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*For grandpa*

Fill this, answer that, tell us what you feel.  
Tell us but not too much, just what we need for  
this Quality of Life questionnaire.

Extend your hand in the preferred manner.

What's happened to your veins?  
Are you disappointed in your body?  
To what extent were you interested in sex?  
Did you ever work in the Social Services?

Not at all. A little. Quite a bit. Very much.

*Claire O'Connor*  
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