

1-3-2011

My Dear Family

Happy New year! I recieved the letters before Christmas, but had to set them aside for a bit until after the Holidays were over. I like to get them done in a week but not this time. Sorry.

I hope this year will be alot slower we had so many special days last year but it looks like it may be better.

Ben and Amandas wedding was very beautiful. The day was so windy that we ~~had~~ had the reception at the church. It was alot nicer and much easier on everyone especially me.

We had Rogers' son Joe + his 7 yvold daughter Breanna for New years but not many of the others. They are over seas or out of state.

Some one asked if I ^{was} so amazing according to my Doctor what about arthrist? I did have arthritist. several years ago. and was going to a Dr. for that, but

21 at Easter and the Feast of the Lights I wanted to go to Church. It is a very long service so I promised we could go home if I got too much pain. The service was Bi-Lingual so when the priest started the Spanish part I just tuned him out and had a special time with God. I soon realize it had been many hours and I still had no pain. I mentioned it to one of the Choir Members. He said "That's a miracle isn't it?" I said yes. I stood up wow and I waltzed up to Communion. I have never taken another pain pill and my arthrit Dr. discharged me Praise God. Christmas and Easter are great time for miracles, but we cant limit God.

Frank & Betty you are always in our prayers as are all our Brothers & Sisters. We will come up as things settle down again.

John & Pat you seem to be doing much better. We will keep praying.

Jim & Carolyn you are truly working at our Fathers work. God bless and keep you going.

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Joe + Jackie just read your letter again.
you seem to be doing well in spite of the
weather acting up in its usual manner
this time of year. all we can do is grin and
bear it and before long it will be spring
again.

Elaine, I see you every other day and know
you are doing well. Love you.
Jon, we keep in touch. Hang in there.

Merry Christmas

+
a Blessed New year
to all of you.

Sis Rog + Family

1-28-11

Happy New Year to all - We are back from our trip to Florida with Joe and Pat. I've decided that January is no time to think about the ocean. Wading is about all you can do and pick up shells on the beach. The weather was in the sixties for the first week and did some better the second week. We did visit an outdoor zoo at Naples. I liked that. When we finished our tour - Pat and I took a ride on a camel. No, he didn't stink nor did he spit on us. He was quite the gentleman. He had the speed of a turtle. I figured it was now or NEVER. We also went to visit Marty and had lunch with him before we headed farther north to spend 2 days at Disney in Orlando. Pat and Joe pushed us around in wheelchairs as there is a lot of walking there. We enjoyed some things. One thing you won't want to miss is a ride called (Soar-in). It was fantastic. Andy got layed off New Year's Eve so he stayed at the house with the dogs. He needs the money rather than the kennel. Smokey had an attitude when we got back. He ignored Jean for about 2 days. He hangs around me most of the time but each day is better. Enough of that. I caught a chest cold down there so that made the trip harder. Jean doesn't like to travel so that will probably be our last trip.

Frank - I hav'nt heard what you decided to do about Chemo but you are right - the man upstairs has a plan for each of us - even the day we will join him so trust HIM and try to enjoy each day we have left. I marvel at the fact that all eight of us are still here.

John - don't remind me about the pot being dumped down the stairs - One of (my) chores was to empty it daily so guess who got to clean up that mess. It happened quite often. Yuck. Is the (Stryker) Jacob will be operating a plane or ship? We pray for our servicemen and women daily.

Jim - don't miss the Soar-in ride at Disney - I may call you later today about it.

Marty - we visited recently so I'll go on to Elaine.

I did talk with Elaine last night. She sounded real good and chipper. Every one is interested in my camel ride. The guys were chicken and wouldn't go.

Joe - The weather patterns have changed all over. Joe and Pat got caught in an ice storm going thru Cincinnati about Jan. 7th driving down to Florida. It took them 3 hours to cover one mile in rush hour traffic. What a mess. I really feel for the people on the East coast. They have been hammered time and again. Australia, California, and Washington State have more than their share too. We have been extremely lucky.

I don't think I told you that I spent several months gathering Articles, pictures, interview's with Aunt's Emma, June, and Naomi. Also, birth, marriage, military, and death certificates. I made up (7) genealogy notebooks for our kids for Christmas. I went through many reams of paper, computer ink, hundreds of hours perfecting, compiling misc. information. I felt like I has written a book when I got done. I hope they will cherish these books and pass them down to future generations. Some of the son's and daughter-in-laws are wading through them. There was 65 titles in all. By the time I got done with that, got ready for the annual Christmas Eve Party, and getting ready to go to Florida, I was exhausted. 2010 was our 30th Christmas Eve Party and our last. I told the boys that it was time for them to take over. Pat said they will host it next (this) year. Those parties were looked forward by many of the kids and grandkids. Grand-daughters Sam and Aimee brought their special guys this year. They were very anxious to have them experience this type of celebration.

Time to close for now.

Love and prayers,

Jan and Jean

2-16-11

DEAR FAMILY!

I've HAD These letters FOR A while
SO I better GET Them going, its SUNNY
AND 50° OUTSIDE A VERY NICE DAY AND
IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE WRITING THIS
letter, AT THE MOMENT WE ARE DOING
PRETTY well Colds AND THAT SORT
OF THING BUT NOTHING SERIOUS

JOHN- IT HAS BEEN A while SINCE I've
HEARD FROM YOU BUT I'm SURE YOU ARE
SHOVELING THE SAME STUFF WE ARE.

JIM- I HEARD YOU GUYS GOT DOWN
TO FLA. OK I WISH YOU COULD HAVE
GOTTEN SOME NICER WEATHER BUT I'M
SURE IT WAS BETTER THAN HERE.

MARTY- The deer ARE DOING PRETTY
well, WE ONLY HAVE 3 THAT I CLAIM
AS BEING OURS - A DOE AND HER 3 Fawns
They COME IN EVERY DAY AND JUST WAIT
TO GET FEED OTHERS COME IN SOME TIMES
THE OTHER DAY THERE WERE 14 OUT HERE,

ELAINE- I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE
OVER

HAVING SURGERY BUT GUESS YOU ARE DOING
OK NOW, WE HAVE BEEN SO BLESSED THIS
WINTER AND HAVEN'T LOST OUR POWER
ONSE.

Joe.- Sounds like you guys ARE ON
PAR WITH THE REST OF US, I HAVE BEEN
STAYING IN THE HOUSE ALL WINTER EXCEPT
FOR DR. VISITS WHEN NECESSARY NO CABBAGE
FEVER YET

Sis. You guys need to SLOW DOWN ITS
TIME TO LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD AND KICK
BACK SOME AND SMELL THE ROSES

JAN. WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ENJOYED
YOUR TRIP TO FLA. CAMEL RIDE INCLUDED,
AS FAR AS MY CANCER DR. VISITS I'VE
~~STOPED~~ STOPPED SEE HIM HE SEEMS TO BE AT HIS
WITS END SO THERE IS NO POINT IN
CONTINUING WITH HIM LET THE CHIPS
~~FA~~ FALL WHERE THEY WILL, WE HAVE A NEW
PUPPY AND HE LOVES TO CHASE THE DEER
OUT OF THE YARD. I SMAKED HIM UP
WITH A NEWS PAPER A COUPLE OF TIMES
AND HE WOULD COME NEAR ME FOR A
WEEK OR 2.

ENOUGH FOR NOW - LOVE AND PRAYERS
TO ALL OF YOU
BETTY & FRANK.

February 24, 2011

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I received the family letter yesterday from brother Frank. The last round robin took 5 months, come on guys !!

Jan, the job you did back on the farm was greatly appreciated by the entire family with no exceptions.

I did not go deer hunting last year as I was too beat up from 3 surgeries. If my car is in the garage it is unlikely it will totaled for the 3rd time in 4 years. There was only one buck shot down there last year, probably the worst in many years.

It is amazing we are all alive and kicking based on what many of us had to endure in recent years.

How do you explain the weather and world events that so many people have endured this past year and how all of us have escaped these hardships ?

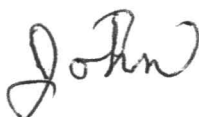
If by chance any of you have had trouble falling asleep at night, try Melatonin. I believe this sleep aide was made in heaven.

It was nice to see many of you still enjoy world traveling. Michigan will always be #1 in spite of all it's problems.

Jacob our 2nd grandson is the combat zone, infantry.

I will close for now.

God bless us each & everyone of you. GOD BLESS & PROTECT AMERICA!!!

With love, 

John

A little boy wanted \$ 100.00 very badly and his mother told him to pray to God for it. He prayed and prayed for two weeks, but nothing turned up. Then he decided perhaps he should write God a letter requesting the \$100.00. When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to God, they opened it up and decided to send it to the president. The president was so touched, impressed and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a check for \$ 5.00. He thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy. The little boy was delighted with the \$ 5.00 and sat down to write a thank you letter to God which ran as follows:

Dear God,
"Thank you very much for sending me the money. I noticed that you had to send it through Washington, as usual, those bastards deducted \$ 95.00."

Love
Joey

March 25, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is a cold day here today so it is a good excuse to say inside and write this letter. Every one is relatively healthy here, Brian had the flu last week. He didn't have an hour to spare to get a flu shot so he spent three days home sick as a dog. I think he will get one this fall.

Carolyn and I did get to Florida but not for the month I had hoped for. We saw Marty and Linda on the way down. The weather was great this year but we stayed in Tabella only 16 days. We skipped Disney World since the camp ground could only give us two days. Instead we went to Savannah Georgia for two days and visited friends. Speaking of losing power, we lost power here the morning we were planning to leave. We had to finish packing by candle light and flash light.

The only problem we had traveling was when a desk flew off a pick up truck in front of us and I could not avoid it. I drove right over it, no damage to the truck or trailer. Total loss for the desk.

As for St Vincent de Paul we have six months to go. Carolyn and I will be in St Louis in two weeks for the Midyear meeting. I will be back in St Louis in the 3rd week in June for a board meeting and a region meeting in Dayton, Ohio in the 4th week in June. Then I will only have the national meeting in Dallas, TX, at the end of August. My major problems now are Covington, Ky, Traverse City and Toledo. All are on the mend now.

I have to tell you about an experience I had here in January. It was about 9 PM and I was closing everything up for the night. I looked out the back window at the yard and couldn't believe my eyes. I had to go and get Carolyn up to see it. In the yard, ~~lined~~ lined up in front of the garden was seven deer bedded down for the night. It was an amazing sight. I thought they always bedded down in the brush.

Elaine, I saw you last week when we checked the taxes and went to Tapeer. You sure are looking good now. Keep it up.

Joe and Jackie, I saw you as I returned from Traverse City last fall. It was great seeing you. I hope the snow stops for you by the time you read this.

Lis and Jan, we have talked in the last few weeks and all seems well with you. Keep up with all you are doing.

Frank, enjoy watching the deer. It is a gift from God to watch them. Enjoy the pup.

John, I hope you can stay out of the hospital now. You are spending too much time there. Stay healthy.

Marty, you will be coming home soon. I hope you have those tigers ready for the season.

I will quit for now. God bless you all.

Your loving brother

Jim and Carolyn

Dear Families,

April 23, 2011

It is time that I get these out and mailed to Elaine since I have some news to pass on. John should be home from the hospital and back to normal. Easter will be here tomorrow and then things should warm up. The first three months of the year were so warm and wonderful in Florida and then I came home to three weeks of cold and it just not seems fare.

Elaine, I hear from Jim that you are doing well so that is a blessing. You sure are lucky to be so healthy. Sonda's mom has a hard time some days sorting all things out.

Joe, I just talked to you a couple of days ago, so I have nothing new to add.

Sis, I have not talked to you for a while so I guess I better get on the phone and catch up. What is new from the family these days? I will be in touch.

Janice, It seems like we saw each other just recently but it has been at least two months. I was so glad that you came over to the beach and we got a chance to break bread together. It was a treat to have you come over. I wish I could enjoy Disney World more but going to Lakeland for ball games sounds more fun. I got to see three games this spring. Joe and Pat seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

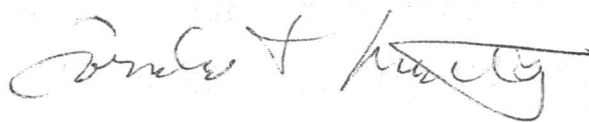
Frank, I just talked to you also, and we caught up on all the skinny, so not much is new other than since the new Garber Chrysler dealership has opened, we are doing a lot more driving. I had my first out of state trip a couple of weeks ago, with a trip to Geneva, Ohio so that was a good day on the road. I really enjoy driving for the dealership.

John, you should be back to normal now. I was thinking after you went in the hospital, that they must have had another payment due on the hospital, as you really keep them in business. Do you realize that we are on round robin #58 and it just keeps going? I took my snow shovel to Florida this time and did not even wear to paint off it. I agree that Michigan is #1, but in January thru April, I know a better place and I will keep it a secret. OK

Jim, I had the privilege of your company in Florida, and yes, I found a better place to have fish, but we better check to see what else they have on the menu before we go there as some of the stuff must have gluten in it. I will be in charge of that for next winter.

I headed back to Michigan on April 3rd. and as I got up to Knoxville, I was not tired so I kept on driving, and when I got to Toledo, I was still not tired so came on thru and made it in 22 hours. I will not do that again, as I had jetlag the next day, even though I slept well all night. It was not a good move on my part.

Guess I better get off this computer and get these ready to go. Love you all.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John T. Hickey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page, below the main body of text.

May 10, 2011

Dear Everyone

I've had these a long time.
The all I could buy for a mailer is
this envelope O.K.?

I can't keep up with my surgeries
so I'll skip them now.

So glad that some got to go ~~South~~ SOUTH!
Winter was too much. Things go

As the years creep up more. Things go
Wrong - Thank God for repairs!

In enclosing Cousin Cecilia's data on
our Dad's siblings - Cecilia was Aunt Maude's
daughter "Cecilette" by name. They sure
had their hands full.

I feel very fortunate to have lived here
nearly 12 yrs. The rent is high but I
still can afford it!

Have a dentist appt. tomorrow, maybe
Janie will post them for me! She is
my wheels these years. My teeth will be
cleaned - wow is me! If they find more
work to be done I'll decide.

Bless each and everyone and keep these
letters coming please!

Love, Elaine

Cadillac, MI

5-16-11

Dear Family,

Today is a sunny cool day. The leaves are popping out everywhere, but 10 days to 2 wks later than normal. We had a very wet April, but normal May precip.

Our family health is normal with everyone with normal complaints. Daughter Yvonne reached 50 yrs. yesterday and wasn't happy. Jackie and I are dealing with more usual health problems.

We aren't able to travel anymore, especially due to health and cost.

About half of you are still mobile and we hope you can continue.

Our oldest grand daughter (Tim's daughter Amanda) just earned her doctors degree Doctor of physical therapy.

God bless you all

Joe & Jackie

6-8-11

My Dear Family,

I've had the letters for a while because of having cataract surgery so I am try^{ing} to read them and get them in the mail. Its a real effort.

Johns family have been home since 6-2-11. so thats another distraction. We are so happy to have them and they do live in there own house, but they eat once or twice aday with us. They have been so busy planting an orchard. Yesterday they built a wind mill out by their pond to airate it.

I loved all your letters even tho it took a long time to read them. I promise to do better next time. I cant see much and all the distractions I better get these in the mail right now.

God bless you all. I remember you in my daily Chaplet of Mercy.

Love you
Sis

June 27, 2011

It took the letters roughly 4 months to make the rounds this time. That's better than some other times.

I've talked with some of you recently about Jean's problem so I'll be brief so as not to take up half my letter.

He had a TIA on Easter Sunday - Spent 5 days at Crittenton Hospital. Every test imaginable done to locate the problem.

He has a tumor (growth) in the area of his C1 and C2 vertebrae (sp). It is crowding the blood vessels and nerve in his spine. We decided to get a second opinion from a neurosurgeon. Currently we are consulting with a team of three doctors. What they plan to do is very scary. They go through the mouth to access the front of the spine.

He will be hospitalized for 10-14 days. After the growth is removed he will be in a device to keep his head from moving. After the swelling goes down he will have a second surgery to fuse his spine and stabilize his head.

That's the best I can do - it may not be totally accurate. This will all go on sometime in August. Doctor's seem to favor July for vacations.

Frank - thanks for calling - It seems you are living too close to the bears - especially if they are looking in your windows. I certainly wouldn't go into the woods.

Jim - I've lost track on who I talked to about Jean. Our daughter-in-law (Joe's wife Pat) has been taking us to the many Dr. visits that are not local for me to drive, It also helps to have someone else listen to his explanation of the procedures. She has been a big help. Most of the boys are at work during doctor's hours.

John - I loved your story about the little boy and his letter to God. It does seem like Washington gets too much of our money.

Marty - 22 hours driving is way too long - even God rested.

Elaine - I too - wish we could get together more. Going to get my perms from Sis had a dual reason. I drove up there for many years every 3-4 months. I too don't like driving any more so I guess you two will just have to hitch hike to visit me. What do you think??????????????

Joe - congratulations on your grand-daughter's becoming a Doctor. I hope she will work in her chosen field. It seems that so many graduates are not working in the field they studied for.

Sis - I hope your eyesight has straightened out by now. Jean and I both had cataract surgery a few years ago. Neither of us have to wear glasses so far. I hope that continues. Wearing them is such a pain.

My mind is very distracted with all the doctors appointments and wondering how it will all pan out. Whatever is God's will is what it will end up. Please keep us in your prayers.

I want to get these off so they don't get buried and forgotten.

Love to all-

Jan and Jean

Dear Families,

Just a line to get these letters
going its a heat wave Im sure you
wont forget very soon 107 Heat Index
yesterday and more coming Al Gore
may have something up stairs after all.

John, I hope you are having better
luck with your garden than we are.

Jim, as I sit here reading over your
letter again I get tired I dont know
how you keep going, God is playing
a part in your work.

Marty, we saw you for a fleeting
moment when you were here for your
class reunion, I hear you about jet
lag sometimes I get up coughing so
I come out in the kitchen and pay cards
The next day Im all messed up
catching up on my sleep, I hope you
dont get the B P flu in Fla.

Elaine, Im glad to hear you are doing
fine, I know the winters are a stress
for you I enjoy the changing seasons.

Joe, we had some BLACK BEAR VISITS
THIS PAST MONTH 2 OF them AT ONE TIME
THEY LIKE TO COME UP ON THE DECK AND
LOOK ~~FOR~~ FOR FOOD, THAT PUPPY OF OURS
RAISES CANE WHEN THEY COME AROUND.

Sis, I HOPE YOUR CATARACT SURGERY
CAME OUT GOOD ITS SUCH A RELIEF TO
SEE WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN MISSING.

JAN, YOU HAVE GOT YOUR HANDS FULL
IM SURE, IT IS GOOD YOUR FAMILYS
ARE NEAR YOU, THE BEARS DON'T BOTHER
ME IF YOU GO IN THE WOODS YOU SHOULD
BE MAKING A LOT OF NOISE SO YOU
DON'T SURPRISE THEM.

BETTY AND I ARE DOING PRETTY WELL
CONSIDERING ALL THE THINGS WE HAVE
WRONG WITH US.

MAY GODS LOVE AND GOOD GRACES
BE WITH ALL OF YOU AND YOURS IN
YOUR TIME OF NEED.

WITH ALL OUR LOVE

BETTY + FRANK

August 23, 2011

Brothers & Sisters,

I received the family letter recently & finally found time to respond.

Jan, I am sorry to hear of Jean's health problems. It makes my earlier health problems seem minor. We are keeping both of you in our daily prayers for an excellent recovery.

After living in Ossineke for 48 years, we have decided to turn the basement into a livable area, repainting & tile.

In years past our tomatoes did well. This year was a real disappointment. After putting in the plants, the nights were 35- 40 degrees for the 1st 10-12 days.

As I was reading the most recent letters, I realized despite our health problems, we are fortunate to live here in Michigan where wars, fires, floods Are not our daily reality in order to survive.

Health concerns have been minor this year, am very grateful after last year.

Having survived a hot dry summer, am looking forward to a nice fall.

In closing, God bless each & everyone of us, God bless & protect the USA & Israel.

Later.

Your loving Brother
John.

Sept 18, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I hope this finds all of you feeling fine or are on the mend. Right now our concentration and prayers are on Jean. He will have his first surgery this coming week and our prayers are with him. Yes Jan our prayers are for you also.

I finished my trip to Dallas earlier this month and I sure am glad it is over. My term ends in twelve days and I am working on the transition. I know that Carolyn and I will attend meetings in the future but I will not be required to attend and prepare for all of the meetings. It will be more fun that way.

Carolyn did not go with me to Dallas. She planned to go but the recovery from her knee surgery has not been good and she is in therapy now.

We are in construction mode again now. We have gutted the old bathroom and bringing it up to date. We tore out all of the ceramic tile and the cast iron tub and all the walls down to the studs. I have redone the electrical and plumbing and am nearly finished with the walls.

Elaine, I talk to you more than anyone else so you know how things are here.

Joe and Jackie, I hope you two are feeling better and get back to doing things you like. Seeing how Carolyn feels I know it is no fun to be restricted. Congratulations on your grand-daughter's doctorate. Carolyn could sure use her now.

Sis, I am glad your eye surgery is done and you

are able to see better. I am sure John and Hayle and family are back in Hawaii now. I sure wish we could have gotten up to see them while they were here. I still hope we can get to Hawaii sometime but Carolyn will have to be feeling better for that to happen.

Jan, I know that you are very busy now. If I can ever help you I am as close as the phone. I love you, Jan and your family very much and will do anything for you.

Frank and Betty, you sound like you are doing pretty good now. I would enjoy seeing your bears sometime. We see quite a few deer here.

John and Pat, we were hoping to see you in August. Our plan was to go to Machinaw Island and then come down 23 to see you two and then go on to see Frank and Betty. That trip had to be put on hold when Carolyn's recovery did not go as planned. We will hopefully try later.

Marty and Sonda I hope we can see you also soon. That driving job sounds like fun. Some day I might like to try it.

We are hoping to get to see Karen and family in Arizona in October. We would like to spend a month in Arizona in February.

Well I guess I have run out of news for now. God bless you all

Your loving brother
Jim and Carolyn

Dear Everyone:-----

October 20th, 2011

I have been setting on these waiting for good news from Jan, but not hearing anything, I will get these out. Am still driving for Garber Chrysler, and have been to Jamestown, New York, Pittsburg, Pa and Joliet, Ill recently to pick up cars. Also , as some of you know, I flew to Boston, to be a designated driver for and 80 year old couple who adopted me in Florida but live in Boston for the summer and fall. They wanted to go up thru Maine then to New Brunswick, then Nova Scotia where we stayed with their relatives for six days in Halifax, then on to Prince Edward Island where we stayed another three days before heading back to Boston and staying for 5days. Then a hurricane was coming thru and my flight got cancelled so I rented a car and drove back to Michigan. Wow, what a trip.

Elaine, it's hard to believe that you have been there for 12 years. How time flies when you are having fun. Keep up the good work.

Joe, it's good to hear that Amanda is doing well. I would imagine that she will be in great demand with all the sport injuries etc. Good luck to her.

Sis, I hope your vision is back to normal. I did get to see John this summer and I hope that they enjoyed themselves. I hope you are all well.


Janice, I talked to you a week ago and have not got the word that Jean is home so I pray that he is doing well. I hope that I never get back problems, as I could bet that it is not fun. It's good that you have such a wonderful daughter-in-law to help you out.

Frank, you are keeping yourself busy, playing cards and that is good. You take good care of the bear and the deer, and enjoy nature right out in back of your home.

John, it won't be long, and I will be going down to Florida to take part in the Snowbird exodus out of Michigan. Some of us have to get out of town so there is room for more snow. I will let you know how it is. Our tomatoes did real well, but I was not sure they would, because she planted them on May 20th and I was always told do not plant them till Memorial Day. Go figure.

Jim, I think you are in Arizona now but should be back soon.

Nothing new since I talked to you last. Guess I better get these in the Mail. Love you all.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda J. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is located at the bottom center of the page.

11-7-2011

Dear Families:

I hope I can write so you can read it!
Time I get going and mail my few words to
each and everyone. Thanks giving is coming for
Christmas can't be far behind! Sis has a B ^{day} FASI
and I'm next - 92 WOW I remember
the time well. I mean when SIS was born!

Life at Sanctuary, formerly (Cascadia) has
been a good home to me. The years are like
months.

Your letters were very entertaining and also
informative. My life is pretty hum drum, I'm
deaf so I miss alot - never get fitted for ear
phones. Pray for me. I'm walking with a
Walker now. It's the thing to do here. What's new
in the dining room. Parking is at a premium.

My prayers for each and everyone
is to stay well and happy too! Great job!!
I'll be looking for the next letter!

#60 - Isn't this away to keep in touch!
Thanks Jan. Sorry I took so long.

Getting them on their way.

God bless each and everyone
and hope the holidays will be good
to you, Love & Prayers
Elaine

Cadillac Mich.

12-7-'11

Dear Family:

It feels like winter, but w-e have only received about 2¹¹/₈ of snow so far. This growing season we received 32.7" of precip, with a 100 yr. average of 24.1". We are on an upward trend since '07 when we received 19.7".

I delayed the letter to see the results of my left eye lacer operation - it checke-d OK. We have been on a eye & teeth repair this year. Denises husband Dennis, yesterday had a Mastoid 3-4 hr. operation. He was to go later in the day to recuperate, apparently OK. From the letters it appears that we all have been takin our turns. Our next door neighbor is moving today into a Rest-home, We are all getting OLD.

Since we have visited recently with several of you I hardly know of news. Jackie's 98 year old aunt died recently, Her husband retire| from Dow Chemical in Midland. We havent heard how Jean is doing? Jackie's sister is building a new home near Grand Rapids. They have been renting for several years since retiring from New Mexico. Our Doctor grand daughter works in the Midland Hospital with rehab of children.

We plan to have the family at home for Christmas at least those that can make it. Everyone is so spreadout that seems impossible to get together. Mike and Tim's came from Baltimor for a belated Thanks Giving and work schedules usually causes trouble with someone. You all must have the same problem.

Godbless you all until the next time.

Joe & Macquyln

JACQUELYN

12-14-11

My Dearest Family

Its so nice to read your letters and hear whats going on with all your busy lives.

Im still working at least one day a week. My Lody's really dont want to change, so I'm keeping on for a while longer.

The football gang meet here often for their games. N.D is Rogers big team but the others have a few teams they go for. They eat popcorn and have a good time.

Michelle is doing well at G.O. She goes Mon. wed. and Fri and gets a little check. It makes her feel important which of ~~course~~ she is.

This is such a busy time with Christmas. Jan (daughter) is such a big help with Michelle. She takes her for respite time on Tues + Thurs. They watch movies + shop.

Hugs and Kisses to all of you. miss you very much.

Love
you all
Sis