You young whippersnappers have to get your mitts into everything!” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Greek God Retirement Home: Mother Goose says to the doctor: “Now it’s my Achilles back, Achilles knee and Achilles hip joint.” *(Mike Peters, in Mother Goose & Grimm comic strip)*
The older you get, the more important it is to not act your age. *(Country magazine)*
Our minister announced that admission to a church social event would be six dollars per person. “However, if you’re over 65,” he said, “the price will be only $5.50.” From the back of the congregation a woman’s voice rang out: “Do you really think I’d give you that information for only 50 cents?” *(Neil Gathright, in Reader’s Digest)***

**A bit of advice for those about to retire: If you’re 65, never move to a retirement community. Everybody else is in their 70s, 80s ort 90s, so whenever something has to be moved, lifted or loaded, they yell, “Get the kid!” *(Orben’s Current Comedy)*
You know you’re past your prime when, if you brag about having an affair, someone asks who catered it. *(Elizabeth Sphar)***

**You’ve heard of the three ages of man: youth, middle age and “you’re looking wonderful!” *(Cardinal Francis Joseph Spellman)*

In Hollywood, there are only three ages for women: babe, district attorney, and Driving Miss Daisy. *(Olivia Goldsmith, in The First Wives Club)***

**The most aggravating thing about the younger generation is that I no longer belong to it. *(Albert Einstein)***

**It’s an awful thing to grow old alone. My wife hasn’t admitted to having a birthday in six years. *(The PassTime Paper)***

**The thing about getting old is the number of things you think that you can’t say aloud because it would be too shocking. *(Doris Lessing)***

**In Mesa, Arizona, police arrested a seventy-one-year-old woman for running an amphetamine lab from a retirement home. The staff became suspicious when several residents were seen staying up past 7:30.
*(Conan O’Brien)*
Grandpa: “So you know how to make snow angels, Nelson?” Nelson: “No.” Grandpa: “Well, let me show you then. You just lie down in the snow like this, and WEE-AAAH, WEE-AAH! Oh, shoot! At my age you can’t lie down in the snow without some fool calling an ambulance.
*(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Lance: “Today is the anniversary of the day the Beatles first appeared on “The Ed Sullivan Show”. I remember it like it was yesterday!” Axel: “Jeez, how old are you, anyway?” Lance: “Comic strip characters never age, Axel. I still remember where I was the day Luck Lindy landed!” (*J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have -- the older she gets, the more he is interested in her. *(Agatha Christie)*
Grimm: “In the future, archeologists will learn a lot about cavedogs. simply by observing old fossils.” Mother Goose: “Why do you keep looking at me like that?” *(Mike Peters, in Mother Goose & Grimm comic strip)*
A 79-year-old woman in Chicago was arrested for robbing a bank. She’s being extradited to Florida so she can be tried as a juvenile. *(Jay Leno)*
Grandpa: “You know, boys, in my day I was quite the athlete. I was offered contracts to play pro basketball, baseball and football.” Lola: “The older he gets the better he used to be.” *(Steve Dickenson & Todd Clark, in Lola comic strip)*
I am more athletically inclined than my husband and frequently engage in biking, canoeing, and other strenuous activities. Several years ago, when my husband was 60, he came inside after a day of yard work and collapsed into his favorite chair, bemoaning the aches and pains of his advancing age. Attempting to comfort him, I reminded him that when we were newly-weds, we had looked forward to growing old together. “Yes,” he replied, “but you haven’t kept your end of the bargain.”
*(Barbara Littlefield, in Reader’s Digest)*
Mom: “I’m going to miss you girls!” First girl: “We’ll miss you too!” Mom: “Be good for great Aunt Margie. She’s older now, maybe a little frail.” Second girl: “Her last e-mail said, ‘Gotta run - My scuba class is photographing sharks today.’” Mom: “Call me every night.” *(Jan Eliot, in Stone Soup comic strip)***

 **The man who wants to look younger doesn’t get as much advice on the subject as the woman who so wishes. “Because it’s not easy,” says a lifelong barber. “All you have to do is keep your hair cut short.” *(L. M. Boyd)*
A little boy asked his grandmother what year she was born. She replied “1924.” “Wow!” the boy exclaimed. “If you were a baseball card, you’d be worth lots of money!” *(Dr. Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)***

**While I was styling an elderly client’s hair in the beauty shop where I worked, we started talking about old age. “One of the biggest problems with growing old is having all your friends die,” she said. “Of course,” she added with a twinkle in her eye, “so do your enemies.” *(Esther Reedy, in Reader’s Digest)*
Axel: “Are you desperately clinging to the idea that life begins at 40, Lance?” Lance: “Hmm. If that’s true, does that make it legal to kill 16-year-olds?” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Life not only begins at 40, it also begins to show. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Grandpa: “Do you know the best part about getting old?” Other man: “No. I don’t believe I do. What is it?” Grandpa: “I have no idea. I was hoping you could tell me.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Having survived a lot of serious ailments, my 80-year-old husband, Alex, remarked to his cardiologist, “I guess I’m a tough old bird.” When the doctor asked him what kind of bird he thought he might be, Alex replied, “I’m not sure. But I’m happy to be off that endangered species list.” *(Gloria L. Hall, in Reader’s Digest)*

Axel: “Happy birthday, Lance! How old are you?” Lance: “Let’s just stick with whatever age I claimed to be last year.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Herman: “There’s got to be more to life than this. I’ve been getting really bored since I retired. I need some excitement. I want to wake up in the morning with a sense of anticipation.” Man: “When you go to bed at night, leave your front door unlocked.” *(Jim Unger, in Herman comic strip)*
Dolly says to her mother about her little brother: “PJ doesn’t look like he was born in the last century.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)*
Doctor: “We’ve achieved a major breakthrough in slowing the aging of the spine.” Ernest: “Disc brakes!” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**“How many cigars a day do you smoke?” I once asked him. “About 15,” George Burns replied. “Three doctors told me to stop the cigars years ago. Of these three, two are already dead -- and the third one has been coughing a lot lately.” *(Maurice Zolotow, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Al Gore was campaigning at an old retirement home. He went up to a woman and shook her hand and asked, “Do you know who I am?” “No,” replied the old woman, “but if you go to the front desk, they’ll tell you!” *(S.C.U.C.A. newsletter)***

**As the children observe the car that is all dented in many places, Dolly says to her brother Billy: “That car must be really old. It has lots of wrinkles.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**April: “Can’t catch me! Can’t catch me!” Elizabeth: “That’s enough, April. I can’t play any more. I’m exhausted!” Mom: “Elizabeth, you’re not getting old, are you?” *(Lynn Johnston, in For Better Or For Worse comic strip)***

**Children are a good comfort in your old age -- and they help you reach it faster. *(Thomas La Mance, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Another thing you can say of comedian George Burns. He’s about as old as Utah. *(L. M. Boyd)*
It’s hard to convince some people that they’re of retirement age, especially those 10-year-olds at bedtime. (*Rudy Joe Mano, in Catholic Digest)*
Crankshaft: “Now that I’m retired, I’ll have some time to perfect my cooking skills!” Other man: “I think you would have needed to retire long before this, Ed!” *(Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)*

A middle-age woman was trying out her new cosmetics purchases, which were guaranteed to make her look years younger, for a sarcastic friend. “How old do I look?” she asked the friend. “Judging by your skin, 20,” said the friend. “From your eyes, 18, from your lips, 25.” “That’s wonderful!” the woman said. “Wait, I haven’t added them up,” said the friend. *(Rocky Mountain News)*
“I don’t know what to wear to the costume party,” complained my father’s friend. “We’re to dress according to our occupation, and I’m retired.” “Wear loafers,” my father suggested. *(Karen Wight, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Helga says to her lady friend: “I’ll tell you one thing, whoever said: ‘Couples grow old gracefully, never saw my husband dance!” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)***

**Jon says to Garfield: “I had a date last night, Garfield. She was a little older than I expected.”  Jon then calls on the phone and says to his date: “Orpha, this is Jon. I have your teeth.” *(Jim Davis, in Garfield comic strip)*
A widow, my friend Casey was dating again at age 62. Once, she was sitting in a golf cart when her escort reached over, patted her leg and said, “Now I suppose you’re going to tell me I can look but don’t touch.” “Robert,” Casey quipped, “at my age you can touch -- but don’t look!” *(Nancy Albert, in Reader’s Digest)*

I think we’re finally at the point where we’ve learned to see death with a sense of humor.  I have to.  When you’re my age, it’s as if you’re a car.  First a tire blows, and you get that fixed.  Then a headlight goes, and you get that fixed.  And then one day, you drive into a shop, and the man says, “Sorry, Miss, they don’t have this make anymore.” *(Katherine Hepburn)***

**Nelson: “What’s this word, Grampa?” Grandpa: “Depreciation. That means that things become worth less and less as they get older. That doesn’t apply to grandpas, of course.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**My friend’s 89-year-old mother had a dizzy spell at a bank, and the paramedics were called. To determine whether she was disoriented, they started asking her basic questions such as her name, the day and year. After the third question, the woman looked at the medic and said, “Young man, I use my balance -- not my marbles.” *(Gail B. Mini, in Reader’s Digest)*
If you can still do at 60 what you did at 20, it means you weren’t doing much at 20. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Please don’t ask what my age is. I’d really rather not say. But I will confess to sending fan mail to the company that makes Retin-A. *(Susan Holdridge, in The Saturday Evening Post)*
Servant: “That’s old Fudd -- he’s one hundred years old, and he still drinks two martinis a day!” Hagar: “Wow! How is he able to do that?” Servant: “The bartender holds his glass.” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)*
My aunt, a with-it senior citizen, came with us on a drive upstate. Arriving at our motel, we were anxious to settle my aunt in after the long trip. My husband, George, accompanied her to a room, turned the key, and opened the door with a flourish. To their surprise, the previous tenant was still very much in evidence. He was, in fact, “air-drying” after a shower. “Oh, George,” said my aunt. “You do think of everything!” *(Lynda Franciscovich, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Son: “What are you watching?” Father: “Senior auto racing.” Son: “Seniors?” Father: “Yeah, it’s like the seniors tour in golf. All the participants are over 50!” Son: “That probably explains why so many of them are driving with their blinkers on.” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

 **As Drabble is exercising, he says to himself: “I’ll either live to be a hundred, or die trying.” (*Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)*
The man says to the woman who is gardening: “What do you mean old age? My other elbow is the same age and it don’t hurt.” *(Hardison, The Saturday Evening Post cartoon)*
Rose and friend: “We’d like senior citizen discounts, please!” Movie attendant: “Your unwrinkly faces don’t look very senior to me!” Rose and friend: “Our elbows are quite elderly!” *(Pat Brady, in Rose Is Rose comic strip)***

**Jenkins started a new job and became friendly with a long-time employee. “Do you like it here?” Jenkins asked. “It’s great,” answered the old-timer. “Not only do we have a good pension plan, but working here ages you faster.” *(The Larry Wilde Treasury of Laughter)***

**Girl: “Y’know, you’re very even-tempered. I really admire that about you.”  Grandma: “Thanks. When you get to be sixty-two, you learn not to sweat the small stuff. Hey, what happened to the ‘Arts’ section of the paper? It was right here.” Boy: “Oh, I spilled soda on it. So I threw it away. I thought you didn’t sweat the small stuff.” Grandma: “When you’re sixty-two, the crossword puzzle isn’t small stuff.” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**I have two martinis every night. I also smoke 15 cigars every day. What would my doctor say? I dunno. He’s dead. *(George Burns)*
You’ve reached middle age when you’re not inclined to exercise anything but caution. *(Sam Ewing)*
Geech: “Hello, Homer, what are you doing here?” Homer: “Oh, I’m just doing my morning exercise.” Geech: “Sitting is your exercise?”  Homer: “No, I’m waiting to get my second wind.” Geech: “How long does that take?”  Homer: “I don’t know. I’ve never had a first wind yet.” *(Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)*

The older a man gets, the farther he had to walk to school. *(Dorothy Galyean, in Quips and Quotes and Cleaned up Jokes)***

**Lola: “I’m too old to feel this young.” *(Steve Dickenson & Todd Clark, in Lola comic strip)***

**Nelson: “What does it feel like to be old, Grandpa?” Grandpa: Old? Well, I don’t really think of myself as old. In fact, most of my friends consider me quite young.” Grandma: “Most of his friends are redwood trees.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Being a grandmother didn’t make me feel old until one day when my grandson David asked me, “Are you my ancestor?” *(Janet Kelly, in Country Woman magazine)***

**Although I’m pushing fifty - I’m solid as a rock. And the life of every party - until almost nine o’clock. *(Inspiring Quotations, Compiled by Albert M. Wells, Jr.)*Overheard: “I’d say I’m pretty fit for a man of 60. First thing each morning, I bend down and touch my slippers 50 times. Then, if I feel like it, I get out of bed and put them on. (*Ann Pitt, in Reminisce Extra)***

**Aging has its benefits. It also has its flaws. One of the things I dislike most - is that thing called mental pause. *(B. L. Sherrell)***

**I’m at the age where food has taken the place of sex in my life. I’ve just had a mirror put over my kitchen table. *(Rodney Dangerfield)*
Dear Aging: I stay away from natural foods. At my age I need all the preservatives I can get. On the other hand, what could be wrong with a high-fiber diet? When was the last time you saw a fat moth? *(George Burns)***

**Man says to woman: “Years ago, I used to drink to forget. Now I forget without drinking.” *(Berry’s World comic strip)*
Son: “I was going to tell you something, Mother. And now I completely forgot what it was.” Lola: “It’s a sign of aging, Son. You’ve hit mental pause.” *(Steve Dickenson & Todd Clark, in Lola comic strip)***

**An elderly man was walking along a country road when he spotted a frog sitting on a rock. “If you kiss me,” the frog said, “I’ll turn into a beautiful young princess and grant you all your desires.” The man picked up the frog, put it in his pocket and continued his walk. “Hey!” the frog called out. “You didn’t kiss me.” “I thought it over,” the man said. “At my age, I’d rather have a talking frog.” *(Jo Prater, in Reminisce Extra magazine)***

**A man was encouraging his elderly mother to enjoy the money she had accumulated through frugal living. “Mom,” he said. “You have enough money to last you until you’re at least 100.” “Sure,” she replied. “And then what will I do?” *(Herm Albright, in The Saturday Evening Post)*
Grandma: “Where have you been, Earl?” Earl: “I’ve been telling the meter reader about the colonoscopy I had a few months ago. I was going to show him the photos but he ran off.” Grandma: “Oh, Earl!” Earl: “If I’d known getting older was this much fun I’d have done it a long time ago.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)*

It’s hard to say when one generation ends and the next begins--but it’s somewhere around nine or ten at night. *(Charles Ruffing, in Family Weekly)***

**As her 90th birthday approached, a woman was asked what she would like for a gift. “Give me a kiss,” she finally replied. “Then I won’t have to dust it!” *(Companion)*
Hagar: “Dr. Zook says as we grow older there are certain things we have to give up for health reasons.” Servant: “What are you going to give up?” Hagar: “Going to the opera.” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)***

**Grandma: “I’m going out for awhile, Earl.” Earl: “Okay.” Grandma: “Don’t you want to know where I’m going?” Earl: “Nope. I trust you.” Grandma: “I’m going to the fabric store to get some yard and some thread.” Earl: “Have a good time, dear.” Grandpa then says to a friend: “When you’ve been married as long as we have, you don’t care so much where your wife goes as long as she doesn’t make you go with her.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**My doctor says I’ve got everything going for me. Unfortunately, he can’t stop any of it from going. *(Bob Hope)***

**Grandson: “Grandfather, what was so good about the ‘good old days’?” Grandfather: “I was very young!” *(The Saturday Evening Post cartoon)*

Lance says to Axel: “The only good thing about getting older is that my horrible driver’s license picture from four years ago doesn’t look so bad anymore.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**God, grant me the Senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference. *(Tidbits)***

**The day my son’s great grandmother turned 90, she said she didn’t know how she had lived so many years. “Gramma,” my little one guessed, “maybe your guardian angel lost count.” *(Nelsina Roberts, in Country Woman magazine)***

**A man asks his guru, “Do you have anything that stops the aging process?” “Sure,” the guru responds. “What kind of disease would you like?” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**I cut my own hair. I got sick of barbers because they talk too much. And too much of their talk was about my hair falling out. *(Robert Frost)***

**As the two birds sit on the man’s bald head, one says to the other: “Eighty years old and he doesn’t have a gray hair on his head.” *(Jim Unger, in Herman comic strip)***

**Barber: “Have a seat, Ralph!” Ralph: “Thanks, Jerry!” Barber: “How have you been?” Ralph: “Fine, thanks!” Barber: “How’s the family?” Ralph: “Oh, they’re . . .” Barber: “All done!” Ralph: “My haircuts don’t take as long as they used to!” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**Sal: “Sigh. . . I had to get a stronger hearing aid, my eyes are shot, and my arthritis is giving me fits.” Lola: “Hang in there, Sal, you know what they say. Old age isn’t for sissies.” *(Steve Dickenson & Todd Clark, in Lola comic strip)***

**The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy. *(Helen Hayes – at 73)***

**I was having lunch with several thirty-something friends when talk turned to the dismal prospect of our growing older. “Well, judging by my mother,” I said, “at least my hearing will improve. Mother can hear my biological clock ticking from 200 miles away.” *(Sherry Yates, in Reader’s Digest)***

**I wanted to brighten a senior citizen’s day--but I couldn’t find one at home!  *(Dr. Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)***

**Bob Hope is often asked why he doesn’t retire and go fishing. He has one stock answer, “Fish don’t applaud.” *(With Melville Shavelson, in Don’t Shoot, It’s Only Me)***

**You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred. *(Woody Allen, in Interiors)***

**Nelson: “Does it hurt being old, Grandpa?” Grandpa: “Sometimes. Especially when I first get out of bed. In fact, if you’re my age and you wake up in the morning without pain, it means you’re probably dead.”
*(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Nelson: “Grampa, what does it feel like to be old?” Grandpa: “Well, for one thing, everything hurts. Except for the parts that are numb. But other than that it feels great!” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)*

Dear Geri: You’ll know you’re old when everything hurts and what doesn’t hurt doesn’t work; when you get winded playing chess; when your favorite part of the newspaper is “25 Years Ago Today”; when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and ask yourself, “What else can I do while I’m down here?”; when everybody goes to your birthday party and stands around the cake just to get warm. *(George Burns)***

**The more one grows, the more one likes indecency. *(Virginia Woolf)***

**A woman celebrating her 80th birthday received a jury-duty notice. She called to remind the clerk that she was exempt because of her age. “You need to come in and fill out the exemption forms,” the receptionist said. “I did that last year,” the woman replied. “You have to do it every year,” she was told. “Why?” came the response. “Do you think I’m going to get younger?” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Nelson: “It’s weird to think that you used to be a little kid like me, Grampa.” Grandpa: “Well, it’s true, I was. In some ways I still feel like a little kid.” Nelson: “I guess you’re kind of like an antique little kid.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**My grandmother had a pain in her leg, so she went to see the doctor. “How old are you?” he asked. “I’ll be 84 in a month,” she replied. “Your problem is very simple,” the doctor said. “You happen to be getting a little old.” “Wait a minute,” the spanky patient challenged. “I have another leg that’s the same age, and it doesn’t bother me at all!” *(Sister Marie Scaletty, in Reminisce Extra magazine)*My mother is going to have to stop lying about her age because pretty soon I’m going to be older than she is. *(The Pass Time Paper)***

**Ode to old age: “The reason I know my youth is all spent -- My get up and go has got up and went.” *(Len Ingebrigtsen, in Catholic Digest)*
Dolly asks her Mom: “Why do you hafta use Oil of Old Lady?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**I was thinking about old age and decided that it is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it. (*The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Husband says to his teenage son: “You know I was young once myself!”  Wife smiles and responds: “Oh, at least once!” *(Chris Browne, in Raising Duncan comic strip)***

**Son to his Mother: “I think the perfect age to be is eighteen. I used to think it was seventeen, but eighteen is way better. At eighteen you’re more worldly, you’re a legal adult, you can vote, sign a lease. It’s like nineteen, but without all the wrinkles.” *(Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman, in Zits comic strip)***

**A photographer had just taken a picture of an elderly gentleman on his 95th birthday. He thanked the old fellow, saying, “Sir, I hope I’ll be around to take your picture when you’re 100!” To which the old gentleman jovially replied, “Why not, young fellow? You look healthy to me.” *(F. G. Kernan, in Catholic Digest)***

**In Texas, former First Lady Barbara Bush is regarded as a kind of Queen Mum. In a speech at a posh Houstonian hotel, she ran down the list of groups she’s spoken to. “My absolute favorite: the National Association of Plastic Surgeons. I was scared to death,” she dead-panned. “I thought they were going to rush the stage.” *(Martha Brant & Weston Kosova, in Newsweek)***

**In a poem, Ode to Retirement, by Len Ingebrigtsen, is this line: “The reason I know my youth is all spent? My get up and go has got up and went.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Grandma: “The red hat society was inspired by a poem that said: ‘When I am an old woman I shall wear purple with a red hat.’ Now there are groups of older women in red hats all over the globe.” Grandpa: “It’s interesting that they take their fashion cues from a poem. It so happens I take my fashion cues from a poem too. It says: ‘When I am an old man I’ll wear my pants hiked up under my armpits or I’ll let them ride comfortably under my gut.’” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**When my grandmother was in her 80s, she decided to move to Israel.  As part of her preparation, she went to see her doctor to obtain her charts. When the doctor asked how she was doing, she gave a litany of complaints -- this hurts, that’s stiff, I’m more tired, I’m slower, and so on. “Mrs. Weiss,” the doctor said, “you have to expect things will start deteriorating. After all, who wants to live to a hundred?” My grandmother looked her doctor straight in the eye, “Anyone who’s 99,” she replied evenly. *(Good Clean Fun Web site)***

**The aging process could be slowed if it had to work its way through Congress. *(The American Legion magazine)*

A reporter was interviewing a man who was celebrating his 100th birthday. “What are you most proud of?” he asked. “Well,” said the man, “I’ve lived 100 years and haven’t an enemy in the world.” “What a beautiful thought. How truly inspirational,” commented the reporter. “Yep,” added the centenarian, “outlived every last one of them.” *(Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)***

**Mario Andretti has retired from racecar driving. He’s getting old. He ran his entire last race with his left blinker on. (*Jon Stewart)***

**Mr. Wilson says to Dennis’s Dad: “I’m returning your kid! He wasn’t part of my retirement package!” *(Hank Ketchum, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**Doctor to paunchy patient: “The root of your problem is that you’re a ‘Type A’ personality in a ‘Model T’ body.” *(Schwadron, in The Wal Street Journal)***

**I’m playing it safe as I grow older -- I’m eating more oatmeal and sowing fewer wild oats. *(Guy Belleranti)***

**A woman walked by a shiveled old man rocking in a chair on his front porch. “I can’t help but notice how happy you look,” she said. “What’s your secret for a long happy life?” “I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day,” he said. “I also drink a case ot whiskey a week, eat fatty foods and never exercise!”: “That’s amazing. How old are you?” The old man thought for a moment, and then replied, “36.” *(The American Legion magazine)***

**Old age ain’t no place for sissies. *(Bette Davis)***

**As my great-grandson cuddled quietly on my lap one day, out popped this question: “Grandma, how old do you have to be before you can take your teeth out?” *(Mary Pendergraft, in Country magazine)***

**After attending the antique sale, the husband says to his wife: “The oldest thing in there was the woman selling tickets.” *(Jim Unger, in Herman comic strip)***

**My grandmother has always led a very busy life. Recently, she celebrated her 90th birthday. “Granny,” I said, “it is remarkable how young you look. How do you do it?” “It takes time to grow old, Robert,” she answered, “and I’ve never had any.” *(Jokes Priests Can Tell, volume 7)***

**The trouble with growing old is having to listen to your children’s advice. *(Ashley Cooper, in Charleston, S.C., Post-Courier)***

**At 50 you’re a “tween-ager”--too young to be called old and too old to be called young. *(Sam Ewing, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**The older you get the more you like to tell it like it used to be. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**You know you are getting older when the only vice you have left is the one you put hooks into to tie fishing lines. *(Country Extra magazine)***

**You have to stay in shape. My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She’s 97 today and we don’t know where she is. *(Ellen DeGeneres, in Catholic Digest)***

**Did you watch the Grammy’s? With performances by Madonna, Sly Stone and Steven Tyler, it was more like the Granny’s. *(Jay Leno)***

**Geech: “Merle, when can we retire?” Merle: “I can’t retire until I’m about 65 or so.” Geech: “What about me?” Merle: “Well, you could always take early retirement.” Geech: “How early?” Merle: “Is 4:30 early enough?” *(Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)***

**Grandpa: “I always hoped that when I got old I’d be considered a wise man. It turns out it’s pretty easy to be thought of as wise. All you have to do is live a long time and don’t say too much, and people will assume you’re a wise man.” Other man: “I believe it. The more you talk, the less wise you seem to me.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**If a woman is meant to have wrinkles, they should at least be put on the soles of her feet. *(Ninon de Lenclos, 17th century French lady of fashion)***

**Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life. *(Herbert Asquith, British politician)***

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