HEARD IN THE ER:

Mr S, a 76 year old male is being admitted for weakness. (09/2006)

Part of a history is to find out the person's social situation; with whom he lives, type of diet, whether there is family to help, etc.

Asked about marital status, Mr S replied, "Not anymore: Just this month her brother looked me up and told me she died last year."

Asked why he didn't know she had died, he replied, "She moved out 10 years ago."

Asked if they had been separated, without skipping a beat he informed me, "Honey, we were separated all our lives."

The lady in the next bed burst out laughing.

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