**Loneliness - Funnies**

**My mother was flying from Wichita to New Orleans to help me after the birth of my daughter. She was bringing with her a 3/12-foot-tall Raggedy Ann Doll that had been mine when I was a child. The doll wouldn’t fit in her suitcase, so Mom simply stuck it under her arm. At the airport she sat holding the doll while she waited for her plane. One passenger stared at her for a moment, and then spoke up. “Afraid of traveling alone, are you?” he asked. *(Collette Miller, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Attending our church’s Christmas program, I noticed that many other men there had full beards. Knowing my wife’s aversion to facial hair, I teasingly whispered to her, “How do you think I’d look with a beard and mustache?” She whispered back, “Lonely.” (Robert C. Baptista, in Reader’s Digest)**

**To help our four-year-old daughter overcome her fear of the dark, her father and I always reassured her at bedtime that God was watching over her. One night after I had gone to bed, I felt a soft tap on my shoulder. “Mommy,” a familiar small voice spoke up, “I know God's in there with me, but I need somebody with skin.” (Ann Gilbert, in Reader's Digest)  
The next time you feel lonely and that nobody cares … try skipping a mortgage payment! (Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)**

**One of the quickest ways to meet new people is to pick up the wrong ball on the golf course. (Bits & Pieces)**

**Mom says to Dad: “Remind me to tell you the latest dirt on Bunny the next time we’re alone.” As Zoe sticks her head out from under the sink, Mom \then says: “Remind me to remember that we’re never, ever alone.” (Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip)  
  
 My friend, who in his spare time is an enthusiastic but inexpert dinghy sailor, was promoted to a more demanding job. A short time later, he advertised his boat for sale. I was surprised, and asked him why he was giving up his hobby. “With my new boss, I don't need to sail,” he said. “I can be lonely and afraid in my office.” (D. Longley, in Reader's Digest)**

**During the first few weeks after quitting the smoking habit, I admit I was difficult to live with. Apologizing to my wife for my short temper, I commented, “I've gone from ‘happy' to ‘grumpy.’ What's next?” “Lonely,” she replied. (W. Jefferson Lyon, in Reader's Digest)**

**Mom says to the child: “Turn that thing off and go play outside! I’m sure the TV will survive being lonely until you get back!” (Pat Brady, in Rose Is Rose comic strip)**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***