

Jan. 22, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The big news here today is the weather. It was  $0^{\circ}$  here this morning with  $20^{\circ}$  below zero wind chill. I did not stay out too long.

Last night about midnight our son Mark called. They had lost power and the house was down in the fifties. He needed my generator. We took it over and wired it into his electric panel. The house was warming up nicely when I left about 2 AM. I hope the power comes on soon for them.

I just talked to you Elaine and all seems to be well there now. I talked to Sis the other day and she sounded great. Roger is going for chemo treatments and he drove himself today. That was great news.

Joe, I imagine it is even colder there than we have here today. I bet you and Jackie are not out walking a mile today. Keep up the good work.

I talk to Jan quite often these days. All seems fine there. Have you tried the Krud Kutter on Jean's clothes to get the grease out. For those who have not used it you can get it in the paint department at Home Depot or Lowes.

Frank, you and Betty need to stop making the doctors rich. Just stay inside and watch the deer play.

John, it hasn't been long since we talked. I am sending along copies of the pictures you asked about. Others may make copies if you wish. I believe they were taken on the fourth of July in 1950 since the addition

is not on the house but cement blocks are in the yard indicating the foundation was started.

Marty, I know you wish you were here to enjoy this cold weather but you will just have to put up with all that sun. Actually I could use some of that sun now myself. We had planned to leave for Arizona this Friday but that is on hold since Carolyn has a doctors appointment Feb. 6th. We are still hoping that we will be able to go.

I will close for now. Keep safe and God bless you all.

Your loving brother,  
Jim and Carolyn.

2-11-13

DEAR FAMILIES

THE LETTERS ARE COMING FASTER  
WITH LESS NEWS SO THAT MUST MEAN  
THAT ALL IS GOING WELL.

I've SENT THESE TO FLORIDA SO I  
AM PUTTING SOME SUNSHINE IN AND  
SENDING IT NORTH.

WE HAVE HAD 2 HALF DAYS OF RAIN  
SINCE I GOT HERE ON JAN. 14.  
IT HAS TO BE THE BEST WINTER, SO  
FAR FOR ME. JONDA HAS BEEN HERE  
FOR 2 WEEKS AND IS COMING BACK  
DOWN ON FEB. 21st. THEN SHE WILL  
GO HOME ON MARCH 1st. THEN SHE  
DOWN AROUND THE 20th AND BACK  
HOME AROUND MARCH 30th OR SO.

I HOPE YOU CAN ALL READ THIS  
AS OUR PRINTER IS AT THE  
MY LAPTOP DOES ME NO GOOD.

SEE YOU ALL APRIL 6TH.

JAW - I'm UP TO 11 BOOKS  
SOLD SO FAR.

LOVE  
MARTY

Dear Family: Time sure flies/ March 4, 2013  
I'm doing O.K. day to day,  
That is all I can ask. It's nice to hear  
from each and all about you also.

If we didn't have Family letters what we  
do for information or none?

This has been our most swweet winter  
since I've been here 13 yrs! But the weather  
is a "panic" around the world.

We can't get together anymore so this  
is what we have. 3rd generation <sup>kids</sup>  
being born who I never learn their names  
or anything.

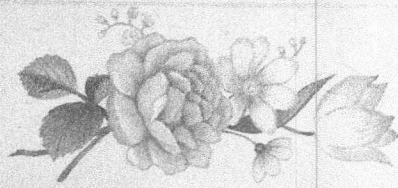
Don't see Sis and Pog anymore, they  
aren't too well. Just Jan Paullette. She  
does laundry for me and other things.

Be happy and grateful for everything  
we don't have control of.

Love to all

Glenn





March 12, 2013

Hi All!

Since several have complained about Joe's penmanship & typing, he asked me to drop a few lines.

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Spring — this winter is too long.

Most of us are in decent health. The end of January I got a slipped disc. They won't treat it with the steroids that is normally used since I'm diabetic. We all have our crosses to bear.

Some of the family are still underemployed.

The great granddaughters are doing well.

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Happy Easter to All!

Hopefully we shall start feeling better with warmer weather.

Love,

Jackie & Joe



3-15-13

My Dear Bros + Sisters,

I've been reading all your great letters and enjoying my time with all of you. Its nice that we keep up with each other.

Our John and his Family will be here for 8 days on his Easter break. They will be back in June for there Summer vacation.

Rog is getting better daily. He doesn't give up easily. He is gaining some weight and still drives the car.

The snow is all gone and I hope its done for this winter. Im ready for Spring.

Hll Everyone - Spring will come and I hopefullly so will Mary + I Set ~~the~~ summer - Love to all - Christ Jesus - Happy Easter - Rog - Mary & Family



I've been waiting for my carpet cleaner man so I could do my letter while he was working. He called to say he had truck trouble and won't come until tomorrow. I guess I can still do the letter while Jean and the pups have their nap.

I'm also getting ready to have Easter breakfast again. I had the idea to see if we could get Elaine to come. First I called Rob and Ron to see if one would go get her and the other take her home. They both said yes so I called her to see if she would come. She wasn't too keen on leaving her safe zone but I told her it would be fun to see all this gang. I think she will come but Easter morning will tell the tale. She rarely gets away from there any more.

I will be going to sing with the choir at St. Josaphat in Detroit this coming Sunday. A couple of the regular sapranos will be out of town so the director called to see if I would fill in. I will enjoy seeing everybody.

My estate booklet is on hold for awhile. We just got our first 100 from the printers a couple of days before Christmas. It didn't seem to be a good time to begin selling them over the holidays so we waited. Joe and Pat left for Florida the day after Christmas for a Florida vacation until late January. Pat's Mom and Dad were down there and left on a cruise. The 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> day on the ship (Pat's mom) got a bad headache. They finally went to the ship's doctor to get something so she could go to sleep. As it turned out - she never woke up. Pat's Dad called them (they were still in Florida and they left immediately to meet him in Miami. He was in quite a state. The ship had to detour over to one of the keys to transfer the body. A helicopter took her to Miami, from there, it was flown to Metro Airpost. The funeral director picked it up and

brought it to Rochester. Pat and Joe and Herman flew to Metro and were here until after the funeral. They then had to return to Florida, close up the condo's, pick up their dog at a kennel and drive back here. Pat's Dad was involved in several businesses. Her mother did all the paperwork for them - so Pat inherited that job. Things are just now getting under control. Anyway Pat hasn't been available to help me get my booklet promoted. She wants to be my partner but is not available for now.

Frank - I am glad you and yours are plugging alone healthwise as most all of us are. When we quit complaining - I guess we will be in a better place.

John - I can't believe you got 3 deer all in the same season. Do you process and eat all that venison? Maybe Cousin IT will reveal him or herself one of these days. Meanwhile - It adds some spark to your life.

Jim- I will try Krud Kutter if I can find it. I'm safe for a few more weeks. What is it with guys and playing in grease????????? Will try Home Depot and Lowes.

Marty - we talk via e-mail quite often. Since it is March 21<sup>st</sup> - Sonda is probably there. Tell her that I sent some genealogy info out one day this week. She may have got it before she left. Does April 6<sup>th</sup> mean you will be back in Michigan?

Elaine - I'm hoping you will be with us for Easter Breakfast. I know you haven't seen many of my gang for years.

Joe & family - I sure wish I could cuddle some of those baby girls. And speaking of underemployment - I think many wage earners feel they should have better jobs and wish they had more money to cover the cost of everything.

Sis - I'm happy that you are able to have John and family



around some of the time. We sure do need a helping hand with some of the seasonal chores. Our guys take turns cutting the grass. Ron has a plow on his truck so plows our driveway when needed. We haven't had any deep snow this year.

Well, I had to finish up my letter so I could look up somethink on the computer. Now I can't remember what I wanted to look up. Are you still finding that our age group have memory problems?????????

Love,  
*Jan and Jean*  
Jan and Jean

Dear Family,

4-17-13

We had these letters for a while so better get them going, it appears that most all are doing quite well thanks for that Lord, that picture of us on the farm it brought back so many memories thanks who ever sent it along.

John - I hear from you pretty often so keep in touch, thanks for the Tiger baseball schedule it looks pretty so far.

Jim, I see that you guys got out to ~~at~~ Agona I think that was near Scottsdale isn't it? we were there for a few days - nice place but scorching in the summer.

Marty - it looks like you spend alot of time on the road don't you? you get most of the news from up here by Dave and his computer, you would like my view right - I do and a few napping the new grass.

Elaine, we need to see each other more but the way things are going that's

Impossible write now, I ~~just~~ guess, if we didn't have Dave here to cart us around I don't know what we would do.

~~Hi~~ Joe. hope you and yours are doing better now. when we start comparing letters we begin to see how we all have basically have the same problems its called old age.  
Sis.,

I hope things are looking better now. I'm having with my weight is up and ~~down~~ I'm taking Glucerna to try and keep my diabetes.

Jan. It seems like your guys are are pretty much holding your own rite now, I thought that you guys had gotten out of the puppy business? what kind are you raising now?

I would like Betty to tell about her problems.  
I HAVE 4 DICKE'S THAT ARE DeCompressed.  
AND MY TAIL BONE IS BONE UPON BONE.  
ALSO I HAVE SPINAL STENOSIS. (wich is THE LOWER PART of my spine is filled WITH CALCIUM). I AM COMPLETELY OFF MY FEET (ACCORDING TO Dr. Field's) MY LEGS Ache.  
Love Betty & Frank

5-6-13

Dear Brothers & Sisters;

Disease seems to be the hot topic in the latest family letter! How about rubbing dish soap <sup>in</sup> for a while and then wash. I did not shoot 3 deer on the farm, however 3 nice bucks were shot by the French last year on the farm.

The farmers in the Mikado, Lincoln and Harrisville areas are about to come in to a real change in life. Several 10,000' gas wells will likely change the landscape within the next 12 months. I truly believe the farmers down there has suffered for far too long in trying to scratch a living.

Our health has been good, considering flu season has come and gone for another year. However as we get a little older other concerns will crop up and cause misery.

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The tigers so far this season  
is having a barn burning  
assault on the outfield fence.

It will not be long before it  
is time to plant flowers and tomatoes.  
say 5-26-27-28.

Dombey Gardens is getting a  
real face lift this spring their selling  
ice cream treats and painting all the  
wild animals. No signs of a family  
dollar as of now.

In a couple of months I will be  
a grandpa and a great grandpa the same  
day. As I said earlier records are  
meant to be broken, finally.

The farm picture sure brought back  
some memories of yesteryears.

I will have to close for now and  
may God Bless each and every one  
of you.

your Loving Brother  
John

July 12, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since I saw all of you on Wednesday at Frank's funeral I don't have a lot to write about that you don't know. I felt it was time to get the family letters moving again. as you know we all got there except for Elaine but she had a doctors appt. and coming would have been very difficult for her.

Jan, Carolyn and I went to see Elaine last Sunday but she could not hear us. We wrote notes to communicate and it worked ok. I called her today and she could hear me. She is going to the ear doctor today so I will call her later.

Sis and Betty, I know you are going through Tough Times and we are all praying for you. Betty we all see you as our sister and I hope and pray that you will take Frank's turn with the family letters. You are a Treasured part of this family and we love you. Sis and Betty, I want you to know- that if you need anything, we will be here for you. Let me know what you need.

I will close this for now and get it into the mail. God bless all of you. You are in my prayers.

Your loving brother

Jim and Carolyn



8-8-13

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I have held off on these letters till I hit the big 75, and it has happened so I will get this done and get the letters on to Elaine.

We have lost our dear brothers Roger and Frank, and it has been a tough year so far, but we must hang together for the good of the family.

Elaine, it does not seem possible that you have been there 13 years. I can't get over how neat your writing is, and I am envious, as I sure do a lot of scribbling. Good for you.

Joe, it looks like you have turned the pen over to Jackie, and that must have been hard to do. I am not looking forward to not writing and I will surely not want to give up driving. That will be a tough pill to swallow.

Sis, it was nice to see you at Mikado, and you sure looked good. The girls are pitching in to help you return to a more calm summer, and I give them a lot of credit... Good for you girls.

Janice, we saw you also at Mikado, and all seems to be a-ok with you. I guess Jean did not feel good enough to make the trip. That sure was sad to see Pats mom not making it thru to trip. Pat has her work cut out for her, as her dad will lean on her for moral support. Pat sure is a wonderful lady and Joe is so lucky to have her with him.

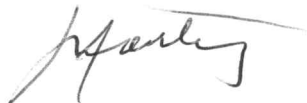
Betty, I forgot to ask you when you are going to Florida for a visit. I will keep in touch with Dave, and if you need anything, just call myself, or Jim and we will see what we can do to help.

John, we had a chance to visit with you in Mikado and you seem to be doing well. We are going thru the shortage of priests here also, but they are closing the churches here, and making the people travel to the main parish where the priest lives, and he can have all the masses that he wants at that church. I guess that helps out with not having to maintain all those building in every town.

Jim, I talk to you often, so not much is new. I volunteered at Covenant on Wednesday, and today, I had a run to Farwell to deliver a car, and this evening another run to Flushing to deliver a car, and tomorrow I have to go to Flat Rock to pick a car up at the auction, so I am getting some miles on. Two weeks ago, I went to Amherst, Ohio to pick up a car and last Friday , I went to Tinley Park, Il to get another car. I am getting the miles in. Five months and back to Florida. That's about it for now.

Love you all,

Sonda and Marty

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Marty', written in dark ink.

Dear Families!

Aug. 22, 2013

This is too hard! What to  
write about, thanks to you <sup>as the</sup> filled in.

Except I'm grateful to be alive and not too  
"out" of things!

Don't see much of Sis, Jamie brings her and  
50x Bill came the other day they had been to  
lunch.

I'm taking my 3 meals in my room  
and its not great but I'm managing!  
Easter at Jim & Jean's was super. Rob &

Ron gave me a beautiful trip!  
If you think of giving up these letters  
don't - we can't get around to visiting, it  
fills a great void "Thanks Joan."

my penmanship isn't getting any better  
and I don't have any other way, talking  
by phone is fair and expensive so far  
this time God bless all of you and I  
pray for the new generation,

Truly,

Elaine

Sept 27  
2013

Dear Bro + Sister

Rog has been gone for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  months.  
I'm coping.

Rogie is watching over me,  
along with God I should be alright.  
I am coping with some memory loss.  
Some things are good to forget.

I just got back from having  
breakfast with Rogi and Mindy.  
It's nice to have an outing.

The day is just beautiful. Want  
to spend some time outside.

Michelle is at work. She seems to  
be happy with what she does.

Someone comes every day to take  
me to lunch or church on Saturday.

I miss all of you very much. Come when  
you can.

In Jesus Love  
Sis (Mary)

I have some time to kill before I have the pleasure of a dental appointment. I was there a few days ago to talk about a certain tooth. He decided that he wanted to do a triple gold crown for which I would contribute about \$600.00 as my share in addition to insurance coverage. I decided he just wanted me to finance his vacation and cancelled the appointment. Today, I'm going to the same office (different dentist) to try to have it done the way I want it. It caused me a lot of stress.

We have been reasonably healthy since my last letter. I try to limit driving especially at night. Church and library is about it. Both are within 4 miles of home. Jean still drives but he shouldn't be. None of the boys will ride with him. I think a driver's test should be mandatory for older (80 years and up) before getting a license renewal. I can just hear the groans from some of you.

My daughter-in-law (Pat) has been super busy this Past year so I haven't seen much of her. She was The one that always offered to take me wherever I wanted or needed to go. Her father was having a hard time after her mother died in January. In addition she has (2) grandbabies now. Pat's Dad had several projects going and her mother did the book keeping. That all fell on Pat.

You hunters out there - did you hear about a Local lad who shot a buck (8-point). On closer Inspection - it turned out being a doe. The explanation was that she had an overdose of testosterone which resulted in the rack. I should have kept the article to include. It's gone out with the garbage now.

Betty, I'm glad to hear you are finally getting

some of your issues taking care of. Life will seem a lot better if your pain can be managed better. I will try to call you soon.

I am not looking forward to see numerous oil rigs everywhere you turn. I suppose it's good for those that profit but not for the landscape.

I have been thinking about the family letters a lot lately - mostly how they have kept all of us connected since they began in 1988. That's over 25 years. What bothers me is that more families don't keep connected. I wonder if a letter to some magazines or newspapers about our letters could get more families connected? Anybody have any ideas?

Marty - speaking of a priest shortage - a week from Saturday, we are going to a fund raiser for a cousin that is studying for the priest and has 4 more years to go. It's Jean's brother's grandson. They have expences that are not covered that they have to provide for themselves. I sent out letters to all our boys to urge them to attend.

I talk to Elaine and Sis pretty regular so I'm going To close now. I'm almost late to the dentist.

Love, Jan

*Jan & Jean*