

The Diary of
Anna Kropf Ropp

1993-1997

Friday, January 1, 1993. Clear, cold, 3° above in morning. We got up late. Watched Rose Parade. Went to town at 2:00, got groceries and went to reception for Cindy Watkins & her husband Christopher Nelke.

Saturday, January 2, 1993. Cloudy, 31°, sleeted & rained. Froze some ice. We took Christmas decorations & tree down. Cleaned living room. Made vegetable soup.

Sunday, January 3, 1993. Cloudy, rainy, 48°. We went to church. Home in PM. We went with Jeanette to Communion Love Feast at church. Allen called. Jeffs were still there, plan to go home tomorrow. Paul called. Ben went back to Chicago today.

Monday, January 4, 1993. Cloudy, 48°, had big rain early a.m., nearly 3 inches. We had lot of water in basement. Was in every room. Did a lot of sweeping. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Bells. Did the laundry in PM. I wrote Cindy [Dunn] Kym. They have new baby girl. Wrote Amy [to] thank her for poem she wrote for us.

Tuesday, January 5, 1993. Cloudy, 24°. I got ready for prayer group. Helen [Patton], Lucy [Catherine], Jeanette [Colter] & Joyce [Schmucker] here. Read some. Put things back in place in basement. I went with Jeanette to women's meeting. A year ago today Mary passed away. Still miss her.

Wednesday, January 6, 1993. Fair, 29°. Good to see the sun. Volunteered at hospital most of day. Helped Arlene get a mailing ready. Jeanette & I marked quilt too.

Thursday, January 7, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 32°. I baked coffeecake braid. Rested, read some, made small apricot pie. Took Jeanette a coffeecake. She expects her sister.

Friday, January 8, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 29°. We did some cleaning. I cleaned out drawer. Rested & read. Steves here for supper. They brought pizza. They brought gifts from Iowa. I got sweater from Micks & Pete got one too. Got a mug from Jeffs.

Saturday, January 9, 1993. Cloudy, 29°, windy. Started to snow about 4:30. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. Read awhile. Was at Jo's awhile in PM. Helped her put some Christmas decorations away. We had 4 – 6 inches snow.

Sunday, January 10, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 27°, some sun in p.m., had some drifting. Ron plowed out driveway. We went to church. Had small group at Gerlof Homan's. Went to [Seven Day] Advent[ist] church to get our fruit but truck hadn't come. Jo here awhile in evening.

Monday, January 11, 1993. Cloudy, 29°. We did the laundry. Mended some. Rested and read.

Tuesday, January 12, 1993. Cloudy, rained early, froze ice. Schools called off. Melted during day, 34° – 36°. I baked cookies, gave Jo some. Jo here for dinner, had ribs & sauerkraut. We went to town in p.m., got groceries, got our fruit at LDA [Latter Day Saints or Seventh-Day Adventists?] which was to come Sunday. Some flurries at night.

Wednesday, January 13, 1993. Cloudy, 27° in morning, windy, colder in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Went to nursing home to see Jeanette's mother who was 103 years old yesterday. Took her a few flowers. Went to bank. Ron with Gail [Bressner] to Louisville this evening. Worked on linen tablecloth for Jo.

Thursday, January 14, 1993. Some sun shone, 26°. I cooked chicken. We had lunch with Helen Sieg at Perkins. Had good visit with her. I worked on Jo's tablecloth. Made onion soup for supper.

Friday, January 15, 1993. 26°, mostly cloudy. Did some cleaning, fixed chicken casserole & baked apples & muffins. We took supper to John Bertsches & they wanted us to eat with them. John had prostate surgery at Mayo 's about 10 days ago, is getting along quite well.

Saturday, January 16, 1993. Some sunshine in p.m. I finished weekly cleaning. Embroidered some. We volunteered at hospital, 2 – 6. Allen called. They had some colds. They were going to Randys. Ron got home at 4:30. Got 2nd on boar and \$675. 2 gilts [sold] for \$390 each.

Sunday, January 17, 1993. Clear, nice day, 33°. We went to church. Had lunch at Grand Café. Home in p.m. & evening. Talked to Georgia. They're doing pretty good. Paul called, they are okay. I had fibrillation in evening, 2 ½ hours.

Monday, January 18, 1993. 4° above in morning, 24°. We did the laundry. Rested. I sorted some cards and embroidered some.

Tuesday, January 19, 1993. Clear, 11° – 28°. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete to hospital at 8:30. I went at 10:30. Helped with a mailing project. Were home in p.m. & evening. I embroidered some on Jo's tablecloth.

Wednesday, January 20, 1993. Rained, 38° – 40°. We volunteered at hospital. Bill Clinton was sworn into the presidency of US. We watched the parade in p.m. I worked on Jo's tablecloth.

Thursday, January 21, 1993. Cloudy, foggy, 39°, some misting. We went with Jeanette to Service Auxiliary luncheon at Brokaw. Dale Strassheim spoke. I embroidered some on Jo's tablecloth. Had some snow in night.

Friday, January 22, 1993. Clear, nice day, 42°. More of snow melted. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to grocery store. Embroidered on tablecloth.

Saturday, January 23, 1993. Fair, 40s. Did usual work. Made casserole, baked brownies, worked on tablecloth. Jo here awhile in evening.

Sunday, January 24, 1993. Fair, 30s. We went to church. Had dinner and Congregational meeting. Voted on Tom Kauffmann, 72 for & 28 no. Lot of discussion. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at [Gerlof] Homans. Paul called to see how we were.

Monday, January 25, 1993. Clear, nice day, 36°. We did laundry, rested, read and embroidered some. Had box of fruit from Evelyn & Bill [Bearly].

Tuesday, January 26, 1993. Fair, windy, 40s. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] and Freida & Harold Shinall at Bennys.

Wednesday, January 27, 1993. Partly cloudy, 38°. We volunteered at hospital. Had car washed. Got some groceries. Rested & read. Wrote to Pauls.

Thursday, January 28, 1993. Fair, 40s, windy & colder in evening. We went to Prime Timers at Farm Bureau at 12:30. Went to Gailey's at 3:00. I had eye exam. Cataract is left I had grown more. Wrote to Amy & [sent] thank you to Evelyn.

Friday, January 29, 1993. Clear, 7° above in morning, 26° – 28°. Did usual work. Worked on Jo's tablecloth. Read some.

Saturday, January 30, 1993. Fair, windy, 12° – 40°. We went to bank and got apples at Birkelbaws. Volunteered at hospital, 2 – 6. Embroidered on tablecloth.

Sunday, January 31, 1993. Fair, warmer, 35°, nice day. We went to church. Rons & we to Jumers, had Christmas gift certificate. Georgia & Paul called. Talked to Allens.

Monday, February 1, 1993. Fair, nice day, 49°. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Paradise Gardens. Rested, embroidered on tablecloth.

Tuesday, February 2, 1993. Another nice day, 40°. I went to prayer group at Joyce S[chmucker's]. Made vegetable soup, embroidered. Pete read.

Wednesday, February 3, 1993. Fair, 50°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:30. Rested some & read. Worked on tablecloth.

Thursday, February 4, 1993. Fair, fine day, 57°. We went with Earl Kaufmans to Kankakee to see Eric Bliss who is manager of the Steak 'n Shake there. We went to big mall, had lunch there, then to Steak 'n Shake for dessert. Got home at 4:00.

Friday, February 5, 1993. Fair, 50°, nice day. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to Dr. Bertsche at 2:15, had physical & EKG. Dr. checked Pete's blood pressure.

Saturday, February 6, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 37°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop. Finished cleaning. Embroidered on tablecloth.

Sunday, February 7, 1993. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 41°. We went to church. Rons & we ate at Steak 'n Shake. Had sandwich & fruit at church. Congregational meeting again at 12:30 [to] talk about concerns & feelings of the congregation. We got fruit at S[eventh] D[ay] A[dventist] church.

Monday, February 8, 1993. Cloudy, 38°. Did laundry. I went to Sue Byler's to quilt. Ina [Sutter], Jeanette & Aldine Combs there. Had a good lunch. Pete read.

Tuesday, February 9, 1993. Cloudy, 41°. Went to town at 8:00. Had blood work done. We went to old Courthouse to Museum. Was interesting. Stirred up sugar cookies. Wrote in circle letter.

Wednesday, February 10, 1993. Fair, lovely day, 50s. We volunteered at hospital. I helped sort through auxiliary pictures, books, etc. Baked sugar cookies. Gave Rons & Steves some.

Thursday, February 11, 1993. Cloudy, started to rain in a.m., 36°. Rained most of p.m. I went to HEA [Homemakers Extension Association] with Dorothy Singley. Mabel & Jeanette along. Got home at 1:00. Worked on tablecloth. Ice froze on trees, etc. Some roads rather slick. Had about 1 inch snow.

Friday, February 12, 1993. Cloudy, 32°. Did usual daily work. Shampooed my hair and did embroidery work. Ron left at 4:00 for Hospital & Homes Meeting at Anaheim California. Had some snow in night.

Saturday, February 13, 1993. Cloudy, some snow flurries, 36°. Did some cleaning. Jo here in morning. We volunteered at hospital, 2 – 6.

Sunday, February 14, 1993. Fair, 30° – 33°. We went to church. Rebecca Slough had a good message. We ate at Bishops, then to Westminster to birthday party for Menno Keim, 95 years old. Arthurs called. They're going to Arizona Thursday. Allen & Paul called. Always good to talk to them.

Monday, February 15, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 20s. Did the laundry. Embroidered some, baked peach crisp. Fixed beef brisket for supper. Jo ate with us. Jon busy. Snowed some in evening, had about 4 inches snow. Had predicted more. Some drifting.

Tuesday, February 16, 1993. Cleared off, windy, 27°. Schools closed. Roads snow packed & icy in places. Wind subsided some during day. I worked on tablecloth most of day & got meals. Made some chili. Lot more snow south of here. Ron got home from California [at] 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17, 1993. Clear, cold, some wind. 10° high. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went with Jeanette, Mabel & Dorothy S[ingley] to Garfield club at Marie Hastings. Had a letter from Amy.

Thursday, February 18, 1993. Clear, 8° below zero, 17° high. I baked lemon bread with lemons that Evelyn sent us. Made coffee cake. Gave Rons some of each. I worked on tablecloth. Ron brought us some fruit candy from California.

Friday, February 19, 1993. Fair in morning, 3° above, 28° high. Cloudy in p.m. Did some weekly cleaning. I embroidered on tablecloth. Had card from Andys. They are in California. Soon leaving for Jamaica & Mexico.

Saturday, February 20, 1993. Cloudy, 28°. Snowed in evening. Pete to men's breakfast. I had a permanent. We went to International Show or Fair at ISU. Had lunch there. I finished some cleaning. Worked some on tablecloth. Jo here awhile in p.m. Bad driving in evening, snow, sleet & some icing.

Sunday, February 21, 1993. Cloudy, foggy, 30s, some melting, Roads sloppy. Colder in evening. We went to church and to Don Nesters for dinner. Paul Millers there too. Had a nice time & good dinner. I wrote to Jeffs. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, February 22, 1993. Mostly cloudy, light snow off & on all day, 26°, windy, some drifting. Did the laundry. Worked on tablecloth.

Tuesday, February 23, 1993. Clear, zero in morning, 12° high. We went to town. I went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]'s. We had lunch with Rosa [Girdler], Freida & Harold Shinall at '76 Restaurant. Dorothy [Scogin] thought it too cold to come.

Wednesday, February 24, 1993. Fair, 7° below, 20°. We volunteered at hospital. Rested some, read. I stirred up refrigerator rolls. Worked on tablecloth.

Thursday, February 25, 1993. Started to snow in morning, 17° and windy. Windchill below zero. Had blizzard conditions by noon. Schools were dismissed at 1:30 – 2:00. I baked pecan rolls & tapioca pudding. Worked on tablecloth. Jo here few minutes when she got home. Had 6 inches of snow.

Friday, February 26, 1993. Clear, 30°, not so windy. Ron and Jon cleaned out drive way & around garages. Did the usual weekly cleaning. Embroidered some. Rons & we to Ray's surprise birthday party for Carol. She was surprised.

Saturday, February 27, 1993. Fair, 4° below in morning, 36°. We went to town at noon. I went to beauty shop. We volunteered at Mennonite until 5:00. Allen called in morning. They are having lot of snow.

Sunday, February 28, 1993. Clear, 8° – 34°. We went to church. Had lunch with Lucy C[atherine], Helen [Patton] & Jeanette at '76 [Restaurant]. Home in PM. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at Bob Kauffmans.

Monday, March 1, 1993. Fair, 40°, nice day, some melting. Did the laundry, rested some. Embroidered.

Tuesday, March 2, 1993. Cloudy, rainy, 40°. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Worked on tablecloth in PM. Didn't feel good for awhile, fibrillation. Didn't go to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, March 3, 1993. 37°, cloudy, Misty & rainy, foggy. We volunteered at hospital. Got home about 2:00. I embroidered.

Thursday, March 4, 1993. Cloudy, 37°, windy. Rained mixed with snow, then mostly fine snow rest of day. We went to Prime Timers with Jeanette. Had good dinner & program. Rev. Carlson. I called Ben. He's busy with school.

Friday, March 5, 1993. Fair, 42°, nice day. We went to grocery store. Had car greased. Did the weekly cleaning. Allen called. Brittany has been sick. She may not swim tomorrow in State meet.

Saturday, March 6, 1993. Clear, 47°, nice day, snow melting. Allen called early morning. Brittany still sick & can't swim at Burlington. Allens, Jo & we were going to see her swim. Randys went to Burlington last night hoping she would feel better. We're all disappointed. Hope Brittany soon feels better. Jo here for lunch. Ron had workshop at church.

Sunday, March 7, 1993. Cloudy, 40°, light shower and few flurries late p.m. We went to church. We took Jeanette to Avanti's for dinner. Home rest of day. Arthurs called. They got home from Arizona Tuesday. Paul called. They are okay. Andys are in Mexico.

Monday, March 8, 1993. Cloudy, 41°, chilly wind. We did the laundry. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Golden West. I embroidered on tablecloth. Wrote to Elaine [Reynolds].

Tuesday, March 9, 1993. Fair, 44°. We worked at hospital. Helped with a mailing. I made vegetable soup. Worked on tablecloth.

Wednesday, March 10, 1993. Cloudy, windy, 37°. Flurries. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I did some embroidery work. Had ½ inch snow in night.

Thursday, March 11, 1993. Mostly cloudy, snow flurries in evening, 32°. I took Mabel, Dorothy [Singley] & Jeanette to HEA. I worked on tablecloth in p.m. & evening. Had ½ inch snow in night.

Friday, March 12, 1993. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 30° – 32°, few flurries. Did weekly cleaning, shampooed my hair. Did some more work on tablecloth.

Saturday, March 13, 1993. Snow flurries and blowing in morning, high 23°, windy, cold. We got apples at Birkelbaws. I made chicken casserole for small group tomorrow & also broccoli salad. Went to grocery store. Were to work at Info Desk but decided to stay home. Got my dress Shirley made for me. Very nice. I got a new dress from Shirley. She made it. Very nice.

Sunday, March 14, 1993. Clear, 6° above zero – 26°. Bad snowstorm in South & New England. We went to church. Had small group. We were hosts. Had it at church. Home by 2:00. Jo here awhile. Evelyn called. Talked to Paul. They had storm, 12 – 15 inches snow & wind. Talked to Allens. They were at Kansas to see Jeffs over the weekend.

Monday, March 15, 1993. Clear, warmer, 53°, very windy. Washed & ironed. I made apple crisp & apple walnut muffins. Read some.

Tuesday, March 16, 1993. Cloudy, rainy and Misty, 44°. I had prayer group here. Helen, Lucy C[atherine], Jeanette, Shirley & Joyce. Pete did some typing. I made 4 pie crusts for MCC [relief] sale. Made lemon pie for us & Rons. Use lemons Evelyn sent us.

Wednesday, March 17, 1993. Clear, 17° – 27°. We volunteered at hospital. I went with Jeanette to Garfield club at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete came home after lunch. We were home in evening.

Thursday, March 18, 1993. Fair, 36°. I baked cookies. Gave Rons some. Cleaned drawer. We did some weekly cleaning. Electricity off several hours at noon. Read.

Friday, March 19, 1993. Snowed most of day, melted, 33°, sloppy. We helped make Shoofly Pies for MCC relief sale, [made] 75. Got done about 10:45. Started earlier this year. Esther Brown had lunch for everyone, vegetarian lasagna. Got groceries.

Saturday, March 20, 1993. Cloudy, 37°, some light rain at times. We left at 6:45 with Rons to [MCC] relief sale at Peoria. Large crowd. We got some meat & cheese. Came home at noon with Paul Millers. Ron had wedding in evening (Denise Williams). Jo & Ron stayed to help clean up. We had pancakes & sausage, long lines [at sale].

Sunday, March 21, 1993. Cloudy, 40°. We went to church. Had dinner at Denny's. Home in PM. Went to Rons awhile. We got some beef from them. Ron got some calculators of Christian Ropp. Paul & Allen called. Always good to talk to them. Some showers in evening.

Monday, March 22, 1993. A rainy day, 44°. Rained most of day. Did the laundry. Cooked beef heart & pickled it. Gave Rons & Steves some. Steve called. He got home from Pennsylvania this morning. I cleaned bottom of China cabinet.

Tuesday, March 23, 1993. Cloudy, 44°. I made Shoofly pie. Gave Rons some. Made casserole for lunch. Froze some. I cleaned kitchen cupboards. Read. Called Deb. They are coming Sunday on their way to their new home, Bedford, New Jersey.

Wednesday, March 24, 1993. Cloudy, fair in p.m., 46°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:00. I cleaned some dresser drawers. I had fibrillation in evening, 7th: 30 – 11:00.

Thursday, March 25, 1993. Cloudy, 50s. Went to Prime Timers with Lloyd Singleys. Cleaned up some upstairs. Read & rested.

Friday, March 26, 1993. Foggy in morning, fair, 58° – 60°. Nice to see sunshine. Did the weekly cleaning. Went to town, had car washed. Got groceries. I went to beauty shop.

Saturday, March 27, 1993. Foggy in morning, fair in p.m., 60°. Ron & we left at 8:15 for Chenoa. Had our income tax done at Phil Harland's. We went to antique shop while waiting for Ron. We had lunch in Chenoa. Got home at 1:30. Volunteered at hospital, 2 – 6.

Sunday, March 28, 1993. Foggy in morning, fair, 60s. We went to church. Got things ready for dinner. Randy's got here at 11:30. Good to see them. Rons left at 1:00 for Mennonite Heritage [Museum]. Pete with them. Randys & I left later. Heritage had musical and recognition for Pete's collection & contribution to Museum. Ron took some tools. Very nice. Randys & we to Steves for supper. Rons here awhile after we got home.

Monday, March 29, 1993. A beautiful day, 70°. Randys left at 8:30 for their new home at Medford New Jersey. Sorry to see them go so far. We did laundry. I washed some bedding p.m. Dried nice outside. Pete trimmed grapes. I cleaned up little in yard. Jo on vacation this week.

Tuesday, March 30, 1993. Fair, 74° – 77°. I went with Jeanette to Women's Club Lenten breakfast at St. Luke's church. Lucy C[atherine] there. Helen [Patton] sick with cold, couldn't go. We had lunch at '76 with Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler] & Freida Shinall. We raked back yard in p.m. Allen called, they're okay.

Wednesday, March 31, 1993. Cloudy, 60°. Rained 1 inch in p.m. & evening. We volunteered at hospital. Worked in attics. Jo here awhile. She has vacation this week.

Thursday, April 1, 1993. Cloudy, 38°. Rained, snowed & windy, colder, disagreeable. I cleaned upstairs in morning. Finished Jo's tablecloth. Went with Jeanette to Spring Fling at Farm Bureau. Rons left for a few days to southern Illinois. Pam called. They are coming next Friday night.

Friday, April 2, 1993. Partly sunny, 27°, 42°, chilly wind. We went to grocery store & did some cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Wrote in circle letters.

Saturday, April 3, 1993. Partly cloudy, 24° – 47°. I got things ready for supper. Edith & Rachel Zehr, Ina Sutter & Jeanette were here. Had roast beef. Made peach dessert. Arthurs & Allen called. All are okay. Georgia felt some better.

Sunday, April 4, 1993. Fair, cloudy in evening, 50°. We went to church. Ate at Grand Café. Were home in PM. Rons got home at 4:30. They were here for supper, had Swiss steak. They had a good trip. Paul called in evening. He got back from California meeting last Sunday.

Monday, April 5, 1993. Partly cloudy, 51°, nice day. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Shoney's. Cleaned the closets in bathroom.

Tuesday, April 6, 1993. Fair, 58 – 60°, nice day. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine]'s]. Pete took the snow fence down. I baked coffeecake braid. We worked in yard awhile. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, April 7, 1993. Cloudy, light shower, 60°. We volunteered at hospital. Pete did some trimming of trees. I cleaned closet in guest room. Stirred up sugar cookies. Rained in night.

Thursday, April 8, 1993. Cloudy, rained in morning, 64°. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Cleaned closets in our bedroom. We went with Jeanette to Maundy Thursday meeting at 6:30.

Had light supper & communion. Pam called. They are coming tomorrow. Ben called. He's coming Saturday PM.

Friday, April 9, 1993. Fair, 60°, wind from north. I went to beauty shop at 9:30. Did weekly cleaning. Made cherry pineapple dessert. Colored eggs. Ron home in PM. He rolled the lawns. Micks & his mother got here at 5:50. We & they to Steves for supper. I took dessert. Ron & Jon here [a] short time.

Saturday, April 10, 1993. A beautiful day, 67°. Micks left at 8:20 for Randys in New Jersey. Glad they could come even though time was short. I washed some bedding & ironed. Fixed some baskets. Baked angel food cake. Ben came at 5:55. We met him at train. I fixed supper, had chicken. Ben did his laundry.

Sunday, April 11, 1993. Cloudy, chilly, 50s. We went to church. Large crowd. Ben, we & Steves were at Rons. Had a delicious meal. I took angel food cake. Ben & we stayed for evening. Saw Sound of Music. Paul called at 10:00 p.m. He talked to Ben too.

Monday, April 12, 1993. Cloudy, 48°. 37° in morning. We did the laundry. Rested some. We took Ben to train station at 4:00 PM. Glad he could be here.

Tuesday, April 13, 1993. Cloudy, 54°, rained in evening. I washed some bedding & curtains in West bedroom and cleaned the room. We went to church at noon, Senior luncheon. Earl Kaufman & his group played. Had good program.

Wednesday, April 14, 1993. Cloudy, rainy, 55°. We volunteered at hospital. Got some groceries. Rested some. I cleaned the broom closet in kitchen. Stirred up icebox rolls.

Thursday, April 15, 1993. Another cloudy rainy day, 60°. I baked rolls. Gave Rons 2 packages. Cleaned bathroom, cleaned back of stove and refrigerator. Rosalee & Dick Kennedy came to Rons.

Friday, April 16, 1993. Cloudy, chilly, 39°. Rained mixed with snow in evening. I got dinner. Rosalee & Dick Kennedy here for lunch. Rons working. Did some cleaning. We went to visitation for Morris Gundy at 6:00. Ate at Avanti's. Ron & some of Mich[igan?] Emericks to hog sale at Lincoln. Marty came too.

Saturday, April 17, 1993. Clear, nice day, 62°. I went with Pete to men's breakfast. Man from Russia spoke. Ladies were invited. I washed bedding from our bedroom. Aired the drapes & washed windows. Nice drying day. Allen called, they are okay & busy. June Campaign is on. Ron to hog sales. We went to Rons awhile in evening. Saw Ann Emerick & her little girls.

Sunday, April 18, 1993. Fair, 65°, windy in PM. We went to church. Earl Kaufmans and we to '76 [Restaurant]. Homer Parks joined us. Were home in p.m. & evening. I sorted some of my training days things. Gave Rons my last formal dress that I wore my senior year. Called Deb &

Randy in evening. Micks left for home Friday. Paul called. Marj got home from Florida yesterday.

Monday, April 19, 1993. Cloudy, 65°, rained in morning & again in evening. Tornado watch out for some counties northwest of us. We went to Ralph Fagerburg's funeral in p.m. Did the laundry in morning.

Tuesday, April 20, 1993. A gloomy rainy day, 52°. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. Finished cleaning our bedroom and waxed floor.

Wednesday, April 21, 1993. Fair, 30° – 55°. We volunteered at hospital. I went with Jeanette to Garfield club at Alta [Litwiller]s. Pete home after lunch. Were home in evening.

Thursday, April 22, 1993. Fair, nice day, 33° – 62°. We & Mabel to visitation for Rachel McBrayer White Oak Church at 10:00. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers at noon. Jeanette along too. Paul Miller made garden. I made rhubarb crisp.

Friday, April 23, 1993. Partly cloudy, 70°. Did some cleaning. Shampooed my hair. We went to BroMenn Volunteer buffet at Brokaw [Hospital] at 11:00. I finished cleaning the kitchen. Pete mowed lawn.

Saturday, April 24, 1993. Partly cloudy, 77°, very windy. We went to Kiwanis Pancakes at Consistory at 11:00. Went to hospital, delivered the Upper Room to patients. Worked at Info Desk, 12:30 – 5:30. Had ¼ inch rain in night. Allen called, they're okay.

Sunday, April 25, 1993. Partly cloudy, 62°, nice day. We went to church. We took Rons to Sirloin Stockade Restaurant. Had gift certificate. Jo worked at school. We went to Music Festival at our church. Good program. Norman Verclers there. Good to see them. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, April 26, 1993. A beautiful day, 66°. Did the laundry. Worked outside in p.m. Worked around flower beds. The Golden Bell Bush is loaded with blossoms. I made rhubarb crisp. Gave Rons some. Put a carton of rhubarb in freezer.

Tuesday, April 27, 1993. Fair, 72°, nice day. I went to prayer group at Joyce Schmucker's. Pete and I had lunch at '76 [Restaurant] with Dorothy S[cogin], Rose [Girdler] & Freida S[hinall]. I cleaned the bookshelves in living room.

Wednesday, April 28, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 73°. We volunteered at hospital. I left at 11:00. Pete took me to Farm Bureau to Golden HEA-ers luncheon. Came home with Dorothy S[ingley]. Had nice meeting. I baked quick coffeecake but oven went out so took it to Jo's. Jon fixed the oven. (Unit on controls went out.)

Thursday, April 29, 1993. A rainy morning, 70°, sun came out about 4:00 p.m. I baked cookies in morning. Vacuumed furniture. We went to Paul Bates at 4:00. Ralph & Porgie Bates were

there. Earl & Ann Kaufman & the Hamms there too. Had good visit. Jean Ann [Bates] served refreshments.

Friday, April 30, 1993. Fair, nice day, 75°. Farmers are working. I cleaned Cedar closet & hallway. Did weekly cleaning. Went to beauty shop at 1:00. Got groceries. Pete mowed lawn. Paul M[iller] here in evening, put out plants. I sowed some lettuce. Matthew had his adenoids removed & tubes put in his ears. Got along okay.

Saturday, May 1, 1993. Cloudy, little drizzle, 71°. We went with Aldine Combs to Metamora to Genealogical meeting. Joanne *Vercular* (sp?) Niswander gave program. Were home before 3:30. I fixed rhubarb for dessert & put container in freezer. Jo here awhile. Allen called, they're okay.

Sunday, May 2, 1993. Cloudy, 60s, sprinkles. We went to church. Had small group at John Bertsches. I took rhubarb – cherry dessert. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at Paul Millers. Paul called. They expect Andys tomorrow evening.

Monday, May 3, 1993. Cloudy, 71°, another rainy drizzly day. Rained hard at noon. We did the laundry. We had lunch at international house with Laura [Stamback]. Sorted some pictures.

Tuesday, May 4, 1993. Cloudy, 67°, more rain. We had over an inch, rained hard about noon. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. I put 6 cartons of rhubarb in freezer.

Wednesday, May 5, 1993. Fair, 79°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. He came home with Jeanette. I went to Alta L[itwillers]. She, Lucy C[atherine] & I made programs for Garfield Social Club.

Thursday, May 6, 1993. Fair in morning, mostly cloudy in p.m., 78°. We cleaned the dining & living rooms. I cleaned the rug. Pete mowed front yard & mower stopped. Couldn't get it started. Ron & Jon got it started in evening. Jo mowed their west lawn. Ron finished ours. Grass grows so fast & is heavy.

Friday, May 7, 1993. Cloudy, breezy, 79°. We went to farm and fleet. I got gift for Paul Brown's baby. We went to Dr. Bertsche in p.m. Pete has had pain in right side of his back. Had some red cells in urinalysis. Gave him capsules for infection. I raked up some grass.

Saturday, May 8, 1993. Fair, 87°. I finished some cleaning. Pete trimmed Rambler roses. I hoed & fed the other roses. We volunteered at hospital, 2:00 – 6:00. Paul M[iller] in garden. He planted some cucumbers for me. Evelyn called in evening. Had card from Allens & Paul. Had \$15 check from Allens.

Sunday, May 9, 1993. Fair, warm, 88°, windy. We went to church and to Rons for dinner. Ron & Jon got the dinner. They gave me a white rose. Allens called. Paul called. Talked to Andy. They are at Pauls. Had a nice Mother's Day.

Monday, May 10, 1993. Fair, 83°. We planted the rose Rons gave me. Did the laundry. Set out 4 egg plants and 5 tomato plants.

Tuesday, May 11, 1993. Mostly fair, 85°. Had a shower at 5:30 p.m. I went to prayer group at Shirley K[rahn's]. I made broccoli salad. Made some lemonade for men who are putting up a shed for Ron. I went with Jeanette to mother-daughter salad supper. Cindy & Katie were there. Jo didn't go.

Wednesday, May 12, 1993. Partly cloudy, 82°. Had rain at 6:00 p.m. Thunder storm warnings. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Aldis, got some groceries. Pete mowed lawn. I made rhubarb crisp.

Thursday, May 13, 1993. Clear, 69°. I went with Dorothy Singley to HEA. Pete worked outside. I cleaned silverware in p.m. Home in evening.

Friday, May 14, 1993. Clear, 77°, cloudy in evening. We cleaned fruit room & did some weekly cleaning. Went to grocery store. I worked outside awhile. Did some trimming. Ron did a little. Rons & Jon left for Ann Arbor Michigan to workshop.

Saturday, May 15, 1993. Fair, 75°, breezy. Pete to men's breakfast. I didn't feel well in morning, pulse slow & irregular. We worked outside in p.m.

Sunday, May 16, 1993. Cloudy in morning, clear, 67°. We went to church. Went with Lucy C[atherine] to birthday celebration for Roy & Irene Miller at Danvers church. In evening we went with Jeanette to church. Our choir & Negro choir gave program's. Very good. Rons home from Michigan.

Monday, May 17, 1993. Clear, 76°, cloudy in p.m. Did the laundry. Went to Casey's in PM. Got plants, set them out in flower beds. I baked rhubarb coffee cake in evening. Paul Miller working in garden. He plowed the flower garden for us. Appreciate it.

Tuesday, May 18, 1993. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy, 72°, windy. I had prayer group here. Jeanette, Alta [Litwiller], Helen [Patton], Lucy C[atherine] & Joyce [Schmucker] & Shirley [Krahn]. Pete worked outside. We planted 4 rows flower seeds in south side of garden. I spaded some flower beds.

Wednesday, May 19, 1993. Partly cloudy, 62°, windy, cooler in p.m. We volunteered at hospital in a.m. Jeanette & I to Garfield club, had lunch at Danvers. Pete home after lunch. We cleaned the recreation room in PM. Talked to Shirley. Emerson Miller had brain surgery, malignant. Also had lump on lung.

Thursday, May 20, 1993. Partly cloudy, 62°. Went to town at 10:00. Had auxiliary meeting, planning for crafts for bazaar. Pete did some errands. Had lunch at Grand Café. Went to see Dorothy Scogin at St. Joe [Hospital]. She had bowel resection. Took her rose vase. I got skirt at

Kohl's. I hemmed material for Brokaw OB. Paul called. Curt Liechty's son was killed in car accident.

Friday, May 21, 1993. Fair, 70°. We cleaned the furnace & laundry room. Did some weekly cleaning. Pete mowed yard. I did some trimming. Jo here few minutes after school.

Saturday, May 22, 1993. Fair in morning, 74°, rained in p.m. & evening. We went to hospital at 11:00. Volunteered until 4:30. I finished auxiliary quilt. Marjorie flew to East Lansing Michigan to her nephew's funeral.

Sunday, May 23, 1993. Cloudy, 74°, showers most of day. We went to church. Ate at Red Lobster. Rons & Jon here for waffles & sausage in evening. Made rhubarb crisp. Allen called in evening. We had about 1 inch rain over weekend.

Monday, May 24, 1993. Partly cloudy, 69°, very windy. We did the laundry. Worked outside awhile. Wind disagreeable. I baked magic bars.

Tuesday, May 25, 1993. Fair, nice day, 69°. I went to prayer group at Alta L[itwillers]. Pete & I had lunch with Rosa [Girdler], Freida & Harold Shinall. Missed Dorothy S[cogin]. She is home from her surgery. We worked outside in p.m. Arthurs called. Georgia is doing some better.

Wednesday, May 26, 1993. Clear, lovely day, 79°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete worked outside awhile. I baked cookies, gave Rons some. I didn't feel good awhile before noon. Blood pressure low in PM.

Thursday, May 27, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 79°. We took 8 cats & 7 kittens to animal shelter. We took Jeanette & Mabel to Prime Timers at 11:00. Singleys were busy. Got home about 3:00.

Friday, May 28, 1993. Cloudy, turned cooler in p.m., 69°. Showers in places. Did some weekly cleaning. Made salad dressing & fixed some sweet pickles. Baked coffeecake braid. Rons to Bluffton after school. Steves went too for May Day.

Saturday, May 29, 1993. Rained in morning, chilly, clear in p.m., 70°. We took flowers to Cemetery and got groceries. I made 2 pans of lasagna. We planted cucumbers seeds.

Sunday, May 30, 1993. Rained a shower in morning, had 2 rains in p.m., nearly an inch. Rained hard & windy. We went to church, ate at Perkins. We went to post office to get an insured package for Rachel Ropp. Wasn't home yesterday when post man was here. Had some rain in night. Rons home from Ohio.

Monday, May 31, 1993. Cloudy in morning, chilly, in 60s. Partly cloudy in p.m. Did the laundry. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Jumers. Pete mowed yard in p.m. I made chicken casserole, put in freezer. Ron did some trimming in yard for us. Appreciate it.

Tuesday, June 1, 1993. Clear, beautiful day. 35° in morning, broke records, 69°. I made 2 pie crusts. Had a permanent at 1:00. Cleaned & washed the front porch. Pete cleaned in the garage, the northwest corner. Rained in night. Paul called. They are coming Friday.

Wednesday, June 2, 1993. Cloudy, rained some in morning, 67°. We volunteered at hospital. Left at 11:00. Went to Chip luncheon at Barb Whitman's home. Very lovely. Went to Dr. Seehofer – Guimby. Pete has sore on his ear. Dr. took biopsy, hope it will be okay. Biopsy was malignant.

Thursday, June 3, 1993. Cloudy, 61°. We went to grocery [store] in morning & Beichs for candy. Did some odd jobs. Made up beds upstairs. Worked outside awhile. We swept out garage.

Friday, June 4, 1993. Cloudy, rained, had about 1 inch rain. Made chili. Did the weekly cleaning. Pauls & Andys got here at 6:30 p.m. Good to see them. Rons & we all went to Dragon Palace for dinner. Sorry Allens couldn't come.

Saturday, June 5, 1993. Clear, nice day. Pauls trimmed some shrubbery in morning. Ron & Pauls & Andy took the shrubbery away from front of house. Quite a job & grateful to have it done. We all went to Rons for supper.

Sunday, June 6, 1993. Mostly cloudy, windy. We all went to church. Paul, Andys, Pete & I to Elms for dinner, then to Museum at Metamora. Marjorie had headache. Wanted to rest.

Monday, June 7, 1993. Partly cloudy, rained in p.m. and night, 84°. Pauls & Andys to town. Met with banker. Someone forged 2 checks on Andy in California. We did some laundry. Paul & Andys went to Rays for milk. Will make ice cream. Ron and Jo ate supper with us. We went to Rons. Saw tapes of sumo, revealing.

Tuesday, June 8, 1993. Rained hard in morning, had over 2 inches rain. Fair and windy. Marj fixed ice cream mixture. I baked brownies. We went to town short time, bank, etc. Pauls & Andys to town. We had a severe storm & hard rain, 4:00 – 5:00. Under tornado warnings. Some damage in area. Rays & Mabel & Ron here in evening. Pauls made ice cream. Had strawberries.

Wednesday, June 9, 1993. Clear, not so humid, windy. Paul and Andys to bank. Pete & Marjorie mowing lawn. Ron, Paul, Andy played golf. Pete went along, Rode in cart. Marjorie & Rachel did more trimming in yard. Marj fixed dinner. Andys went to Japanese restaurant in evening. Marj fixed chicken breasts for our supper.

Thursday, June 10, 1993. Fair, nice day, 84°. Paul & Marjorie left at 8:30 for Chicago to get Ben. Got back at 5:30. Andy & Rachel went to town. Had errands to do. We had lasagna for supper. Andys showed their Mexican pictures. Rons here awhile.

Friday, June 11, 1993. Partly cloudy. Marjorie did a big laundry. Paul & Andys to town in morning. Andys had more shots at Dr. Bertsche. Andys busy packing for their long trip around

the world. Pauls & Andys left at 3:30 for Chicago. Andys will stay with Ben until Sunday. Ron & Jo to Pork Expo at Des Moines. Pauls got back at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 12, 1993. Fair, 82°, rather humid. Pauls left at 9:00 for home. They had car packed. Took bookcases & some of Mary's things. We went to town at 11:00. Cleaned up house. Washed 2 loads in p.m. Made dessert for Reunion. Rons at Allens all night.

Sunday, June 13, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 87°, warm and humid. We went to church & to Woizeski reunion at Rays. Roger W[oizeski], Vernon W[oizeski], Bev Walters, Jeanette *Traiks* (sp?), Henrietta [Thietje], Marilyn & Vernon, Clarence W[oizeski], Mabel, Gordons & Rays. 17 there. [Reunion is to be in Decatur next year at Jeanette's son. He is Pres. too. Rons home from Iowa at 7:15. Paul called. They got home about 8:00 Saturday. Jon took pictures of my beautiful roses.

Monday, June 14, 1993. Fair, breezy, 83°, nice day. We had shower last night. Did the laundry. Went to Esther Detweiler's funeral at our church. We got 5 boxes strawberries at Jackson's. Marty came to Rons. Renée here a while, Marty too.

Tuesday, June 15, 1993. A beautiful day, 77°. We had breakfast at Shoney's with Helen [Patton], Jeanette [Colter], Alta [Litwiller] & Joyce [Schmucker]. Did some shopping. I put 4 quarts strawberries in freezer. Made 1 ½ pints preserves. Pete mowed the lawn. Marty & Jon went fishing in Lake Michigan. Marty & Jon caught 9 trout & 10 salmon.

Wednesday, June 16, 1993. Another nice day, 84°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Dr. Guimby at 1:45. He cut little deeper on Pete's ear to be sure he got all the cancer. He put liquid nitrogen on place on his neck. Marty gave us some salmon. They went home this morning.

Thursday, June 17, 1993. Fair, hot, 92°. Went to town in morning to bank. Had pressure cooker tested. Took some things to Thrift Shop. I washed sweaters, skirts, slacks & jackets. Put some winter things away. Franzie [Loepp]s & Rons here awhile in evening. Had severe thunderstorm at 8:30, 1/3 inch rain. Alma Galloway passed away. Allen called.

Friday, June 18, 1993. Mostly cloudy, humid, 87°. Did some cleaning. I baked some brownies for Jo. Raymond Emerick's football team at Rons for supper & all night on their way to Champaign. Allens left for South Dakota. He has meeting. Had rain & electrical storm about 10:30. Lightning struck our tree by the driveway.

Saturday, June 19, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 87°. Not quite as humid as yesterday. Finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Cleaned up some bark etc. from tree that was hit by lightning. Jo here short time. I made potato salad in evening. Under tornado watch from 4 – 8 PM. Had rain at 4:30 – 5:00. Windy.

Sunday, June 20, 1993. Fair, nice day, 80°. We went to church. Rons, Jon & we to Lake Bloomington for picnic. Jo fixed dinner. Nice day. Paul called in evening, also Evelyn. Allens are in South Dakota.

Monday, June 21, 1993. Clear, nice day, 85°. We did laundry. Pete mowed lawn. I hoed the flower garden. We went to visitation for Alma Galloway at church.

Tuesday, June 22, 1993. Clear, 89°. I went to hospital at 7:00. Jeanette had gallbladder surgery. Got along fine. Had laser procedure. I went to Alma Galloway's funeral. Jo took Pete. Mabel and I went to annual HEA [Homemakers Extension Association] meeting at Eastview Christian church. 75th anniversary of HEA. A large crowd.

Wednesday, June 23, 1993. Fair, 89°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:30. Jeanette was discharged from hospital at noon & went to Mary [Jantze]s. I pulled weeds in raspberries in evening.

Thursday, June 24, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 89°, storm warnings. We took Mabel to Prime Timers. Had dinner at Bishops. Gordon R[opp] spoke. Then we went to Farm Bureau for our meeting. Rev. Carlson showed slides of Africa. I had fibrillation in evening. Had rain in night.

Friday, June 25, 1993. Cloudy in morning, little rain, cooler. Fair in p.m. I didn't feel very good in morning. Did some cleaning, rested. Steve & children here for supper. Steve brought pizza. Cindy in K[ansas] C[ity].

Saturday, June 26, 1993. Fair, 84°, breezy, nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop. Ron had concrete floor put in hog shed. Jeanette went home from Mary [Jantze]'s home. We went to see her in evening. Took some tapioca pudding & roses. Allen called. They are still having rain.

Sunday, June 27, 1993. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 87°. We went to church. Ate at Avanti's. I went to shower at Carol's for Sandy Ropp (baby shower). Franzie [Loepp]s here awhile in evening, brought Chris Gerig & husband & daughter. Rons to MCC [relief sale] meeting in Peoria.

Monday, June 28, 1993. Rained hard in morning and had some in p.m., about an inch. 80°. Did the laundry. Rested some. We met Laura [Stamback] at Ted Kelly's at 5:30. Had some sunshine in evening.

Tuesday, June 29, 1993. Partly cloudy, 82°. Pete mowed lawn. I worked outside, pulled weeds etc. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin] & Rose [Girdler] at '76. Dr. Shinall not feeling well so they didn't come. Ron did some trimming for us. Allens flew to New Jersey [to] see Randys.

Wednesday, June 30, 1993. Had thunderstorm at 3:00 a.m., ½ inch rain. We volunteered at hospital. Partly cloudy, 84°, humid. Having flooding along Mississippi River. Iowa & Wisconsin hit hard by rains.

Thursday, July 1, 1993. Had 1 ¼ inches rain last night & this morning. 82°. Partly cloudy in p.m. I cleaned the oven. Jo here for lunch. Had ribs & sauerkraut. I worked on centerpiece for auxiliary. Rons & Marty left at 6:30 p.m. for Michigan, going fishing.

Friday, July 2, 1993. Had a wind & rain storm at noon. Had over an inch rain in a short time. We picked cherries at Rays in morning, put 4 jars in freezer. Paul M[iller] here, picked peas and beans. Gave us some to eat. Cindy & children here for supper. Had chicken casserole. Made muffins. Steve at [Camp] Friedenswald.

Saturday, July 3, 1993. Fair, hot, 92°. Did some cleaning. We met Earl Raders for lunch at Bob Evans. We volunteered at hospital, 2:00 – 6:00. Rons & Marty home from Michigan. They had good luck fishing.

Sunday, July 4, 1993. Fair, windy, 90°. We went to church. Had lunch with Earl K[aufman]s at '76. Were home in PM. Went to Rons. Had delicious fish. I took butterscotch pie. Went to Parkside Road, watched fireworks. Paul called. Andys were leaving St. Petersburg for Moscow.

Monday, July 5, 1993. Fair, very windy, 89°. We did the laundry. I went to Osco's. They had given me 150 mg Norpace in place of 100 mg. Paul Miller picked beans & peas. Gave us some peas. I put 2 pints in freezer & have some to eat. Pete mowed lawn. Jo mowed fares. Emerson Weins gave Jo & we green beans.

Tuesday, July 6, 1993. Partly cloudy, 81°. Not as hot & humid. I worked outside all morning. Pete worked on back screen door. I finished the centerpiece for auxiliary. Worked outside some in p.m.

Wednesday, July 7, 1993. Partly cloudy, 73°, had ¼ inch rain. We went with Jeanette to Brokaw [Hospital] where we went on bus to Rockhome gardens. Sponsored by BroMenn Service Auxiliary. Had a big dinner there. Had tour of Amish community and stopped at Arthur for 1 ½ hours. Had rain coming home. Got here [at] 5:45 after an enjoyable day.

Thursday, July 8, 1993. Fair, 89°, humid. We went to Senior luncheon at church. Got groceries. I had fibrillation in p.m. & evening. Started at 3:30 to 11:30 p.m. Was kinda exhausted. Jo here several times. Jo on jury duty.

Friday, July 9, 1993. Fair, 91°. I didn't feel good, Puls very slow, 38 – 40s. Rested most of day. Talked to Dr.'s nurse. One of me to have EKG so went in at 3:00. Dr. made little change in medicine. Blood pressure up some. Pulse more normal in evening. Thankful for that.

Saturday, July 10, 1993. Had 1/3 inch rain early a.m. Had shower again in evening, 86°, humid. I baked cookies in morning. Dorothy S[ingley] brought us apricots. I canned 3 quarts. Gave Jo some. Jo here awhile. She pinned up my hair. I'm still not up to par.

Sunday, July 11, 1993. Partly cloudy, 86°. We went to church. Got Hardees chicken, brought home. Were home rest of day. Allen called. They are still having rain. Floods are terrible all along [Mississippi] River. Parts of Des Moines flooded, also some flooding in Ames. Evelyn called, they are okay.

Monday, July 12, 1993. Clear, beautiful day, 82°. We did the laundry. Jo helped us pick & stem beans. Canned 13 quarts. Pete mowed yard.

Tuesday, July 13, 1993. Fair, 84°. Had thunderstorm 5:00 – 6:00. Rained hard. We went to take our drivers test at 9:00. They're open, 11 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Did a few other things & waited. There was a good crowd at 11:00. Busy place. Got along fine, passed the test. Had nearly 1 inch rain.

Wednesday, July 14, 1993. Cloudy, 83°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:30. Put some chicken in freezer. Rested some. Rained some in night.

Thursday, July 15, 1993. Cloudy, light drizzle, 76°, cooler. Pete cut some weeds in morning. Went to town in p.m. I had an appointment with Dr. Wera at 4:00 p.m. to have blood tests. My Mitro [mitral?] valve leaks which causes the fibrillation. He changed meds some.

July 16, 1993. Foggy, rained, misted in morning. Sun came out late p.m. Jo took me to Stroink lab at 8:00. Had blood work done. Ate breakfast at Bob Evans. We did some weekly cleaning. I cleaned refrigerator. Jo & Jeanette here awhile in p.m. Had ¼ inch rain last night.

Saturday, July 17, 1993. Rained in morning, 89°, fair in p.m., very humid. Pete mowed back yard when we got home. Allen called in morning, they are still having rain. Ames flooded some & Des Moines still having flooding & no [running] water.

Sunday, July 18, 1993. Fair, had rain at 5:00 p.m. 92°. We went to church. Ate at Denny's. Were home in p.m. & evening. Deb called, good to talk to her. Paul called in evening.

Monday, July 19, 1993. Fair, 86°. Jo took me to Brokaw [Hospital] at 10:00. Had chest x-ray, echo gram & monitor halter. Got home at noon. We did laundry in PM. Jeanette here awhile. She goes to New Hampshire tomorrow.

Tuesday, July 20, 1993. Clear, nice day, 84°. Cloudy in evening. Jo & I to Brokaw at 11:00. They took halter off. Jo had errands to do. Went to Van Maur. I got earrings for Lucy C[atherine's] birthday. We had lunch at Wendy's. Steves brought pizza out for supper. Steve worked some ground. I sowed endive & lettuce.

Wednesday, July 21, 1993. Fair, 80s. We went to hospital at 8:30 to volunteer. Dr. Wera called at 10:00. Wanted me to go to Brokaw [as] soon as possible for pacemaker. Went home & got few things. Jo brought us to hospital. Waited all day for Dr. Sawyer. He had a busy schedule.

Decided to wait until tomorrow. Ron, Steves & friends here. Got flowers from Frieda & Harold Shinall & from Steves.

Thursday, July 22, 1993. Partly cloudy, Rons & Pete here waiting for me to go to OR. Had some other company, Evelyn, Bob C[rumple] & Don Nester. Finally at 3:40 I went to OR for pacemaker. Took 1 hour & 10 minutes. Dr. Sawyer got along okay. Got food when got back to room. Rons home to chore. Came back later [to] get Pete. Got plant from Tuesday group.

Friday, July 23, 1993. Rained hard in morning, over 1 inch, more in places. 70s. Ron here awhile in morning. Pete came at noon, Jo at 3:30. Cindy here few minutes. They left for New Jersey (Deb's). Steve to conference in Philadelphia. Dr. Sawyer inset my rate up to 70. Dr. Ware and Dr. B[ertsche] in too. Helen [Patton], Lucy [Catherine], Joyce & Leon [Schmucker] here, also Evelyn B[ertsche]. Auxiliary had luncheon here at noon. Barb W & Arlene here too. Rons & Pete home at 6:00. Barry Weavers here, brought plant.

Saturday, July 24, 1993. Had 1 inch rain early a.m. Partly cloudy. Pete came at 1:00. Jo here awhile. Dr. Sawyer here at 5:15. Said the pacemaker had a (unclear) that wasn't working. They took me to OR at 5:45. Got back at 9:00. Exhausted & weak. Did it under local anesthetic, very painful. Rons & Pete got here before I went to OR. Steves got to Randys at 8:00 p.m. Rested quite well at night.

Sunday, July 25, 1993. Mostly fair, more humid & hot. Ron came at 9:00. He left at 11:15. Pete came at 11:00. Jo here awhile in p.m. Gordon & Roberta here in p.m., brought bouquet. Allens & Pauls called. Rons here short time in evening. Deb & Steves called.

Monday, July 26, 1993. Clear, 87°. Pete came at noon. Ron here few minutes in morning. Deb & Cindy called. Had a few callers. Jo here a while in p.m. Got roses from Mary & Bob Kauffman. Dr. Sawyer took dressing off. Dr. ware ordered IVP tomorrow. Ben called in evening. Deb & Cindy called.

Tuesday, July 27, 1993. Clear, 93°. Jo and Pete came at 9:00. I went to x-ray at 9:30, back after 11:00. Had IV Pyelogram. Got along pretty well. Jo left when I got back, came back at 3:00. Pete went home with Ron. Kay R[eimer], Don N[ester] & Evelyn [Bertsche] here. Pauls, Deb & Cindy called.

Wednesday, July 28, 1993. Had rain in morning, clear, 85° and lest humid. Jo & Pete came at 9:00. Dr. Wera said I can go home. Then had to wait for Dr. Sawyer. He came at 2:30. Then they had to get John B[ertsche's] consent. Got home at 4:45. Little disgusting. Had beautiful bouquet from Amy. Mary Jantze here in evening, brought little basket of flowers.

Thursday, July 29, 1993. Clear, beautiful day, 81°. Roberta [Ropp] here in morning, brought salad. Carol & Mabel brought casserole & pie. I rested quite a lot. Felt little stronger in PM. Jo here several times. She & Ron left at 3:00 for Marty's. Lucy C[atherine] & Helen [Patton] here

in p.m. Lucy gave me a gown & robe for birthday. I gave her earrings. Jeanette here in evening. She just got home from New Hampshire. Pete to dentist at 4:00.

Friday, July 30, 1993. Clear, nice day, 85°. We did a little dusting. Marianne Israel came, helped to get lunch. Rested. I got a dozen beautiful red roses from Paul & Marj for my birthday. Elaine Reynolds died yesterday & today I got a birthday card & long letter & picture from her. Quite a shock. Georgia called. Paul called.

Saturday, July 31, 1993. Fair in morning, cloudy, 78°. Shower in evening. Went to town at 8:00. I went to beauty shop. Pete had haircut. I drove home. Glad to be able to drive again. Ron called. They're having good time at Marty's. I did little cleaning in kitchen. Mary Kauffman wrought casserole & pie. Allen called in morning. I wrote thank you notes. Dorothy S[ingley] brought muffins.

Sunday, August 1, 1993. Partly cloudy, 80s. We had a quiet day. Rested. We went to Denny's for dinner. Rons got home from Martys at 3:15. Were here awhile. They had a good trip.

Monday, August 2, 1993. Fair, 80°, nice day. Jo took us to [Dr.] Stroink's lab at 7:30. Had breakfast at Perkins, then to Brokaw [Hospital]. I had ultrasound on kidneys. Rested in p.m. Feel better today. Wrote more thank you notes.

Tuesday, August 3, 1993. Fair most of day, 81°. Had a shower .07 inches rain. We did the laundry. Glad we were able to do it. Rested. Evelyn Bertsche here awhile in p.m. Jo brought our supper, porkchops, etc. 4-H fair started.

Wednesday, August 4, 1993. Fair, cool, 75°. We volunteered at hospital. Jeanette & I quilted at Gift Shop. Chet Roths & Tom Kauffman here in p.m. We went to Jeanette's for supper. I wrote in circle letter.

Thursday, August 5, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 74°. Made applesauce. Put 6 jars in freezer. Rested awhile. Pete picked cucumbers. Rons took us to Golden West for dinner, then to Westhoff Theatre to see Midsummer Nights Dream. Enjoyed it.

Friday, August 6, 1993. Rained early morning, 77°, fair in p.m. Did some cleaning. Jo & we to Avanti's for lunch for our 61st anniversary. We got groceries. I canned ½ gallon of dill pickles. Had a big box of cheese from Randys. We're thankful for another year together.

Saturday, August 7, 1993. Fair, 52° – 80°, nice day. I cooked rest of apples. Made a pie for the freezer. Pete sprayed weeds in yard. Mowed back yard in p.m. I cleaned up kitchen. Made 2 quarts dill pickles. Paul called, they're okay.

Sunday, August 8, 1993. Fair, pleasant day, 81°. We went to church. Glad was able to go. We went to Steve & Cindy's for dinner. Jo here awhile in p.m. Allen called. They were at Pam's over weekend. Called Arthurs. Deb called to wish us happy birthdays & anniversary.

Monday, August 9, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 81°. Rained at 4:30 p.m. We did laundry. I picked some tomatoes & cucumbers. Jo went to Brokaw [Hospital] at 7:00. Had a catheterization, found no blockage [for] which we're grateful. Jeanette here in evening. Her mother isn't good. Had card from Andy in China.

Tuesday, August 10, 1993. Rained early a.m., cloudy, fair in p.m. 85°. Had over 1 inch rain last 2 days. Edith & Rachel Zehr here awhile. Brought muffins & peaches. Jo got home from hospital at 9:00 a.m. Glad she's home. We went to grocery store. Made Swedish cabbage slaw in p.m. I went to Jo's several times. She had supper with us. Ron had meeting.

Wednesday, August 11, 1993. Fair, 88°, humid. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Eastland & College Hills [Mall]. Got Pete house slippers. Went to Dr. Wera at 2:45, had EKG. [He] thinks I'm doing quite well. Got home at 5:00. I made 2 quarts dill pickles. I didn't sleep much, heart bothering me.

Thursday, August 12, 1993. Had 1 ¼ inch rain last night, 78°, misted & drizzled most of day. Went to Stroink lab at 7:30 for blood test. Dr. Sawyer's office called at 9:00 to check pacemaker. I went to HEA committee meeting at Mabel's [to] plan for lunch in September. We went to Osco [Drug Store] in p.m. to get Norpace they had to order. Ron took Barrows to Springfield in evening.

Friday, August 13, 1993. Cloudy in morning, 87°, humid. We did weekly cleaning. Went to town at 1:30. I had hair done. Pete was going to mow yard but battery dead. I had fibrillation again. We took Jo to Denny's for supper. I had fibrillation until 1:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 14, 1993. Partly cloudy, 87°, humid. Pete with Paul Millers to Mennonite Heritage [Museum] to see Martyrs Mirror plates on display. Sorry I couldn't go. I rested most of day. Didn't do anything. Pete mowed yard when he got home. Ron showed Barrows at state fair. Ron got home at 8:30. He got 2nd & 6th.

Sunday, August 15, 1993. Partly cloudy, humid, 90°. Had over 1 ½ inches rain. We went to church. Came home for dinner. Rested. Jeanette & [her] sister stopped to tell us their mother passed away at 3:20 p.m. [She was] 103 years old. Had a severe electrical storm 9 – 9:30. Paul called just as it started to storm. I called him back at 10:30.

Monday, August 16, 1993. Rained in morning, over one half inch, 87°. Partly cloudy in p.m., humid. Under thunderstorm watch in evening. We did laundry. Rested. Jo fixed tray of meat & cheese for Jeanette. I gave coffecake too. Jeanette & Edna here awhile.

Tuesday, August 17, 1993. Fair, humid, 89°. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall]. We got few peaches at Browns. Rested. I made 2 quarts dill pickles. Picked few tomatoes. Jo took us to visitation for Jeanette's mother. We went to Jo's & [to] Mary Jantze's awhile. Ron to Springfield with hogs.

Wednesday, August 18, 1993. Partly cloudy, humid, 89°. We went to Jeanette's mother's funeral at 10:30 at Metzler's [Funeral Home]. We had dinner at the church. Jo at funeral, then to school to work. I put 3 jars peaches in freezer. Have few to eat.

Thursday, August 19, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 87°, humid. Had a shower at 6:30. Under thunderstorm watch. I baked coffeecake braid & bars. Pete mowed back yard. Jo to [State] Fair. Ron showed gilts. Got home about 8:30. Gave him \$25 for his birthday.

Friday, August 20, 1993. Fair, pleasant day, 82°. We did weekly cleaning. Rested. Paul M[iller] here, gave us some soybeans. Had some for supper & put pint in freezer. Rons brought cake & ice cream for Ron's birthday.

Saturday, August 21, 1993. Partly cloudy, nice day. We went to town in morning, to beauty shop, got groceries. Made 4 quarts dill pickles. Rested. Allens, Pam & Ashley got here at 4:00. Good to see them. Pete mowed front lawn. Steves brought supper out. Lasagna, very good. Allens to Rons all night. Pam & Ashley here.

Sunday, August 22, 1993. Cloudy, had ¼ inch rain in p.m. Allens, Pam, Ashley & we to church. Rons, Steves & we all to Ned Kelley's for dinner. Allens, Steves & Pam to Miller Park Zoo. We came home, rested. They were here for lunch. Steve brought chips & dips. I had relishes & tomatoes. Rons took hogs to Peoria. Pam & Ashley to Steves. Paul called.

Monday, August 23, 1993. Fair, 92°. Had severe thunderstorm warnings in evening. Rained hard. Allens & Pam left at 8:30 for home. Glad they could come. We went to Dr Stroink's lab at 8:30 [for] blood work. Jo to school. We did laundry.

Tuesday, August 24, 1993. Fair, 80s. We did usual work. Baked cookies, gave Rons some. I picked some tomatoes. Lucy Catherine, Helen [Patton] & we met at Jumers at 5:30 for our birthdays. Tom Yoder riding his bike, hit by a car, in critical condition.

Wednesday, August 25, 1993. Fair, humid, 88°. We volunteered at hospital. I canned 6 quarts tomato juice. Marty here short time, he judged at the Fairbury Fair this morning. Left for home at 3:30. Tom Y[oder] still critical. School started, ½ day on account of heat.

Thursday, August 26, 1993. Fair, hot, 95°, humid. I did usual work. Cut off some Iris in morning. Rested. Pete mowed yard in p.m. Jeanette & Edna stopped by. Edna leaves for home tomorrow.

Friday, August 27, 1993. Fair, 94°. More breeze today. We did some cleaning. Rested. I shampooed my hair. Jo flew to Wichita Kansas to meeting. Made 2 quarts dill pickles.

Saturday, August 28, 1993. Fair, 80s. I finished weekly cleaning. Rested some. We volunteered at hospital, 2:00 – 6:00.

Sunday, August 29, 1993. Fair, humid, 90°. We went to church. Came home for dinner. Allen called, they had nearly 4 inches rain today. Jo got home from Wichita about 6:30. Evelyn called. Paul called. Ben is leaving Chicago, going home to Worcester.

Monday, August 30, 1993. Fair, 88°, humid. Thunderstorm watch in evening. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Perkins. Had 1 ¼ inches rain.

Tuesday, August 31, 1993. Rained some in morning, fair in p.m., cooler, 75°, less humid. I met Tuesday group at Shoney's for breakfast. Cooked chicken for HEA next week. Did some odd jobs.

Wednesday, September 1, 1993. Nice day, 56° – 78°. We volunteered at hospital. Pete to Dr. Bertsche at 11:30. Went back to hospital, ate lunch. Pete delivered mail. I quilted more. Went to Merle's, got back brace for Pete, then to Osco. Got new medicine for Pete (Calcimar), back to Dr. in. Gave him skin test, then a shot of medicine.

Thursday, September 2, 1993. A rainy day, had 2 ¾ inches rain by evening. 72°. I went to town. Pete paid taxes. I had a permanent at Norma's. Rested some. Jo here short time in evening. Had more rain in night. Talked to Rachel Zehr. Tom Yoder still in critical condition.

Friday, September 3, 1993. Cloudy in morning, fair, 77°. Nice in p.m. We went to Stroink Lab at 7:30. Pete had blood work done. Came home for breakfast. Did some cleaning. Pete mowed lawn. I worked outside awhile, picked tomatoes.

Saturday, September 4, 1993. A beautiful day, 76°. I canned 3 quarts tomato juice & did some cleaning. We worked outside awhile in p.m. Ron helping on house at Lake Bloomington. We took Ron and Jo to Ozark House for their anniversary.

Sunday, September 5, 1993. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., 79°. We went to church. Had dinner at Barry & Marge Weavers. Alice & Roy Martin there. Had a good visit. Roys left for home in PM. Allen called in evening. Paul called. Ben working at science Museum. We had 3 ½ inches rain again. Water in basement.

Monday, September 6, 1993. Cloudy, cool. Partly cloudy in p.m., 71°. Swept water in basement. We did laundry. Cleaned out drawers in West bedroom.

Tuesday, September 7, 1993. A beautiful day, 44° early morning, 76°. I had breakfast at Shoney's with the Tuesday morning group. I didn't feel good at noon. Rested in p.m. We went with Jeanette & Louise K[insinger] to Service Company meeting.

Wednesday, September 8, 1993. Another nice day, 76°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked cherry dessert & fixed chicken casserole for HEA tomorrow. Mabel, Jeanette & I, Dorothy Basting & Mrs. Ginter on committee.

Thursday, September 9, 1993. Nice day, 78°, cooler in evening. I went to HEA with Louise Kinsinger. Jeanette, Mabel, Dorothy Basting, K. Ginter & I were on committee. 25 there. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I worked outside awhile.

Friday, September 10, 1993. Clear, cool, 69°. 47° in morning. We went to Stroink Labs at 7:30. Pete had blood test. Had breakfast at Bob Evans. Went to Old Country Kitchen to see about reservations for Reunion. Did weekly cleaning. Worked outside awhile. Had card from Andy, they are in China.

Saturday, September 11, 1993. Nice day, 44° – 78°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop. We went to Ropp Reunion at Old Country Buffet, 27 there. Most everyone to Museum at Old Courthouse at 2:00. Ron there. Jo went to Ohio. Jane Bell president, same officers next year. Chris Imhoff secretary-treasurer?? Had shower in night. Allen called.

Sunday, September 12, 1993. Fair, windy, 78°. We went to church and to John Bertsche's for small group. Not many there. Ben Krahn, Mildred N. & Louise Mattson. John B[ertsche] in Chicago. We went to Lake Bloomington. Ron helping Jon [remodel the house]. Jo home at 6:15. Paul called. They heard from Andys. They are in Hong Kong. Georgia called, she was having some pain.

Monday, September 13, 1993. Cloudy, windy, few sprinkles, 70°. We did the laundry. Rested. I canned 3 ½ quarts tomatoes. Ron did some trimming for us when he got home. Ron & Gail Bressner to Austin Minn[esota] [for] hog show.

Tuesday, September 14, 1993. Raining day, 71°, had 2.6 inches rain. Got some things ready for Garfield club tomorrow. Didn't feel very good. Didn't sleep well. We met Dorothy [Scogin] & Rose [Girdler] at noon. Frieda [Shinall] forgot it. Rested. I didn't sleep well. Having respiratory problems.

Wednesday, September 15, 1993. Cloudy, 67°. I got ready for Garfield club. Made peach dessert. Jeanette, Mabel, Dorothy S[ingley], Lucy C[atherine], Alta [Litwiller], Maxine [Alwes] & Marie H[astings]. Played *Rumque* (sp?). Pete to hospital in morning [to] volunteer. I didn't feel good in morning. Called Dr. Wera office. [Will] see him tomorrow. Ron home from Minnesota.

Thursday, September 16, 1993. Cloudy, 63°. Rested in morning. Had fibrillation again. Went to Dr. Bertsche at Carle Clinic. Pete is feeling better. To go back in 3 months. I went to Dr. Wera, changed my medicines. Have fluid & [he] says I may have more frequent fibrillation. Not a good report.

Friday, September 17, 1993. Fair, nice to see the sun, 73°. Rested, did some cleaning. Went to beauty shop & grocery store. Pete worked outside, did some trimming & got some squash in. Jo here few minutes in evening.

Saturday, September 18, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 71°. I finished weekly cleaning. Pete mowed yard in morning. Rested. Pete cut some weeds. Jo mowed their lawn. Still have some beautiful roses. Evelyn called, they're okay.

Sunday, September 19, 1993. Cloudy, 69°. We went to church. Brought Kentucky F[ried] C[hicken] home. Were home rest of day. Looked at some of our scrapbooks of our trips. Rested. Allen called & Paul called. Allens got home from Minnesota Wednesday. Paul got home from Ann Arbor this evening. Marj home from DC.

Monday, September 20, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 71°. Had ¼ inch rain in early hours. Had light mist in afternoon. Went to Stroink Lab at 7:00 a.m. for blood work. Rested. Baked some apples. I went to Dr. Wera at 1:30. Am better, blood pressure good, fluids nearly all gone. Stopped potassium meds. Don't cough like I did.

Tuesday, September 21, 1993. Fair, nice day, 73°. We did the laundry. Made chili. Cindy and children here for supper. Steve is in Bogotá South America at meeting.

Wednesday, September 22, 1993. Cloudy, 73°, light sprinkle in morning. We went to hospital at 9:00. Went to Beichs, got candy. Rested after got home. Went to see Tom Yoder at Mennonite. He responds some. He called me by name.

Thursday, September 23, 1993. Cloudy Earle, clear, 69°. I went to Stroink Lab at 9:00 [for] blood work. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers at noon. Mabel & Jeanette along. Cindy & children here awhile.

Friday, September 24, 1993. Partly cloudy, 67°. We did some cleaning. I baked a pan of bars for County HEA. We went to Birkelbaws p.m. Got apples, pears & peaches. Rested.

Saturday, September 25, 1993. A gloomy rainy day. 65°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop. Cleaned up kitchen, cleaned out drawer. Rested some. Had 1.02 inches rain.

Sunday, September 26, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 66°. We went to church. Earl Kaufmans took us to eat at '76. Got home at noon. We went with Ron to Vesper service at Westminster. Enjoyed seeing old friends. Allen & Paul called. Jeff & Pat called. Pat is 8 weeks pregnant. Hope it all goes well.

Monday, September 27, 1993. Cloudy, chilly, 57°. Cleared off in evening. We did the laundry. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Parkside Inn. We went to *Aldis* (sp?), got some groceries. Pete mowed lawn. I made kettle [of] vegetable soup.

Tuesday, September 28, 1993. Clear, breezy, 65°. Good to see the sun. We washed bedding in our bedroom. I worked some in closets.

Wednesday, September 29, 1993. Fair, chilly, 58°. We volunteered at hospital. I went to nurses luncheon at Country Buffet at 12:30. 22 there. Pete shopped some while waiting. Emerson Miller passed away at noon today. Called Allens to tell them about Emerson.

Thursday, September 30, 1993. Fair, windy, 37° – 65°. Didn't have any frost. Did usual work. Cleaned some in bathroom. Cleaned some kitchen cupboards in p.m. Paul M[iller] brought us some sweet potatoes. Pete washed them. Wrote to Evelyn B[early]. Katie has scarlet fever. [She] is on antibiotics Dr. says not contagious.

Friday, October 1, 1993. Partly cloudy, 71°. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to grocery store & to beauty shop. I got some endive from the garden & picked some tomatoes.

Saturday, October 2, 1993. Fair, near 70°. I was at Jo's awhile in morning helping her get ready for Ron's staff. Were 66 there, nice evening but chilly. I made 2 pans of baked apples for the supper. Allen called. They plan to come in 2 weeks on their way to Pauls & Randys.

Sunday, October 3, 1993. Clear, fine day, 71°, breezy. We went to church. Had communion. Came home for dinner. Jo sent food from last night. Paul called, they're fine and busy. Emerson Miller's funeral Bluffton.

Monday, October 4, 1993. A beautiful day, 77°. We did the laundry. I worked in our bedroom. Washed windows, etc. Jeanette here awhile. Told us she is moving to town, bought a house on 8 Linda Lane. Sorry to see her move. Ray combining our beans, made 50 bushels [per acre].

Tuesday, October 5, 1993. Beautiful day, 38° – 66°. I went with Helen, Lucy C[atherine], Alta [Litwiller] & Jeanette to El Paso for breakfast. Left at 8:30, got home at 10:45. I waxed bedroom floor. Cleaned picture window outside. Washed some inside. Went with Jeanette to Women's meeting.

Wednesday, October 6, 1993. Lovely day, 81°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete & I went to Carle Clinic. Both had flu & pneumonia shots. Rested a while. My shoulders sore.

Thursday, October 7, 1993. Another sunny day, 81°. We did some cleaning in the living room. I cleaned the rugs. Mary Ann Isreal here awhile, waiting for Jon. Was nice to be outside. Rested.

Friday, October 8, 1993. Partly cloudy, 80°, rained in evening. Did some cleaning. I baked sugar cookies & quick coffeecake. Pete trimmed some limbs from apple trees. I washed curtains & windows in kitchen, also chair covers.

Saturday, October 9, 1993. Had one half inch rain last night, cloudy, clearing in evening, chilly, 48°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop, got groceries. Finished weekly cleaning. Pressed kitchen curtains & hung them. We volunteered at hospital, 2 – 6.

Sunday, October 10, 1993. Clear, cold, 29° in morning, 55°. We went to church. We & Rons to Red Lobster. We had gift certificates, \$15 from Marty's. Were home in PM. Called Allen to wish him happy 60th birthday. Evelyn called. They are okay.

Monday, October 11, 1993. Fair, nice day, 34° – 57°. We did the laundry. I cleaned broom closet. Washed some doilies, etc. Got some endive & cooked apples, etc. Paul called. He is giving a paper in South Carolina Friday. They look forward to Allens visit. Andys are in Manila now.

Tuesday, October 12, 1993. Beautiful day, 62°. I finished cleaning kitchen cupboards. We had lunch at '76 with Dorothy S[cogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Dr. & Freida Shinall. I cleaned Cedar closet with Pete's help.

Wednesday, October 13, 1993. Another lovely day, 38° – 59°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete was going to mow yard but battery dead on tractor. I cooked cherry tomatoes, made quart [of] juice. Ron to Chicago to meeting.

Thursday, October 14, 1993. Nice day, 67°. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Put some winter clothes away. Rested.

Friday, October 15, 1993. Fair, cloudy in evening, 72°. Did some cleaning. I went to beauty shop at 11:30. Pete & Ron to Metamora [Mennonite Heritage] Museum at 12 noon. Allen & Shirley stopped at 6:15 on their way to Steves. They are starting on their way to Pauls & Randys. Rained in night.

Saturday, October 16, 1993. Cloudy, misted and rained some, 64°. Allens, Rons & we had breakfast at Denny's. Allens left at 9:30 for their trip east. Hope they have a safe trip. I went to alumni homecoming at Troyer Nurses Home. Went to Consistory at 1:30 for the program. Enjoyed seeing old friends.

Sunday, October 17, 1993. Cloudy, little clearing late, 56°. We went to church. James Waltners & Pankratzs there. Good to see them. Pete & I to Steves for Katie's birthday. I talked to Georgia. She isn't feeling too well. Has more pain in her face. Jo here awhile.

Monday, October 18, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 61°, few sprinkles in evening. We did the laundry. Worked some in fruit room. We rested as usual & read. Allens to Pauls today.

Tuesday, October 19, 1993. Cloudy, 61°. We had breakfast at Shoney's with Joyce [Schmucker], Jeanette [Colter], Helen & Lucy [Catherine Patton]. Got home at 10:45. I had fibrillation rest of PM. Did nothing except get our supper. Allens to Deb & Randys.

Wednesday, October 20, 1993. Cloudy, rainy, 58°. Pete to hospital [to] volunteer. I had fibrillation until 12:30 p.m. (24 hours) & rested all day. Blood pressure low, 100/60. Didn't go to Garfield club at Mabel's. Talked to Dr. Wera.

Thursday, October 21, 1993. Clear, breezy, 58°. Cooked squash. Made a pie, gave Rons some. Made pumpkin bread. Stirred up coffeecake. Rested. Pete helped me & read.

Friday, October 22, 1993. A beautiful clear day, 31° – 64°. We did the weekly cleaning. I went to Norma's. We got groceries. Got some endive and another beautiful rose. I baked coffeecake for WMSC tomorrow at our church.

Saturday, October 23, 1993. Fine day, 70°. I was dizzy in morning. B[lood] P[ressure] up, 160/80. I was going to WMSC meeting but didn't feel up to it. We rested most of day & read. B. P. better in PM.

Sunday, October 24, 1993. The lovely day, 70°. We didn't go to church. Didn't feel good. Was some better at noon. Had lunch at Denny's. Jeanette here awhile in PM. Paul called, they are alright. Had a good time with Allens. They plan to come for Christmas.

Monday, October 25, 1993. Another beautiful day, 71°. I went to [Dr.] Stroink for blood test at 7:30. We did the laundry. I had diarrhea in morning. Started to fibrillate at 10 AM. Rested.

Tuesday, October 26, 1993. Fair, cloudy in p.m., cooler. 58°. Made vegetable soup. Pete helped. I didn't feel good. Still fibrillating & blood pressure low. Went to Dr. Wera at 2:30. Stopped Lasix & take more Lanoxin.

Wednesday, October 27, 1993. Cloudy, chilly, 47°. We went to hospital. I feel much better. Stopped fibrillating in morning. Thankful for that. Pete sold some corn and beans. Got \$2.29 [per bushel] for corn, \$5.92 [per bushel] for beans.

Thursday, October 28, 1993. Partly cloudy, windy, 59°. We went to prime timers at 11:00. Took Mabel. [Lloyd] Singleys & Jeanette [Colter] busy.

Friday, October 29, 1993. Partly cloudy, 41°. Did some cleaning. Went to bank at 10:30 and to beauty shop. Got groceries. Had lunch at Avanti's. I got more endive from the garden & got another rose bud.

Saturday, October 30, 1993. Cloudy, cold, 40°. Snow flurries. Pete & I to Owen Kanegy's funeral at Roanoke church. Nice service, large family. Was good to see the cousins. Stayed for lunch. Rons to *Muriem* (sp?) Crumpler's wedding. Ron presided.

Sunday, October 31, 1993. Fair, chilly, 26° – 40°. We went to church. Went to Steves at 10:30. Allens got to Steves at 10:00 on their way home from the east. They had a good trip. They left Steves at 12:00 for home. Glad they had a good trip. Paul called, they are okay.

Monday, November 1, 1993. Fair, cloudy in evening, 21° – 41°. Broke record last night. Did the laundry. Electricity off an hour at 9:00 a.m. I made apple crisp. Rested. Am fibrillating again.

Tuesday, November 2, 1993. Cloudy, 47°, light sprinkles in evening. I baked coffeecake braid for Bazaar. Didn't feel good, still fibrillating & had bowel problem. Didn't go to women's fellowship.

Wednesday, November 3, 1993. Mostly fair, 60°, rather breezy. Pete volunteered at hospital. I still don't feel good. Fibrillation & some bowel problems. I washed summer sweaters. Cleaned the oven, rested. Fibrillation stopped at 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 4, 1993. Partly cloudy in morning, cloudy in p.m., 58°. I iced coffee cakes for bazaar. Rested. Got dinner. We went to Brokaw, took coffeecakes & pumpkin bread [for bazaar]. Got groceries.

Friday, November 5, 1993. Cloudy, windy, cold, 49°. We did some cleaning. Went to bazaar at Brokaw. I didn't help this year. Dorothy Schwartz & Jeanette in charge of bake sale. The time comes when one steps down. I baked pumpkin pie & cornbread. Cindy & children here short time. Gave them some pie.

Saturday, November 6, 1993. Cloudy, 31°, snow flurries all day. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop. Cleaned kitchen, cooked squash. Rested. Didn't volunteer at Info Desk. Evelyn called, they are alright.

Sunday, November 7, 1993. Clear, little warmer, 19°(?) - 46°. We went to church. Went with Earl Kaufmans to Elks to sausage & pancakes. Were home in p.m. and evening. Georgia & Arthur called. They haven't been feeling very well. Jo here awhile in evening. Paul called, they are okay.

Monday, November 8, 1993. Clear, nice day, 54°. We did the laundry. Baked ginger cookies with Pete's help. I had fibrillation again, 6:00 a.m. until noon.

Tuesday, November 9, 1993. Lovely day, 58°. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall] at '76. Got groceries at Aldis. I got the winter jacket at Farm & Fleet. Pete put up the snow fence. Ray disc the truck patch.

Wednesday, November 10, 1993. Another fine day, 57°. We volunteered at hospital. Had fibrillation early morning for several hours. We put dirt around the roses. Rested.

Thursday, November 11, 1993. Partly cloudy, nice day, 58°. I went to Louise Kinsinger. She had luncheon for Jeanette. Dorothy S[ingley] took Mabel, me & Jeanette. Marie Hastings and Evelyn S[chwoerer] there. We gave Jeanette floral arrangement. Jo helped us with some windows. Washed some on south side of house. Glad for her help. No school.

Friday, November 12, 1993. Cloudy, 55°. Started to rain late p.m. We did some cleaning. Baked cookies. Went to town in p.m. I went to beauty shop, got groceries. Pete has been cracking some pecans & walnuts. Had about ½ inch rain last night. Blew a big rotten lamb off tree by the drive.

Saturday, November 13, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 67°, windy. We baked fruitcakes. Finished some weekly cleaning. Jo here awhile. One of her students won the geography contest. Allen called, they are okay. Rained in night.

Sunday, November 14, 1993. A rainy day, 46°. Went to church and to Ben Krahn's for our small group. I took broccoli salad. Got fruit from L[atter] D[ay] S[aints] church. I had fibrillation, started at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 15, 1993. Cloudy, 45°. We did the laundry. Rested, I had fibrillation all day. Matthew had tonsillectomy this a.m. Pete sold 1500 bushels [of] corn [at] \$2.70 [per bushel], 60 bushels [of] beans [at] \$6.70 [per bushel].

Tuesday, November 16, 1993. Cloudy, 42°. We had breakfast with Jeanette, Alta [Litwiller] & Joyce [Schmucker]. We made caramels p.m. I still have fibrillation. We took Jeanette to '76 for her birthday. She showed us her new home on 8 Linda Lane. Rained in night.

Wednesday, November 17, 1993. Cloudy. Rained all morning, 43°. We went to visitation for Chet Meyers, then to hospital. I took Mabel to Garfield club at Evelyn Schwoerer. Talked to Dr. Wera. Am still having fibrillation. Increased blood pressure medicine & take more Lanoxin.

Thursday, November 18, 1993. Cloudy, 41°. Kinda foggy. We made white bark cookies. We went to Senior luncheon at church. Got few groceries. Went to Dr. Ware's office for medicine (Vasotec). Still have fibrillation.

Friday, November 19, 1993. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 48°. We did weekly cleaning. We baked yummy cookies and iced them. I feel some better than last night but still fibrillating. Jo here awhile in evening.

Saturday, November 20, 1993. Clear, nice day, 51°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop. I baked pecan rolls. Rons went to Ohio to see Rosalee. She is in hospital and quite ill. Pete crushed leaves in yard. My pulse went back to normal (70s) about 5 PM. Had been fibrillating since last Sunday evening [the] 14th. I'm grateful. Allens called. They may come Thursday.

Sunday, November 21, 1993. Mostly sunny day, 51°. We went to church. Had lunch at Avanti's. Home in p.m. & evening. Rons got home from Ohio at 7:00. Rosalee goes to Dayton tomorrow morning for possible surgery. Pauls called. Ben goes back to Chicago Tuesday. Is coming here Wednesday.

Monday, November 22, 1993. Partly cloudy, 56°, nice day. We did the laundry. Had lunch at International House with Laura [Stamback]. Had fibrillation, started at 10:00 PM.

Tuesday, November 23, 1993. Cloudy, 56°. I didn't feel like meeting our Tuesday group. Had fibrillation until 6:00 PM. We baked Orange cookies & iced them. Defrosted the refrigerator in basement. Rested. Wrote in circle letter. Ben back to Chicago.

Wednesday, November 24, 1993. Cloudy, some rain, 50°, colder in p.m. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I made chili in p.m. Ben was to come at 5:00 but missed his train. Will come tomorrow. Talked to Allen. They had planned to come but forecast isn't too good. Will call tomorrow. Rained in night. Martys are at Rons.

Thursday, November 25, 1993. Cloudy, 46°. Rained some in morning. I baked 2 pumpkin pies & cooked sweet potatoes. We went to Rons for the day. Ben missed the train again. Is to come tomorrow. Allen called. They have some ice. Hope to come here next weekend. Marty sick, flew. Paul called. Thanksgiving day.

Friday, November 26, 1993. Had freezing rain early morning, 31°, snow flurries. Sun came out about noon. We did some cleaning. I baked coffeecake braid. Jo & Renée to town at 1:00, got Ben at train. I made roast beef for supper. Marty feeling some better.

Saturday, November 27, 1993. Fair, 12° above in night, 32°. We went to town at 10:00. Got groceries. I went to beauty shop. Ben stayed here. I coated some pretzels with white bark. Snowed in night.

Sunday, November 28, 1993. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 32°. We took Ben to train at 9:00. We went to church. Brought K[entucky] F[ried] C[hicken] home for lunch. Martys left at 1:30 for Columbia. Marty feeling some better. Sorry he was sick. We went to Home Builders at Edith and Rachel Zehr. Steve R[opp] told about his trip to South America.

Monday, November 29, 1993. Cloudy, 29°. We went to Stroink lab at 7:30 for blood work. We did the laundry. I blanched some almonds for cookies. Stirred up crescents cookies.

Tuesday, November 30, 1993. I had breakfast with the Tuesday group at Paradise Gardens. Stopped [to] see Jeanette's new home. I baked Crescent cookies, rested & made the sugar plum cookies. We went to Paul Millers for dinner.

Wednesday, December 1, 1993. Fair, nice day, 45°. Pete volunteered at hospital in morning. I had fibrillation again, started around 3:00 a.m. and stopped at noon. We trimmed roses & put cones on.

Thursday, December 2, 1993. Fair, nice day, 53°. I baked Southern pecan bars. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers. Dr. Wera called this evening. Am to cut down on Coumadin.

Friday, December 3, 1993. Foggy, cloudy all day, 54°. We did weekly cleaning. Went to town in p.m. Had my hair done, got groceries. I made lasagna when got home. Allens got to Steves at 6:00. Came here at 8:30.

Saturday, December 4, 1993. Cloudy, 40s. We went to town at 9:30. Got a Christmas tree at Casey's. Allens got the tree stand for us. Went to lumber yard. Allens got a rail for our stairway.

They put it up & we decorated our tree. Thanks to them for their help. Rons & Jon & we all to Dragon Palace to eat. Rons came here awhile.

Sunday, December 5, 1993. Cloudy, foggy in morning. Allens left at 7:30. Stopped at Metamora to see Shirley's sister. We went to church, had lunch at home. Addressed some Christmas cards. Evelyn called. Deb called, they are coming Saturday. Paul called. They are busy. Plan to come [the] 22nd.

Monday, December 6, 1993. Cloudy, 39°, some sunshine in p.m. We did the laundry. Baked sugar cookies & iced them.

Tuesday, December 7, 1993. Partly cloudy, 40°. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Dr. Shinalls. Went to Aldis. I went to Mary Jantze's at 4:40. She, Jeanette & Linda House & I to Jumers. Women's Fellowship had dinner there & then to church. Some of women put on play, Little Women of Louisa [May] Alcott.

Wednesday, December 8, 1993. Fair, nice day, 41°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Home in p.m. & evening. Rested. I wrote Christmas notes.

Thursday, December 9, 1993. Fair, fine day, 50s. I went to HEA with Dorothy S[ingley]. Mabel & Louise [Kinsinger] along. I gave Dorothy fruitcake for their Christmas. I finished writing Christmas notes. Pete wrote some too. Rested. Steve here in morning, cleaned out the eaves. Allen called in morning. They are okay.

Friday, December 10, 1993. Cloudy, windy, colder, 41°. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at 10:30. Went to Eastland. Got fruit tray for Jeanette. Had lunch at Bishops. Went to beauty shop. Did some decorating & made door piece. Got big box of fruit from Evelyn & Bill [Bearly].

Saturday, December 11, 1993. Clear, 18° in morning. Finished the cleaning. Made salad, rested, didn't sleep well last night. Have had fibrillation. Randys got here at 2:00 p.m. Good to see them. We & Steves to Avanti's for supper. Rons have his staff this evening.

Sunday, December 12, 1993. Fair, clear in evening, 40°. Randys & we to church. Rons there too. They & Jon, Randys, Steves & we to Denny's for dinner. Randy's left here at 1:30 for Iowa. They were stopping at Randy's folks in Iowa City, then on to Newton for a week. Fibrillation stopped at 3:00 p.m. Paul called, they are looking forward to coming.

Monday, December 13, 1993. Cloudy, 42°, few light showers. We did the laundry. Pete to Dr. Bertsche at 10:30. Had to wait [a] long time. Went to post office, mailed some dried fruit to Evelyn B[early]. Went to drugstore & grocery [store]. Got some ham. Rained in night.

Tuesday, December 14, 1993. Cloudy, drizzled most of day, 41°. We washed some sheets, etc. Went to town in p.m. I had a permanent. We went to concert at Wesleyan. Ron sang (Community Christmas Carols).

Wednesday, December 15, 1993. Fair in a.m., cloudy, 47°. We volunteered at hospital. Helped Pete some with mail. Had the Christmas dinner at noon. I took Mabel to Garfield club at Sandy S[chwoerer]. Mabel passed out for a short time. Evelyn got Ray, he came. I took Mabel home & on to Brokaw [Hospital]. Ray came shortly. Mabel admitted to hospital.

Thursday, December 16, 1993. Cloudy, some fog, 44°. I cooked chicken. Went to grocery & pharmacy in PM. I did some ironing. Rested. Had fibrillation, 5 – 6 AM until 1 PM. Mabel came home from hospital. Jeanette here, brought a package. We gave her dried fruit & plate of cookies.

Friday, December 17, 1993. Cloudy, 45°. We did some cleaning. I baked coffeecake braid. Went to Birkelbaws, got some apples.

Saturday, December 18, 1993. Rained early a.m., cloudy, 43°. Jo here awhile in morning. I finished some cleaning. Made apple pie for freezer. Fixed some pretzels with white bark. Called Evelyn to thank her for box of fruit they sent. Arthurs called. Georgia still has some pain in her face.

Sunday, December 19, 1993. Cloudy, 39°. We went to church. Choir gave the Messiah with orchestra. Ron & Cindy sang solos. Very nice. Think everyone enjoyed it. We had lunch at Grand Café. We went to children's program in evening. Had cookies & drinks. Paul called, they're coming Wednesday evening.

Monday, December 20, 1993. Mostly cloudy, 36°. We did laundry. I made chili. We read & rested. A quiet day.

Tuesday, December 21, 1993. Cloudy in morning, some sunshine in p.m., 31°. We had breakfast with Tuesday morning ladies at Paradise Gardens. Went to grocery store. I baked ham and made chicken casserole. Dusted upstairs. Rested & read.

Wednesday, December 22, 1993. Cloudy, colder, 32°. Snow flurries in p.m. and evening. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked apple & pumpkin pies. Pauls, Amy & Todd Bezrutczyk got here at 5:30. Good to see them. Steves here awhile in evening. Amy & Todd sleeping at Rons.

Thursday, December 23, 1993. Cloudy, snow flurries, 24°. We spent most of day visiting. Marj & Amy to town in p.m. Pauls took Rons & we to Great Wall for dinner. Ben & Lora came on train. Paul & we met them at 9:30 p.m. They are sleeping at Rons.

Friday, December 24, 1993. Snow flurries, 24°. Pauls, Amy, Ben & Lori to town in p.m. We all went to Rons in evening. Had chili & oyster stew. Mabel there too. Rays were busy. Nice

evening. Allens called in morning. They're family all there. Had fibrillation, started at 9:00 a.m., stopped in night. Gave children \$60, grandch[ildren] \$25, g[reat]-grand[children] \$10.

Saturday, December 25, 1993. Fair, cold, 18°. We had brunch here at 10:00. Sausage, egg casserole, fruit, juice, coffeecake, roles. Had gift exchange. Got dress, furniture covers, book & necklace from Rons. Pete got suit, book, scrapbook covers, tie. Pauls [made] contribution to MCC. Amy [gave] candle, Ben 2 pictures & candy from he & Lora. Check for \$40 from Allens. Coffeepot & flashlight from Jon. A wonderful Christmas. Much to be thankful for. A white Christmas. Had dinner at Rons.

Sunday, December 26, 1993. Partly cloudy, cold, 17°. Paul and we, Ben & Laura to depot at 9:00. We went to church. Marj did some packing. We all went to Rons for lunch. Pauls, Amy & Todd left at 1:00 Chicago. Marjorie will go on to Goshen [to] get her mother [&] take her to Berne. Marj will fly home Wednesday. Was good to have them here. We miss them. I gave Jo, Shirley, Marj & grand girls crocheted doilies that I had.

Monday, December 27, 1993. Some sunshine, cold, 18°. 7° in morning. We did laundry. I washed plastic [table]cloth & towels in p.m. Rested.

Tuesday, December 28, 1993. Fair, 3° early a.m., 7° above by 7:00 a.m. 18° above. We went to town with Jo at 10:30. Took Pete's suit to *Wennie* (sp?) to have it altered. Got a shirt. Had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Went to grocery [store].

Wednesday, December 29, 1993. Cloudy, fair in p.m., very windy in p.m., colder, 13° – 24°. We volunteered at hospital. Met Jo at hospital at 12:30. We went to Von Maur. I got a dress in place of one Jo had gotten, it's a little too small. I appreciate all they do for us. We went to groceries & pharmacy.

Thursday, December 30, 1993. Mostly fair, 4° below early a.m., 21°. I baked coffeecake braid. We took Christmas tree & decorations down. Rested some. Rons to St. Louis today and to Martys at Columbia [Missouri] tomorrow. Deb called. They are coming Saturday PM.

Friday, December 31, 1993. Fair, nice day, 48°. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at 4:30. I went to beauty shop. Pete exchanged shirt. Had lunch at Bob Evans. Went to men's shop on Veterans [Parkway], got a larger belt. Jo had gotten one for him. Had a card from Andy in Sumatra.

Saturday, January 1, 1994. Cloudy, 41°. We watched parades. I made salad. Randys & Brittany got here at 4:30. We had roast beef with vegetables. Had good visit. Men watched football. Rest of us played cards. Allens & Pauls called to wish us happy new year. We invited Jon but he was busy.

Sunday, January 2, 1994. Cloudy, 36°. Randy's left for home at 5:00 a.m. We went to church. Home in p.m. & evening. Rons home at 5:30. Georgia called, they are about same. Georgia still has pain in her face. Steves got home from Ohio at 7:30. Deb called. They got home, 8:30 – 9:00. I got a hat, Pete a book from Marty.

Monday, January 3, 1994. Cloudy, 32°. We did the laundry & rested. Everyone back to work & school. I had fibrillation PM.

Tuesday, January 4, 1994. Few flurries in morning, fair, 29°. We went to bank. Met Dorothy [Scogin], Shinalls & Rosa [Girdler] at '76 for lunch. Went to pharmacy. Rested most of p.m. Still have fibrillation.

Wednesday, January 5, 1994. Cloudy, 31°, few flurries. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Walmart, got yarn for Afghan. Ron to hog show at Louisville Kentucky. Wrote to Rachel & sent Andy's birthday card.

Thursday, January 6, 1994. Cloudy, some flurries, 34°. I made being soup & date pudding. Rested most of day. I didn't feel good. Pulse 100 – 120+, blood pressure low in morning, then higher. Talked to Dr. Wera. Fibrillation stopped in night. Thankful for it.

Friday, January 7, 1994. Very cold, 10°, wind chill below zero. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to Birkelbaws, got apples. Read & rested.

Saturday, January 8, 1994. Clear, cold, 4° – 14° high. Finished cleaning. Went to town at 10:00 to beauty shop & grocery store. Rested & read. Jo flew to Wichita Kansas late p.m. to conference meeting. Ron home at 8:00 from Louisville Kentucky. He had Reserve Grand Champion gilt.

Sunday, January 9, 1994. Partly cloudy, 38°. We went to church. Ate at Denny's. Home in PM. Evelyn called. They are okay. Talked to Paul. They have over 12 inches snow. Allen called. They had some snow & cold, 15° below in morning.

Monday, January 10, 1994. Cloudy, started to snow at 10:30 a.m., had 3 – 4 inches. 31°. We did laundry. Had lunch at Ground Round with Laura [Stamback]. Got crochet hooks at Walmart. I started an Afghan. Shirley Krahn gave me a pattern. Jo home from Kansas at 6:30.

Tuesday, January 11, 1994. Cloudy, 35°. I made lemon pie with lemons from Evelyn. I worked on Afghan & read. Quiet day. Jo here awhile. Gave her some pie.

Wednesday, January 12, 1994. Cloudy, very foggy in morning, little slick in places, 34°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Were home in p.m. & evening. I had fibrillation again, started about 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 13, 1994. Cloudy, 28°, flurries in evening, colder toward evening. I didn't go to HEA. Still have fibrillation. Rested & got meals (a day wasted).

Friday, January 14, 1994. Clear, cold, 5° below in morning, 3° above, wind chill 20° plus below. Did some cleaning. Went to beauty shop & grocery store at 1:00. Rested. Fibrillation stopped at 10:30 a.m. Felt better.

Saturday, January 15, 1994. Clear, 17° below zero, 9° below high for the day, wind chill, 40 – 50 below. We stayed inside & glad we could. Did usual work. Allen called. Cold there, 27° below. I called Jeffs. They're okay. I made chicken casserole for small group tomorrow.

Sunday, January 16, 1994. Cloudy, started to snow about noon, 2 – 3 inches. We went to church. Had our small group at church. And Kaufman & I were co-hosts. Ron preached, appreciated his message. Got fruit at S[eventh] D[ay] A[dventists].

Monday, January 17, 1994. Clear, cold, near zero most of day. Went to Stroink's Lab at 7:30 for blood work. Did laundry. Rested. Made rhubarb crisp. Some fibrillation started 2:30 p.m. Valve on the pump froze up. Without water awhile. Jon fixed it. Fibrillation stopped in night.

Tuesday, January 18, 1994. Clear, 20° below in night, 10° below high for the day. Windchill 50 – 60° below [zero]. Broke records. I made vegetable soup. Steve came at 11:00. Helped me wash chandelier. Glad to have it done. Steve stayed for lunch. I made coffee cake & crocheted some on Afghan. Had a letter from Jeffs.

Wednesday, January 19, 1994. Cloudy, broke records again, 21° below early morning, 7° above high. We volunteered at hospital. I crocheted & read. Had an inch of snow in evening.

Thursday, January 20, 1994. Clear, 3° below, 7° high. Did usual work. Quiet day. Read & worked on Afghan.

Friday, January 21, 1994. Clear, 9° below, 27° high. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at noon. I went to beauty shop. Pete to Barber. Got groceries. I crocheted some. Marty here awhile, came at 4:30. He's here [for] Barrow show at ISU.

Saturday, January 22, 1994. Mostly cloudy, warmer, in 30s. I baked cookies & brownies. Finished some cleaning. Rested, crocheted. Had a quilt calendar from Evelyn.

Sunday, January 23, 1994. Cloudy, foggy. We went to church. We had lunch with Rons & Marty at Avanti's. Marty left for home about 1:00. I had fibrillation 3:00 a.m. until about 10:00 a.m. Allen called, has been cold there too. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, January 24, 1994. Cloudy, foggy, misted some, 44°. Most of snow melted. I had fibrillation again, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We did laundry. Rested.

Tuesday, January 25, 1994. Cloudy, foggy, 40°. Got meals & rested, read & crocheted. Went to Dr. Wera at 1:45. [He] increased some of my medication. He says fibrillation will increase more as time goes on. There is a new medication but it has side effects so for now I'll continue as have been.

Wednesday, January 26, 1994. Cloudy, 32°. Ice storm warnings out for tonight. Had some rain at 5:30 & freezing. We volunteered at hospital. Pete to see Dr. Quimby, has place on top of his head. Dr. took biopsy. Pete hit his head on pipe in basement & [it] didn't heal.

Thursday, January 27, 1994. Cloudy, very foggy all day, everything covered with ice in morning. Temp in 40s. Had some sleet too & rain. We were home. Had an appointment at Gailey's but canceled it. Read & worked on Afghan. Prime Timers canceled. Fibrillation started early a.m.

Friday, January 28, 1994. Cloudy, 20s all day, windy. We did some cleaning. Went to groceries & B[eauty] shop. Had lunch at Arby's. Jo here when she got home from school. Marty home, has interview to *Marion* (sp?) for a job. I had fibrillation.

Saturday, January 29, 1994. Cloudy, 31°, some flurries. Finished weekly cleaning. Rested & crocheted. Watched ice skating. Had 1+ inch snow in night.

Sunday, January 30, 1994. Cloudy, 24°, snow flurries most of day. We didn't go to church. Still have fibrillation. We went to Rons for dinner. They were to have small group but [it] was called off. Marty left for home at noon. Allen & Evelyn called. Allens had zero [temperature].

Monday, January 31, 1994. Clear, 2° below, 13°. We did the laundry. Rested, read & crocheted. Had card from Andys. They were in Singapore.

Tuesday, February 1, 1994. Clear, 7° below in morning, 18°. We met Tuesday group at Paradise gardens. Went to mall a while. Got groceries at Aldis. Met Rose [Girdler] at '76. Dorothy [Scogin] & Frieda [Shinall] not there. Frieda called in evening. Harold [Shinall] has been in hospital since last Thursday. Had fibrillation. I wrote in circle letter.

Wednesday, February 2, 1994. Partly cloudy, 31°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Had filter changed in car. Read & rested. Still have fibrillation. Fibrillation stopped at 7:00 p.m. It's a relief.

Thursday, February 3, 1994. Clear, 5° above, 29°. We went to Prime Timers. Took Mabel. Singleys didn't go. I worked some on Afghan.

Friday, February 4, 1994. Clear, 17° – 25°. Nice day, no wind. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at 1:00 to beauty shop. Got groceries. I crocheted some. Steve to Friedenswald.

Saturday, February 5, 1994. Nice day, Sunny, 33°. We went to Birkelbaws, got apples. Baked apples & had Swiss steak for dinner. Watched TV ice skating. Rested, worked on Afghan. Rons to Chicago at noon. Allen called. They're okay.

Sunday, February 6, 1994. Fair, warmer, 43°. We went to church. Ate at Red Lobster. Home in p.m. & evening. Read. Rons home from Chicago. Fibrillation started at 1:30 p.m. Paul called, they are busy.

Monday, February 7, 1994. Mostly cloudy, 21°. We did the laundry. Was to have lunch with Laura [Stamback] but I didn't feel like it. Still have fibrillation. We went to Dr. Quimby. Pete needs more surgery on his head. May want a surgeon to do it.

Tuesday, February 8, 1994. Most everything covered with ice, 17° high. Some snow flurries. Unit 5 schools closed early. I had an appointment at Gailey's, canceled it. I made vegetable soup & rhubarb crisp & coffeecake. Jo here awhile in evening, got the paper. Lot of accidents. Pete cracked some nuts. We had some snow in night.

Wednesday, February 9, 1994. Fair, 8° in morning, 16°. Good to see the sun. We volunteered at hospital. Had TB shots. All employees & volunteers are to have them. I worked on Afghan. Steve has had cold & temp all week.

Thursday, February 10, 1994. Fair, 3° below in morning, 25°. HEA meeting was canceled. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Rested & crocheted. Cindy called. Steve has pneumonia, has to take shots for a week. Sorry he's sick.

Friday, February 11, 1994. Clear, nice day, 8° – 29°. Did usual work. Went to town at noon. Got groceries, went to beauty shop & to Dr. Allen's office. Pete to have surgery on his head. Has cancerous cells. February 28th. Sorry he has to have it done. My fibrillation stopped at noon. Jo here awhile in evening.

Saturday, February 12, 1994. Cloudy, misted some, foggy, 34°. Pete to men's breakfast with Ron. Ron gave program on barns. I did usual work. Rested, worked on Afghan.

Sunday, February 13, 1994. Cloudy, 40°. Kinda slick in morning, clear in p.m. We went to church. Brought Kentucky [Fried] Chicken home. Arthurs called. They are going to Arizona Tuesday. Paul called, they are okay. [They] had talked to Ben & Andy. They [Andys] were in Thailand.

Monday, February 14, 1994. A nice day, 50° plus. Lot of snow melted. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at *Schooners* (sp?). I read and crocheted. Jo brought us a box of chocolates.

Tuesday, February 15, 1994. Fair, 45°, nice day. We had breakfast with Tuesday morning group. I went to Gailey's at 9:45. Didn't need to change glasses. Cataract has grown some. Rested & read and crocheted. Fibrillation started at 6:00 p.m. Stopped at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16, 1994. Fair, 49°. We volunteered at hospital. Had another TB shot. I took Mabel to Garfield club at Dorothy Singleys. Made salad & sandwiches for Sr. luncheon at our church tomorrow.

Thursday, February 17, 1994. Fair, 60°, nice day. I went to Stroink Lab at 8:00. Had breakfast at Mennonite. I went to bazaar meeting at 9:00. Pete did some things for Arlene. We went to Sr. luncheon at church at noon. Had Valentines from Amber & Ashley.

Friday, February 18, 1994. Fair, 63°, tied the record. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at 1:00. Allen called to tell us they were coming this evening. A nice surprise. Allens got here about 8:00 p.m. Good to see them.

Saturday, February 19, 1994. Cloudy, rained some, 50s. We visited with Allens. They took us to Jon's new house at Lake Bloomington. Nice house. Allens to Steves. They took us to dinner in evening. Rons & Jon along. Had trouble finding a place. Every place full. Ended up at Red Lobster.

Sunday, February 20, 1994. Cloudy some. Temp dropped in morning. 58° early a.m. Allens left at 8:45. Glad they could come. We went to church. Ate at Arby's. Home rest of day. Allen called, they got home at 3:00. Paul called, they're busy & okay.

Monday, February 21, 1994. Partly cloudy, 44°. We did the laundry. Went to Brokaw at 2:00. Pete had pre admission tests, EKG, chest x-ray & blood work. We went to church at 5:30 to MYF spaghetti supper & Goshen College chorale. Enjoyed it.

Tuesday, February 22, 1994. Cloudy, very windy, 32°. Started to snow & some sleet at 3:00 p.m. We met Tuesday morning group at Paradise Garden at 8:30. Steves here for supper, had lasagna & applesauce & Jell-O. Snowed in night. I had fibrillation for several hours early morning.

Wednesday, February 23, 1994. Cloudy, 28°. Snowed some in morning, 4 inches plus. School called off. Jo took us to Dr. Bertsche's. Pete had physical. Jo to school to work. Got home at noon. I crocheted some.

Thursday, February 24, 1994. Fair, 7° above, 22°. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers. I crocheted. Pete worked some on Income Tax. Watched Olympics.

Friday, February 25, 1994. Started to snow early morning, 33°, turned colder during day. Very windy. Blizzard conditions. White-outs. Schools canceled, lot of accidents, drifting. Ron to work. We did some cleaning. I worked on Afghan. Pete worked some on Income Tax. Watched Olympics. 5 inches snow.

Saturday, February 26, 1994. Clear, 3° – 24°, beautiful winter day. Jo & I to town at 10:00. Both went to beauty shop & groceries. We did the laundry and I finished weekly cleaning. Roads cleared pretty well.

Sunday, February 27, 1994. Partly cloudy. We went to church. MYF [Mennonite Youth Fellowship] had service, very good. We ate at Grand Café. Went to hospital, delivered Upper Rooms. Rons had small group. We went over for supper. Paul called us at Rons. Allen called.

Monday, February 28, 1994. Cloudy, 34°. Jo took Pete and I to BroMenn hospital at 6:30. Pete to OR at 8:00. Dr. Allen took a malignant growth from the top of his head. Took skin graft from his left abdomen. Pete got along very well. Ron & Evelyn B[ertsche] with me. Ron brought me home at 1:30. We are grateful the tumor wasn't as deep as Dr. had thought it might be. Allen & Paul called.

Tuesday, March 1, 1994. Partly cloudy in morning, cloudy in p.m., 37°. I made rhubarb crisp for dinner. Made 2 pie crusts for MCC [relief] sale. Crocheted. Pete is doing quite well. Has some discomfort on his head. Has a good-sized bun on top of his head. I had fibrillation, started at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 2, 1994. Clear, nice day, 34°. Pete doing quite well. I went to hospital, made Chip Kits & delivered mail. Went to groceries. I didn't feel very good, better in PM. Tom Kauffman here at 2:30 until nearly 4:00.

Thursday, March 3, 1994. Fair, nice day, 49°. Lot of snow melted. Did the usual work. I made 2 more pie crusts for MCC sale. Pete read. He has some discomfort on his head. I worked on Afghan. Paul called, they had more snow. No school at Clark today. Georgia called. They had a good trip to Arizona.

Friday, March 4, 1994. Fair, nice day, 54°. Did weekly cleaning. Went to town at 11:00, got groceries. I went to beauty shop. Pete had appointment with Dr. Allen. He took dressing off his head. The graft looks good. Put smaller dressing on. Went to hospital reception for Barb Beamer who is moving to Texas. I had physical at Dr. Bertsche's at 4:00.

Saturday, March 5, 1994. Fair, nice day, 54°. Rons took us to Chenoa to Phil Harland for Income Tax. Jo & I went to antique store. Had lunch in Chenoa. Stopped at new house at Lake Bloomington. Ron stayed to do some painting. Jo took us to Birkelbaws [to] get apples. Marty came to Rons, [he] has some judging tomorrow.

Sunday, March 6, 1994. Fair, cloudy in evening, 63°, nice day. We were home all day. Pete doing quite well. Had quite a lot of drainage from abdomen. I made butterscotch pie, gave Rons some. Allen called, they are okay. Marty here [a] few minutes. He went home. Paul called. Had ½ inch rain in night.

Monday, March 7, 1994. 49°, cloudy in morning, sun shone midafternoon. We did the laundry. Rested. Crocheted some. Steve & children brought pizza for supper. Cindy wasn't feeling very well so stayed home.

Tuesday, March 8, 1994. Partly cloudy, 38°. Did the usual work. Baked pecan rolls. Gave Rons some. Pete feeling some better. I worked on Afghan & read. Fibrillation started 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9, 1994. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 40°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Did some errands in p.m. I crocheted some on Afghan. Fibrillation stopped around 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 10, 1994. Fair, 44°, had snow flurries in evening. I went with Louise Kinsinger to HEA. Mabel & Dorothy [Singley] along too. Rested when got home. Had pain in my back. Pete read & took it easy. He's doing okay.

Friday, March 11, 1994. Foggy in morning, fair, 46°. We went to town in p.m. Pete saw Dr. Allen. He says the graft is doing real well. Got groceries. Did some cleaning. I worked some [on] Afghan.

Saturday, March 12, 1994. Partly cloudy, 64°. Did usual work, crocheted. Rested. Jo here awhile in p.m. Cindy & children came at 5:00, stayed awhile. Steve at Iowa churches.

Sunday, March 13, 1994. Partly cloudy, had shower late p.m., 54°. We went to church. Had small group at church. Marilyn Reeser was hostess. Went after fruit at SDA church at 4:00. Paul called. They're going to New Hampshire for [a] few days.

Monday, March 14, 1994. Partly cloudy, 60°. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Baker's Square. Nice restaurant. Rested, worked on Afghan. Allen called. He had laryngitis over weekend but is better.

Tuesday, March 15, 1994. Fair, windy, 55°. Went to town at 10:00. I had a permanent. Pete went to Museum. We ate at McDonald's, home in PM. I'm crocheting on Afghan.

Wednesday, March 16, 1994. Clear, 18° – 44°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I took Mabel to Garfield club at Verna Wallace. Were home in evening.

Thursday, March 17, 1994. 45°, chilly wind. Went to Stroink Lab at 7:00, have blood work & urinalysis done. I went to auxiliary luncheon at BroMenn Med Center. Had a mammogram after meeting. Pete home. Wrote to Jeffs.

Friday, March 18, 1994. Clear, very windy, 56°. We went to church at 6:00 a.m. Helped with shoo-fly pies (75). Finished before 11:00. Esther Brown & Louise Reeser brought lasagna. I took coffee for in a.m. Got groceries. Pete to Dr. Allen. He took all dressings off. Looks good. [Dr.] to see him in 2 weeks.

Saturday, March 19, 1994. Cloudy, 56°. We went with Jeanette to MCC [Relief] Sale. Left at 7:00. Large crowd. We had pancakes & sausage. We watched quilts sale. Helen Miller had one Dresden Plate [pattern] sold for \$1500, pretty. We got home at 2:30. Allen called. They're pretty good. Shirley had some back trouble.

Sunday, March 20, 1994. Cloudy, 64°. Went to church, brought KFC home for lunch. Joe Dovalls here awhile in p.m. Arthurs & Evelyn called. Paul called. They had a good weekend in New Hampshire. He goes to Boston for meeting this coming weekend.

Monday, March 21, 1994. Cloudy, clearing at noon, 58°. We did laundry. Susan Hartzold here in p.m. Interviewed Pete for Historical Museum. I finished Afghan for Shirley. Started one for Jo.

Tuesday, March 22, 1994. Clear, windy, 75° – 77°. We had breakfast with Tuesday morning group at Paradise Garden. I made coffee cake braid & made quick coffeecake. I worked some on Afghan. Chester Ropp died.

Wednesday, March 23, 1994. Fair, 80°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I sorted some of my nursing papers & books. Amazing how much I've forgotten.

Thursday, March 24, 1994. Fair, 48°, much cooler. I cleaned some kitchen cupboards. We went with Lloyd S[ingleys] to Prime Timers dinner at noon. Crocheted some. Made split pea soup.

Friday, March 25, 1994. Fair, nice day, 51°. 50 years ago today Paul was born. He & Marjorie are spending few days in Boston. He has meeting. We went to Chester Ropp's funeral at 10:00. Ron had a nice service for him. Cleaned upstairs. Pete helped some.

Saturday, March 26, 1994. 42°, cloudy, rainy day. We did the weekly cleaning & cleaned cupboards in bathroom. Pam called. They are coming April 10th. Will be glad to see them. Allen called. Shirley still has some back problems.

Sunday, March 27, 1994. Cloudy in morning, some sunshine in p.m., 50°. We went to church. Had lunch at Hardee's, home rest of day. Talked to Ben, he is coming for Easter. Paul called. They got home from Boston. He had good meeting.

Monday, March 28, 1994. Cloudy in morning, some sunshine rest of day, 42°. Did the laundry. Cleaned broom closet & some of cupboards. Rons took us to church. Hesston [College] choir gave a good program. Unit 5 schools on vacation.

Tuesday, March 29, 1994. Fair, 46°. I cleaned closets in our bedroom. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall] & Mary *Krutze* (sp?). We got piece of linoleum for cupboards. Cooked chicken. Pete sowed some grass seed & took part of stump of shrubbery in front of house out.

Wednesday, March 30, 1994. Partly cloudy, few light snowflakes, 45°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked cookies & stirred up sugar cookies. Jo here [few] minutes in evening.

Thursday, March 31, 1994. Fair, nice day, 56°. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Fixed sweet pickles. Rested. Crocheted. Didn't feel good, had fibrillation.

Friday, April 1, 1994. Fair, lovely day, 70° plus. Went to town in morning to beauty shop & got groceries. Did weekly cleaning. Pete trimmed grapes & I worked outside some, cleaned off flower bed. Paul M[iller] here, put in the early garden. Paul helped Pete takes snow fence down.

Saturday, April 2, 1994. Fair in a.m., cloudy, 70°. Some rain in evening. Did some cleaning. Baked angel food cake. Colored eggs, fixed baskets. We worked outside awhile in p.m. Ben called. He won't be coming today, short of money & also has cold. Sorry he can't come. Allen called. Micks were there. They went home after lunch.

Sunday, April 3, 1994. Beautiful Easter day, 52°. Rons gave us a lily. We went to church. Cindy directed choir, "Light Eternal," very good. We & Steves were at Rons. I took angel food cake. Had good dinner. Gave Rons some of my nursing school books. Pauls called. Amy & Todd had dinner with them.

Monday, April 4, 1994. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., windy, 62°. We did laundry. Went to Dr. Allen in PM. Pete's graft is doing alright. [He's to] go back in 6 weeks. I took some of my nursing textbooks to School's Library. Steve & children here at 4:00, planted some peas.

Tuesday, April 5, 1994. Cloudy, chilly, 40s, had some snow in evening. I cleaned the kitchen. Steves came in evening, brought cake for Matthew's birthday. Had ice cream. He got lots of gifts. Ron & Jon here too. Jo had meeting at school.

Wednesday, April 6, 1994. Cloudy, clearing in evening, 46°, chilly. Ground covered with snow in morning. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I wrote in circle letter. Worked on Afghan. Had letter from Pat. She is 15 ½ weeks pregnant with twins.

Thursday, April 7, 1994. Clear, nice day, 21° in morning, 52°. Had a quiet day. Had fibrillation in morning. Felt better in PM. Rons and Don Nester left after work for medical meeting in Columbus Ohio. I went with Dorothy S[ingleton] to Spring Fling at Farm Bureau. Ron is to get an award.

Friday, April 8, 1994. Fair, 62°, windy. Did usual weekly cleaning. I washed woodwork, etc. in bathroom. Made some rhubarb crisp. Rested.

Saturday, April 9, 1994. Cloudy, 62°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop. We got groceries. Did the laundry. Rested. Worked on Afghan.

Sunday, April 10, 1994. Cloudy in a.m., 62°, mostly sunny in p.m. We went to church. Brought KFC home to eat. Micks got here at 3:50. Good to see them. Steves brought dinner out (very good). Rons home from Ohio health meeting. He was awarded the Anabaptist health award. A very nice plaque & telegram from Strassheim his boss. Letter from Bill Dunn & others. We are proud of Ron and his accomplishment.

Monday, April 11, 1994. Cloudy, a rainy day, 50s. Pete went with Micks to Beichs to get chocolate. They drove to Lake Bloomington to see the house. I made casserole for lunch. Micks to Steves in PM. Micks took us to Ned Kelley's at 6:30. Steves there too. Rons were busy. Mick brought us & Ashley home. He went back to Steves. Girls made some earrings.

Tuesday, April 12, 1994. Heavy rain last night. We had about 2 inches yesterday and last night. DeWitt County had flooding. [Also] Farmer City, Clinton, etc. Micks left at 9:45 for home. Enjoyed having them. Sun came out at noon. 61°. Cloudy again in evening. We were at Rons awhile in evening. Heard the tape of the Anabaptist award that Ron received. James Waltner presented it. Glad for Ron, he deserved it.

Wednesday, April 13, 1994. Cloudy, rained some in morning, 50°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got home at 1:30. Cleaned the closet in guest room and the flower stand.

Thursday, April 14, 1994. Beautiful day, 77°. Went to Stroink Lab in morning for blood test. Cleaned the West bedroom. We worked outside little while. I had fibrillation off & on part of day.

Friday, April 15, 1994. Mostly cloudy, very windy, 50s. Did some cleaning. Went to beauty shop at 11:00. Had pancakes & sausage at Kiwanis. Made vegetable soup, getting supper. Pete thought soup was done, started to open cooker. It exploded. Blue lid off & soup & vegetables on ceiling & floor. Never saw such a mess. Ron came, helped wash off. Thank goodness, but lucky we didn't get hurt. Jo had soup so we went there for supper. The Emericks came for hog sale.

Saturday, April 16, 1994. Clear, nice day, 60s, windy. I baked coffeecake braid. Rested some. Didn't feel very well in morning. Ron & Emmericks & Marty to ISU to hog sale. Allens to Shirley's brother's wedding at *Martin* (sp?). They went to Steves after wedding. They came here about 8:00. Stayed all night.

Sunday, April 17, 1994. Clear, 70°, fine day. Allens left at 8:20 for home. Wish they could have stayed longer. We went to church. Ate at Grand Café. Ron's company left in morning. Gave Shirley an Afghan. Called Arthurs, they are doing okay. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, April 18, 1994. Clear, nice day, windy, 81°. We did laundry. Met Laura [Stamback] at Cracker Barrel for lunch. Got groceries at Aldis. Rested. Steve & children here. He planted sweetcorn.

Tuesday, April 19, 1994. Beautiful day, 71°. We cleaned our bedroom. Washed bedding and rugs. Barry Weavers came in p.m. for little visit. Children enjoyed the pigs, etc. They brought us a bouquet of flowers. Gave Marge some rhubarb.

Wednesday, April 20, 1994. Fair, another nice day, 69°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Volunteer luncheon at BroMenn Medical Center. I took Mabel to Garfield club at Maxine [Alwes]. Pete uncovered roses. They came through the winter good. I baked coffeecake & made cherry dessert for tomorrow.

Thursday, April 21, 1994. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 60°. Made some things for lunch. Went to Sr. Citizen luncheon at church. 37 there. Head Start had program. Children sang. I quilted some on baby quilt for auxiliary.

Friday, April 22, 1994. Clear, nice day, 62°. I cleaned the hall & Cedar closet. Pete mowed the lawn. I worked outside awhile, cleaned off asparagus bed, etc. Quilted some on auxiliary quilt.

Saturday, April 23, 1994. Clear, nice day, 70°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop. Pete trimmed some shrubbery. I planted our geraniums we got at volunteer luncheon. I spaded some in flower beds. Quilted, finished one baby quilt for auxiliary. Allen called, got his quota for campaign. We washed the car.

Sunday, April 24, 1994. Fair, 82°, nice day. We went to church. Ate at Avanti's, came home in PM. We went with Rons to Music Festival at our church. Large crowd. Paul called, they are okay. He has 1 week of classes.

Monday, April 25, 1994. Mostly fair, 82°, windy. We did the laundry. I quilted on baby quilt. Cooked some rhubarb. Jo to workshop at Springfield.

Tuesday, April 26, 1994. Partly cloudy, hazy, very windy, 84°. I had breakfast at Denny's with Tuesday morning group. Pete & I to Casey's, got some flowers & vegetable plants. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler] & Shinalls. I finish quilting baby quilts for the auxiliary. I took Jeanette some rhubarb. Had thunderstorm in evening & some hail. Under tornado warning awhile.

Wednesday, April 27, 1994. Fair, nice day, 60s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Had an appointment with Dr. Wera. He gave me Vancenases for sinus. We watch the funeral for Richard Nixon in California. We had rain in night.

Thursday, April 28, 1994. Rained most of morning, 60s. We went to Diamond Jubilee Founders Day celebration of Mennonite College of Nursing, 75 years. Very nice program. Mennonite Church choir sang the "Gospel Mass." A luncheon was served at 1:30 after the program at 12:00. Ron was there too. We took Jeanette. Had $\frac{3}{4}$ inch rain since yesterday.

Friday, April 29, 1994. Partly cloudy, 52°. Did some weekly cleaning. Cleaned the bookshelves in living room. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I planted petunias in flower beds by the house.

Saturday, April 30, 1994. Rained most of day, cold, 39°. We went to town in morning. Home rest of day. Rested. I crocheted. Allen called. June campaign is over. He made his quota.

Sunday, May 1, 1994. Fair, nice day, 50°. We went to church. Jeanette & we ate at hospital. Had open house, 1:00 – 3:00 celebrating 75 years since hospital started. Had lot of people. Jeanette & I & 2 others quilted. Pete helped direct people. Ron home from meeting in Wis.(sp?). Earl Kaufmans took us to Home Builders at Bob Kauffmans. Paul called.

Monday, May 2, 1994. Fair, nice day, 61°. We did the laundry in morning. I washed slipcovers in PM. Pete trimmed Rambler roses. I raked up some grass. Georgia & Arthur [Yoder] called.

Tuesday, May 3, 1994. Fair, 60s. Cleaned furniture & washed Windows in dining & living rooms. We planted cucumbers & beets. Set out dozen tomato plants & 6 cabbage & some cauliflower & egg plants. Cindy & Katie came after me. Went to mother – daughter dinner. Jo had meeting. Cindy & Katie sang. Very nice.

Wednesday, May 4, 1994. Fair, cloudy in evening, 68°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home before 2:00. Rested some. Paul M[iller] here, planting garden. Had a card from Andys. They had been in Vietnam 4 weeks. Clara Stutzman passed away.

Thursday, May 5, 1994. Fair, 74°, nice day. Had a shower in evening. We finished cleaning the dining & living room. Repotted some violets. Wrote to Marjorie & Paul & Arthurs.

Friday, May 6, 1994. Cloudy and some showers. We had 1/3 inch rain last night. We went to town in p.m., got groceries. I went to beauty shop. Had fibrillation, started 7 AM. Chilly day.

Saturday, May 7, 1994. Had rain in morning, 56°, mostly cloudy in p.m. We went to Clara Stutzman's funeral at 10:30 at Carlock church. We rested. I crocheted some. Fibrillation stopped at about noon. Had card & bookmark from Deb, card from Pauls, card & \$15 from Allens. Had nearly [an] inch [of] rain.

Sunday, May 8, 1994. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Allen called in morning. We went to Rons for dinner. Ron & Jon got most of dinner. Deb, Randy & Brittany called. Good to talk to them. Rons gave me a Mirandy rose bush. Paul called, they are okay. A nice Mother's Day.

Monday, May 9, 1994. A clear beautiful day, 72°. We did the laundry, rested. Pete mowed the lawn. [I] read & worked on Afghan.

Tuesday, May 10, 1994. Clear. Had eclipse of Sun at noon. 76°, nice day. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Cleaned fruit room & set out glad bulbs & sewed some Phlox seed. Hoed roses. Rons planted the rose bush for me. Ron did some trimming in yard. We appreciate their help.

Wednesday, May 11, 1994. Mostly fair, windy, 81°. I went to Stroink Lab at 7:00. Had breakfast at hospital. We volunteered. Went to Dr. Ocheltree at 2:00. He removed wax from [my] right ear. I fed & watered roses. Pete trimmed some grass around trees. Light shower in town at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, 1994. Fair, nice day, 72°. I went to HEA with Louise K[insinger]. Meeting started late as Town Hall wasn't open. People who have a key forgot to open door. Jeanette stopped, got some rhubarb. I put 3 cartons of rhubarb in freezer. Made a crisp & cooked some. Pete did some trimming. Paul M[iller] here worked in garden.

Friday, May 13, 1994. Fair, 73°, nice day. We defrosted freezer. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to grocery store in PM. Rested, had fibrillation awhile in morning.

Saturday, May 14, 1994. Cloudy, rained in morning & p.m., 60s. I shampooed my hair. Finished cleaning. Baked a small coffee cake. Allen called, they're okay.

Sunday, May 15, 1994. Clear, 76°, windy. We didn't go to church. There was a workshop (Life Growth). We went to Elms at El Paso for dinner. Stopped at Lake Bloomington. Ron there at house. We drove around Lake Evergreen. Paul M[iller]s here awhile. Paul called, they are okay.

Monday, May 16, 1994. A beautiful day, 76°. We did the laundry. Went to Dr. Allen. Pete's head is doing all right but has a place on his nose. Dr. Allen wants him to see Dr. Quimby this week. Pete mowed lawn after supper.

Tuesday, May 17, 1994. Another clear day, 74°. We cleaned the recreation room. Went to Dr. Quimby at 11:15. Dr. used liquid nitrogen on Pete's nose. Is to see him again in 4 weeks. We planted 15 flower plants in truck patch.

Wednesday, May 18, 1994. Another beautiful day, 76°. We volunteered at hospital. Jeanette & I went with Lucy C[atherine] to Garfield luncheon at Danvers Tea Room. I came home with Dorothy S[ingley]. Pete had car greased on way home from hospital. I worked outside awhile.

Thursday, May 19, 1994. Clear, fine day, 76°. We cleaned the laundry & furnace room. Glad it's done. Crocheted some on Afghan. Jo here awhile in evening. Ron & Jon left for meeting at Ann Arbor Michigan.

Friday, May 20, 1994. Clear, another beautiful day, 80°. Did some cleaning. Went to town. I went to beauty shop, got groceries. Didn't feel very good. Fibrillation since yesterday p.m. Jeff called in evening. Pat is doing quite well. Their twin girls are due in September.

Saturday, May 21, 1994. Another fine day, 86°. Did the usual work. Pete mowed lawn in morning. Rested. Worked in garden, spaded up part of flower bed. Marty & friend at Rons. They are meeting Ron & Jon. Going fishing in Lake Michigan.

Sunday, May 22, 1994. Fair lovely day, 80s. We went to church. Small group at church retreat at [Camp] Menno Haven. Had lunch at Bishops. Marty & friend at Jo's last night, left at noon for Michigan. Will meet Ron & Jon to go fishing in Lake Michigan tomorrow. Jo & we to her school at 4:00. She had work to do. Helped her a little. We had pizza on way home. Evelyn called. They leave for Kansas & Missouri tomorrow. Paul & Allen called, they're okay.

Monday, May 23, 1994. Fair, quite warm, 88°. We were to meet Laura [Stamback] but Jo needed our car so called it off which was good as I didn't feel good most of day. We did the laundry. I finished Jo's Afghan. Ron & boys home at 8:00.

Tuesday, May 24, 1994. Fair, 86°, more humid. Thunderstorm watch & warnings out in evening. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Did some shopping, got yarn for Marjorie's Afghan. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Dr. & Frieda Shinall. Rested some. Wrote few lines to Marty & Renée. Had a shower in evening.

Wednesday, May 25, 1994. Fair, 84°. Thunderstorm watch in evening. We volunteered at hospital in a.m. I washed some blouses in PM. Crocheted some. Worked outside short time in evening. Pete hoed cucumbers. Had light shower in evening.

Thursday, May 26, 1994. Cloudy and chilly in morning, 40s – 76°. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers. Mabel & Jeanette along too. I polished some silver pieces in morning. I crocheted some. Talked to Georgia, sent them \$10 [for flowers] for Memorial Day.

Friday, May 27, 1994. Clear, 69°. Went to town in morning. To beauty shop, got groceries. We painted the picnic table & benches.

Saturday, May 28, 1994. Another nice day, 69°. I baked cookies, gave Rons some. Pete mowed lawn. We had lunch with Earl Raders at Denny's. I painted picnic table & benches another coat of paint. Pete did some trimming & Ron did with mower.

Sunday, May 29, 1994. Fair, 82°, breezy. We went to church. Rons & we to Olive Garden Restaurant. Had gift certificate from Marty. We took flowers to both cemeteries. Jo to school to work. Ron home with us. Paul & Allen called. They are okay.

Monday, May 30, 1994. Partly cloudy, 86°, more humid. We did the usual work, laundry etc. Rested. Worked on Afghan. Pete hoed some in truck patch. A quiet Memorial Day. Rons working at home.

Tuesday, May 31, 1994. Partly cloudy, 86°. We need rain. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to Jackson's to get strawberries but not very nice & high [priced]. Rested & crocheted. Pete worked in truck patch awhile.

Wednesday, June 1, 1994. Fair, 82°. I went to Dr Stroink Lab at 7:30. Had breakfast at hospital. We had lunch with Chip people at the conference room. Nice lunch. I set out a few more flowers. Had a shower in evening.

Thursday, June 2, 1994. Cloudy, cooler, 62°. Had a shower in morning. We need more rain. I polished silverware. Rested. Crocheted.

Friday, June 3, 1994. Cloudy in morning, clear, 76°. Did some cleaning. Worked outside some. Cut some grass & weeds. Rested. Worked on Afghan. *Trane* (sp?) Man here, checked air condition. Marty at Rons.

Saturday, June 4, 1994. Fair, 82°, nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop. Did usual work. Crocheted. A quiet day. Marty here awhile.

Sunday, June 5, 1994. Fair, 82°. We went to church. Brought K[entucky] F[ried] Chicken home for lunch. Home rest of day. Rested & read. Jo here short time. Marty went home. Paul called, he is coming Wednesday.

Monday, June 6, 1994. Fair, 92°. We did laundry. I didn't feel very good. Had fibrillation. Was to meet Laura [Stamback], called it off. Pete mowed lawn. Steves brought pizza for supper. They worked in garden. Paul called, he's renting a car in Chicago. Couldn't make good connections on bus. He's coming Wednesday evening.

Tuesday, June 7, 1994. Fair, hot, 93°. Wind turned to N[orth] E[ast] at 4:00. Temp dropped about 20°. Thunder showers in places. Hope we get rain. Have to water plants. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Did some errands. Rested. Still don't feel up to par.

Wednesday, June 8, 1994. Cloudy, windy & chilly, 59°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Rested. Made rhubarb crisp. Paul got here at 6:30. We went to Rons, had pizza. Good to see Paul. The airline lost his luggage.

Thursday, June 9, 1994. Fair, 79°, warmer. We visited with Paul. Took the day easy. Ron took Paul to lunch. I roasted duck for dinner. Jo ate with us. Ron had a meeting. Rested, still don't feel up to par.

Friday, June 10, 1994. Partly cloudy, 80°. We did some weekly cleaning in morning. Paul left at 1:00 to meet Marjorie at O'Hare. We went to town. I went to beauty shop & got groceries. I baked angel food cake & brownies.

Saturday, June 11, 1994. Fair, nice day, 82°. Ron to Pork Expo at Indianapolis. Jo & we left at 6:40 for Chicago to Ben's graduation at 10:00. Had breakfast at Pontiac. Met Pauls & Ben after the service. Had reception on quad. Very nice. Took pictures, etc. We all ate at Swedish restaurant about 1:30. We left Pauls & Bn at 3:00. Got home at 6:00. Thankful to Jo for taking us. We enjoyed it. I felt better too, pulse back to normal.

Sunday, June 12, 1994. Partly cloudy. Had shower in area. We had a very light when. 89°. We didn't go to church. I had some fibrillation. Paul & Marjorie got here at 1:15. Had good visit. Rons gave Pete Red Bud tree for Father's Day. Ron & Paul planted it north of house. We all went to Rons for dinner. Had Father's Day dinner. I took cake. Woizeski reunion (unclear) is to be in Decatur next year.

Monday, June 13, 1994. Partly cloudy, hot, humid, 91°. We visited with Pauls. They went to Rons. Watched the tape on ADD. I got dinner, had Swiss steak. Jo ate with us to. Pauls left for O'Hare at 2:15. They fly home at 6:30. Was good to have them. Glad they could come. We washed 3 loads. Watered flowers & roses.

Tuesday, June 14, 1994. Partly cloudy, windy, hot, 92°. Lawns are getting brown. We need rain. Did laundry. Paul M[iller] here. He gave us some peas. Cindy & children here in evening. Picked some of their peas. We helped some. Steve is gone to meeting.

Wednesday, June 15, 1994. Clear, hot, 95°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got 8 boxes Michigan strawberries. Put 7 jars in freezer, made 1 ½ pints preserves. Kept some to eat. Evelyn called. They had good trip to Kansas and Missouri.

Thursday, June 16, 1994. 92°. I washed Navy & black suits & pantsuits & sweaters. Pete mowed part of lawn. I hoed around roses & watered again. Wish we could get rain. Gardeners were out to water some plants. Cindy came late, picked some peas.

Friday, June 17, 1994. Fair, hot, 95°. I had a permanent in morning. Did some cleaning. We went to town at 1:00. Pete had appointment with Dr. Quimby. His nose is healed. He put some liquid nitrogen on a few places, ear & neck. Cindy picked more peas. Steve brought some berries from Plow Creek.

Saturday, June 18, 1994. Another hot day, 96° plus. Did the usual work. Paul M[iller] here in p.m., picked peas. Gave us some. Put 3 pints in freezer. Gave Jo the berries that Steve brought. We had a shower in p.m. Wish [we] could get more.

Sunday, June 19, 1994. Fair, hot, 95°. Looked rainy in evening. Allen called in morning, wished Pete a happy Father's Day. Paul called in p.m. He was leaving for Memphis to seminar. Will be there most of this week. We went to church. Ate at Avanti's. Home [in] p.m. and evening.

Monday, June 20, 1994. Partly cloudy, 95°, hot. Pete not feeling well, frequent urination, temp in p.m., 102.6. Called Dr. B[ertsche]. Ordered antibiotic. Ron went to drugstore for me. I did the laundry. Paul M[iller] gave us some peas. I put 3 pints in freezer.

Tuesday, June 21, 1994. Clear, 91°, cooler breeze in evening, but still dry. Pete feeling better, temp 99°. We had quiet day. Read some of Andy's letters. Crocheted. Did usual work. Didn't get to meet with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda & Harold [Shinall].

Wednesday, June 22, 1994. Fair, 91°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Home by 1230. Rested. Pete is better, no temp. Fed and watered the roses. I worked on Afghan.

Thursday, June 23, 1994. Cloudy, few light showers, 86°, humid. Had air conditioner on. We didn't go to Prime Timers. Didn't have the energy. We rested. I crocheted some & read.

Friday, June 24, 1994. Cloudy in morning, showered, 81°. We had 1/3 inch [rain] since last evening, glad for it. I went to Stroink Lab at 8:00. Had breakfast at Steak 'n Shake. Had hair done. Picked peas. Put 5 ½ pints in freezer. The big hackberry tree in yard is dead. IPL [Illinois Power & Light] came out, to cut wire down. Ron cut tree down. He & Jo cleaned up most of it. We took them to Goodfield for dinner. Glad the tree is down.

Saturday, June 25, 1994. Fair, 87°, cloudy in evening. I did some laundry, raincoats, sweaters, etc. Did some cleaning. Ron sawed a dead Lamb off one of our trees. We went to Dr. Oyers 50th wedding anniversary recital at our church, Debra Sutter and Lawrence Burkhalter. Had large crowd. Jon home from Allens. He put new roof on their house. Allen called.

Sunday, June 26, 1994. Mostly cloudy, had few showers, 82°. Were under tornado warning in evening for about 2 hours. Had rain in places. We had light shower. We went to church. Brot KFC home for dinner. Were home rest of day. Paul called, he got home from a week at Memphis. Steve to [Camp] Friedenswald.

Monday, June 27, 1994. Fair, 82°. We did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Lucca Grill. We worked outside short time. Paul M[iller] left some peas. Gave them to Jo. Had thunderstorm in night, but very little rain.

Tuesday, June 28, 1994. Fair, nice day, breezy, 88°. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to annual HEA meeting. Mabel along too. Was at Times Past Party room. Pete mowed lawn.

Wednesday, June 29, 1994. Partly cloudy, 80°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Rested some. Jo bought some plants to put in a tub on the stump of the hackberry tree.

Thursday, June 30, 1994. Fair, 84°. I made rhubarb crisp for dinner. Had ribs and sauerkraut. Invited Jo but she had to go to town. Jon ate with us. Enjoyed having him. We had good visit with him. Pete wrote some letters. I did few odd jobs. Rested.

Friday, July 1, 1994. Fair, hot, 90°. Did some cleaning. I picked Paul M[iller's] beans (they are gone). Shared some with Jo. We rested. Baked cookies in p.m. Gave Rons some. Marty at Rons.

Saturday, July 2, 1994. Cloudy, had shower in p.m., cooler, 76°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop, got groceries. Rons to Dan Nester's wedding at Goshen Indiana. Marty here awhile in p.m. I hoed flowerbeds. I worked on Afghan. Allen called, they're okay.

Sunday, July 3, 1994. Fair, 85°. We went to church. Ate at Grand Café. We went to Rons for supper. I took butterscotch pie. Marty brought some fireworks from Missouri. Set them off in our backyard. In nice evening.

Monday, July 4, 1994. Partly cloudy, humid, 90°. Windy. We did laundry, rested, crocheted. A quiet 4th. Paul & Arthurs called. Pauls had company over weekend. Marty judged at Rushville, left early. Rons went too. They took us to near Normal, watched fireworks. I made ½ gallon dill pickles.

Tuesday, July 5, 1994. Fair, hot, 93°, humid and dry. I did usual work. We worked in yard awhile in morning. Rested & I worked on Afghan.

Wednesday, July 6, 1994. Cloudy in morning, 93°, had light shower in p.m. Heavy rain & hail northeast of us (Lexington, Towanda and Hudson). We volunteered at hospital in morning. I picked cucumbers. Canned ½ gallon dill pickles. Jo here awhile. Ron going to Des Moines next week, asked us to go along to Allens. Talked to Shirley. They will be glad to have us.

Thursday, July 7, 1994. Fair to partly cloudy, 91°. We went to town at 9:00. Took our drivers test, passed. Glad it's over for another year. I baked zucchini bread. Gave Jo a loaf. I crocheted some. We had our 1st ripe tomato.

Friday, July 8, 1994. Cloudy, cooler, 81°, windy. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to beauty shop in p.m. Went to Pennys, got some hose & bra. Watered some flowers. Still no rain.

Saturday, July 9, 1994. Partly cloudy, 76°, lovely day, but still dry. I did usual work, crocheted some. Rons & John Kings here awhile in p.m. They had been at Aaras's sale. John is interested in genealogy. Jo had a fall later in p.m., hurt her shoulder. We were there awhile in evening.

Sunday, July 10, 1994. A nice day, 81°. We went to church. Had lunch at Avanti's. Home rest of day, rested. I went to Jo's awhile. She feels some better but still very sore. Allen & Paul called. Always good to talk to them.

Monday, July 11, 1994. Clear, warmer, 84°. We did laundry. Rested some. I crocheted awhile. Made 2 quarts dill pickles. Andys left India for London.

Tuesday, July 12, 1994. Fair, 88°. We had lunch at '76 with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall]. Got some meds & groceries. Got ½ flat of strawberries for \$1.00. Gave Jo most of them. Jo still not feeling good from her fall.

Wednesday, July 13, 1994. Partly cloudy, very hazy, 89°. We volunteered at hospital. I canned 4 quarts of dill pickles. Was at Jo's awhile. She is feeling better. Marty came in p.m. He is going to Allen Denzer's wedding. Leaves tomorrow with Wally [Denzer]s for California.

Thursday, July 14, 1994. Fair, 86°. Did some cleaning. I had hair done & Pete had haircut. Jo here awhile in p.m. She's still stiff & sore from the fall. I did some packing.

Friday, July 15, 1994. Fair. Ron, Pete and I left at 6:50 for Allens. Had breakfast at Goodfield, lunch at Amanas. Got to Allens 1:00. Good to see them. Ron went on to Des Moines to port show. Pam, Mick & girls came about 5:30. Ron came back too. We had dinner on patio. Everything nice & green here. They are having rain.

Saturday, July 16, 1994. Had 1/3 inch rain 6:00 a.m. Cloudy in morning, fair. Shirley had to be at office in morning. We visited with Allen. Micks got up late. Micks left for home at 3:00. Allens, Ron & we took drive, then to Ames, had dinner at Chinese restaurant. Watched the 3 Tenors musical [program]. Got to bed at 1:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 17, 1994. Fair. We left Allens at 9:20 for home. Had lunch at the Amana's. We got home at 3:30. Good to see we had rain. Jo said it rained an inch or more last night. We are thankful for nice weekend. Glad we could be at Allens again. Evelyn called, Paul called. Andys got to Pauls last Friday. Talked to Andy. They're glad to be back after their trip around the world.

Monday, July 18, 1994. Clear, nice day, 89°. Did the laundry. Made 5 ½ pints bread-and-butter pickles & ½ gallon of Dills. Jo here awhile in p.m.

Tuesday, July 19, 1994. Looked rainy in morning, light shower, hot, 91°. Partly cloudy in p.m., windy. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Got groceries. I baked 2 big batches of lemon bars. Made ½ gallon dill pickles. East White Oak church burned at 5:00 a.m. They saved the brick building.

Wednesday, July 20, 1994. Fair, hot, 90°. Had storm warnings at 6:00 p.m. Tornadoes around Peoria. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Had blood work at Stroink Lab. I canned 4 quarts dill pickles.

Thursday, July 21, 1994. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 86°. Had a shower about 7 PM. I baked coffeecake braid & lemon bars. Pete mowed the lawn. Not much grass but some weeds. I wrote in circle letter.

Friday, July 22, 1994. Partly cloudy, cooler, 86°. I went to BroMenn auxiliary annual luncheon meeting. Had hair done first. Went to Jeanette's. She went along to meeting. I fed & sprayed & watered roses. Pauls are having the Liechty reunion at their home.

Saturday, July 23, 1994. Fair, nice day, 87°. I worked outside a while. Did some cleaning. Picked cucumbers, gave them to Paul Miller. Picked tomatoes, gave Jo some. Ron trimmed around the walks, tree, etc. Nice to have it done. I finished Marjorie's Afghan. Allen called. They plan to come next week. We got box of California peaches through MCC.

Sunday, July 24, 1994. Mostly cloudy, 83°. We went to church, brought KFC home for lunch. Went to Suzanne Fransen & Steve Hitt (sp?) Wedding. Stayed for reception. Large attendance. Elmer Sieg here in evening.

Monday, July 25, 1994. Fair, nice day, 84°. We did the laundry. I put 9 jars peaches in freezer & 1 pint preserves. Lovely big peaches. Picked cucumbers & tomatoes. Made ½ gallon dill pickles. Wrote to Jeffs.

Tuesday, July 26, 1994. Fair, nice day, 79°. We went to Tuesday breakfast. Ben Krahn kept Pete company. Got groceries & meds. We made freezer slaw & I baked a pan of lemon bars. Took Mabel some, also tomatoes & couple California peaches. She still has pain in her knee.

Wednesday, July 27, 1994. Partly cloudy, 75°. We volunteered at hospital. I cooked chicken & cleaned the rugs. We had dinner at Jumers with Lucy C[atherine] & Helen [Patton] (Lucy paid for all). We went to her home awhile. She gave me a gown, Helen gave me cologne. I gave Lucy potted plants in a planter from Casey's.

Thursday, July 28, 1994. Fair, lovely day, 80°. Picked some cucumbers and tomatoes. Fixed salad, etc. for supper. Rested. Went to Prime Timers picnic at O'Neils with Lloyd & Dorothy [Singley]. Jeanette along. Allen called, they're coming tomorrow evening. Put 3 pints cabbage in freezer.

Friday, July 29, 1994. Fair, nice day, 80°. We did the weekly cleaning. Went to town at noon, beauty shop & got groceries. Had bouquet from Pauls, dozen beautiful red roses & check for \$90. They are lovely. I do appreciate them. Allens got here around 10:00 p.m. Good to see them. They gave me a check for \$20.

Saturday, July 30, 1994. Fair, 85°. Surely helping Jo. Allen spaded up of flowerbeds for me. Replanted the little Iris, glad to have it done. Had a beautiful basket of gloxinias from Jeffs. Allens took us to Olive Garden, Rons & Steve there too. Deb & Randy called. Brittany sang & played happy birthday. Jeff & Pat sang happy birthday also. A nice 90th birthday.

Sunday, July 31, 1994. Nice day, 86°. Allens and we to church. Had lunch here. Shirley & Cindy helped Jo. We went to Ron's at 1:30 for open house for my 90th birthday. Had 90 people. Jo served turkey salad sandwiches, fruit, lemon bars & punch. Allens left after 3:00 for home. Glad they could come. Surprised so many people came. We are thankful for so many friends. Thanks to our children.

Monday, August 1, 1994. Partly cloudy to cloudy. Had thunderstorm about 4:00 p.m. but very little rain. We did the laundry. Hung some things outside. Jo left for Bluffton Ohio this a.m. Had more cards. Amy called, says she's doing all right. Still working at restaurant.

Tuesday, August 2, 1994. Had thunderstorm and rain at 5:00 a.m. We had ½ inch or more, glad for it. We went to breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben Krahn there so Pete had company. Cooked applesauce. Allens & we got some transparent apples Saturday at Birkelbaws. I put 6 jars applesauce in freezer. I wrote thank you notes.

Wednesday, August 3, 1994. Mostly fair, 89°. Thunderstorm watch in evening. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I picked tomatoes & cucumbers in p.m. Rested some. Marty came home in PM. We visited with him awhile.

Thursday, August 4, 1994. Cloudy, had 1/3 inch rain last night. I made peach crisp. Did some odd jobs. We planted the rose of Sharon that Steves gave me. We got box of cheese (3 pounds) from Deb & Randy. We called them in evening. Brittany in Jr. Olympics this weekend. Then they join Allens & Micks in Minnesota to fish.

Friday, August 5, 1994. Clear, 51° in morning, 70°. We went to Senior Citizens [Day] at 4-H fair. Enjoyed it. Got home at 1:30. Did some weekly cleaning. Jo home from Ohio. Marty went home this morning. Allen called this morning. They're leaving early tomorrow morning for Minnesota.

Saturday, August 6, 1994. Partly cloudy, nice day, 72°. We went to town in morning to beauty shop, bank & groceries. Were home rest of day. I worked in garden awhile. Picked more cucumbers, gave Gerlof [Homan] some. Thankful we could have our 62nd anniversary.

Sunday, August 7, 1994. Clear nice day, 81°. We went to church. Rons took us to Jumers for brunch. Rons here awhile in p.m. & evening. They gave Pete a support belt for his birthday. Arthur & Georgia called. Georgia having more pain in her face. Pauls called too. They're okay. Rons here, had cake that Jumers gave us. Enjoyed their visit. Ron talked to Paul too.

Monday, August 8, 1994. Mostly fair, more humid, 86°. Did the laundry and made 8 ½ pints chili sauce. Were to meet Laura [Stamback] but she fell & not able to go to lunch.

Tuesday, August 9, 1994. Partly cloudy, 78°. I canned 2 ½ quarts beets. We had lunch with Rosa [Girdler], Dorothy [Scogin] & Frieda [Shinall]. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. Talked to Jeff. Pat is in hospital at Wichita. Babies heart rates have dropped at times. They're on monitors. We hope all goes well.

Wednesday, August 10, 1994. Cloudy, cool, 74°. I went to Stroink Lab at 7:30. We volunteered at hospital. We went to Fabric House. Got material for baby quilt. I picked cucumbers and tomatoes. Had a call from Marty. Jeff & Pat had their twin girls 5 [lbs.] 1 oz. & 4[lbs.] 8½ oz. She had C-section. Everything seems okay. We are grateful.

Thursday, August 11, 1994. Cloudy, in 70s, misted some. I canned 3 ½ quarts tomatoes. Getting ready to put baby quilt in frame. Pete to Dr. Allen. He's doing okay, to go back in 3 months. Jo helped me put quilt in frame. I quilted awhile. Ron to State Fair with barrows.

Friday, August 12, 1994. Cloudy, 78°. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at 10:30. Got groceries & went to beauty shop. Had lunch at McDonald's. We picked tomatoes in p.m. & I quilted. I talked to Jeff & Pat at hospital. Grace Ann is doing well & Haley Lynn is improving.

Saturday, August 13, 1994. Partly cloudy, hot & humid. Had thunderstorm about 4 PM. Had more in places. I canned 6 quarts & quilted awhile. I fell down basement steps about 4:00. I had tomatoes outside & as I brought them inside Scooby (dog) is terrified of thunder, and as I opened the door to come in he ran into me & knocked me down. Several bruises on my head, injured little finger & other bruises. Rons home from fair at 7:00. Took us to hospital. ER had a lot of x-rays, etc. Got home at 11:30. Thankful had no broken bones.

Sunday, August 14, 1994. Clear, 73°, beautiful day. Jo here in morning to help dress some of my bruises. Had 2 stitches in little finger. Found other sore places. Can't believe this fall happened. Have black & blue forehead & swollen eye. We rested all day. Kept ice bags on bruises. Allen called, they got home from Minnesota yesterday. Had good time. Paul called. They were in Maine over weekend.

Monday, August 15, 1994. Beautiful day, 82°. I had an appointment with Dr. Bertsche at 9:45. Jo took us to town. Dr. checked me over. Jo to dentist. I was nauseated most of morning. Dr. gave me (unclear). Steves here, got our tomatoes. Jo brought soup for our lunch & helped dress my wounds. I'm grateful to Jo & Ron for all they do.

Tuesday, August 16, 1994. Nice day, 80°. Pete did laundry with my help. I feel some better but have 2 black eyes. Jo sent stew for our lunch. Marge & Don Nester brought supper & ate with us. Very good. Barry Weavers here awhile in p.m., also Kay Reimer. Jeanette called, was going to bring supper but Marge had [already] called. Ron to State Fair with gilts. Basil Arbuckle passed away.

Wednesday, August 17, 1994. Fair, nice day, 83°. We didn't go to hospital. Rested. Quilted short time on baby quilt. Pete mowed lawn. Jeanette brought Hardee's chicken & had supper with us. Andy called from California. They plan to be here Saturday night. Jo worked at school.

Thursday, August 18, 1994. Partly cloudy, 85°. Did usual work. Rested, quilted some. Alta [Litwiller] & Ruth Ann brought roast chicken, salad & melon. We have had plenty to eat. Jo to [State] Fair, home at noon. She left at 4:00 for Wichita Kansas. Ron home from fair at 8:00. Marty at fair too. Pauls called. Said Ben is working full-time at library at U. of Chicago. Andys to call Pauls about work when they get here.

Friday, August 19, 1994. Fair, 89°. We did some cleaning. Rested. Chet Roths were here several hours in p.m. Brought loaf of bread. Steve & children brought pizza for supper. Cindy working. Ron ate with us. Gave him \$25 for his birthday.

Saturday, August 20, 1994. Had 1 inch rain early a.m., fair, cooler, 80°. We went to beauty shop, bank & got groceries. I got along pretty good. Getting more bruises. My ankle pains a lot. Andy & Rachel got here at 8:30. Came from California on their way to Worcester Massachusetts. Glad to see them. Allen called. Jeffs & babies went home.

Sunday, August 21, 1994. Fair, nice day, 82°. We visited with Andys. Jo got home from Wichita at noon. Rons, Jon & we all to red lobster for evening. Paul called in p.m.

Monday, August 22, 1994. Another nice day. We all went to town at 10:00. I went to Dr. Nurse took stitches out of my finger. My ankle still bothers me. We got sweet corn at Wayne [Mohr]'s. I made casserole for supper. Rons here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, August 23, 1994. Fair, nice day, 84°. Andy & Rachel left for Worcester Mass. at 7:45. Their car was loaded. We did some laundry & Pete had an appointment at Gailey's at 12:15. He doesn't need new glasses. Had his adjusted. Stopped at Jeanette's. HEA September hostess committee met. They had plans all made when we got there. Rested. Steve got our tomatoes.

Wednesday, August 24, 1994. Mostly fair, 80s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I quilted on baby quilt some in p.m. Put heating pad on my leg & foot, seems to help some. Still have some blackness around my eyes. I wrote in circle letter. Jo started [school] today, ½ day.

Thursday, August 25, 1994. Partly cloudy, humid, near 90°. We washed sheets, blanket & quilt from guest room. I went to Dr. Wera at 1:30. Blood pressure low. Cut down on Vasotec. Also had some fibrillation. We picked bucket of tomatoes. Pete mowed lawn.

Friday, August 26, 1994. Rained most of morning. Had 1 inch. Fair in p.m., 80s. I canned 3 quarts tomatoes & did some cleaning. I quilted some. Jo helped me change the quilt in the frame.

Saturday, August 27, 1994. Fair, more humid, 89°. Ron and Jo to Columbia [Missouri] to see Martys. We went to beauty shop & grocery store. I canned 3 ½ quarts tomato juice. Didn't feel up to par. Mabel & Carol here in evening.

Sunday, August 28, 1994. Mostly cloudy, 82°, light shower in evening. We went to church. Earl & Ann K[aufman] took us to '76 for dinner. We were home in evening. I quilted some. Rons got home from Martys.

Monday, August 29, 1994. Clear, nice day, 80°. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Perkins. Hadn't been together for several months. Rested. I didn't feel very well. Georgia & Arthur called in evening. They're having rain.

Tuesday, August 30, 1994. 70s. Rained most of morning. We had 2/3 inch. I canned 4 quarts tomato juice. We met Jeanette & Annabel Lott at Red Bird Catering to make out menu for Prime Timers in October. We had lunch at Dairy Queen. I quilted some.

Wednesday, August 31, 1994. Cloudy, cool, 68°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I quilted in PM. Working on baby quilt.

Thursday, September 1, 1994. Partly cloudy, cool, 68°. I baked pecan rolls. Gave Rons some. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I worked on flowerbeds & hoed roses. Picked tomatoes.

Friday, September 2, 1994. Fair, nice day, 76°. I canned 4 quarts tomatoes & did some cleaning. We went to town in p.m. to beauty shop. Quilted some.

Saturday, September 3, 1994. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 70s. I quilted some. Did usual work. We went to Lena Maxwell's 90th birthday open house. Saw a number of old friends, nurses & others.

Sunday, September 4, 1994. Cloudy, started to rain at noon, 60s. We went to church. Ervin & Mary Koop & their son from Decatur were there. We were taking Rons to Golden West for their anniversary so Ervins went with us. Ron had a good visit with them. Allen called. The twins are doing well. Had ¼ inch rain. Paul called. They got a white station wagon.

Monday, September 5, 1994. Cloudy, gloomy. We did the laundry. Jo & I to town in p.m. Got material for another baby quilt. We went to Jo's school. Jo did some work. She helped me put quilt in frame.

Tuesday, September 6, 1994. Beautiful day, 78°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I canned 5 quarts tomato juice. Rested. Quilted some on baby quilt.

Wednesday, September 7, 1994. Another nice day, 78°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to grocery [store]. Got broccoli for salad for HEA meeting. Went to Jeanette's. We prepared it together.

Thursday, September 8, 1994. Fair, 82°, warmer. I went to HDA meeting with Dorothy S[ingley]. Jeanette, Louise K[insinger]. Wanda Kirby a& I were on committee, also Sandy McGee. Rested some in p.m. We went with Jeanette to Service Company annual meeting. She took Helen & Lucy C[atherine Patton] too. Home by 7:00 p.m. Marty here awhile. He judged at Sandwich fair 2 days. [Will be] on his way home in morning.

Friday, September 9, 1994. Fair, nice day, 87°. Did some cleaning. I canned 2 quarts beets. Went to town at 1:00. I went to beauty shop. We had our pictures taken for church directory. Mabel had surgery this morning, knee replacement. Pete mowed lawn. Steves to Allens.

Saturday, September 10, 1994. Fair, 90°. We went with Rons to Ropp Reunion at the Elms. 24 there. After the business meeting they visited the Mennonite Museum at Metamora. We didn't go as Rons had to have pictures taken for church directory. Jane Bell Pres., Chris Imhoff sec.-treas. Meeting to be at Elms next year. Evelyn called.

Sunday, September 11, 1994. Fair, 98°. We went to church. Had dinner at Grand Café. Went to BroMenn Medical Center to see Mabel. She seems to be doing okay. Took her [a] few flowers. Jo here in evening. Helped me change the quilt in frame. Paul called.

Monday, September 12, 1994. Fair, 86°. We did the laundry and canned 4 quarts tomato juice. I quilted some. Paul Miller here in morning, some green beans. Gave us some. I gave Jo some. Allen called. Jeffs are doing pretty good. Babies are growing.

Tuesday, September 13, 1994. Fair, 80s. I baked apple pie, gave Rons some. We had lunch with Dorothy S[cogin], Rosa [Girdler] & the Shinalls. Got some groceries at Aldis. I quilted. Steve here, got his tomatoes. I gave him some of ours.

Wednesday, September 14, 1994. Partly cloudy, 90°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I quilted on baby quilt.

Thursday, September 15, 1994. Fair, 89°. I made broccoli salad & quilted. We went to Sr. luncheon at church. Rested some & quilted. Picked tomatoes.

Friday, September 16, 1994. Fair, 80s. Did some weekly cleaning. I canned 4 quarts of tomatoes. Gave Steve some of our tomatoes. I quilted. Arthurs called. Georgia still having some pain in her face. Dave [Yoder] called them. They're okay.

Saturday, September 17, 1994. Partly cloudy, cooler. We went to town at 9:00 to B[eauty] shop & got groceries. Did some cleaning. Quilted in PM. Steve & children brought pizza for supper. Cindy at Women's Retreat. Allen called. They go to Insurance meeting at Minneapolis tomorrow.

Sunday, September 18, 1994. Beautiful day, 79°. We went to church. Had lunch with Rons & Don Nester at Arby's. Home rest of day. I quilted some.

Monday, September 19, 1994. A lovely day, 82°. We did the laundry. Went to Birkelbaws, got apples. Rested, quilted. Picked tomatoes. Jo here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, September 20, 1994. Fair, nice day, 80s. We had breakfast with Tuesday group at Shoney's. Lucy Catherine's sister Roberta & Leo & their daughter there. I canned 3 quarts tomatoes. Finished quilting the other baby quilt. Houlihan (weatherman) passed away.

Wednesday, September 21, 1994. Partly cloudy, 79°. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield club at Jean Ann Bates. Dorothy S[ingley] with me. We planted some bulbs. Picked tomatoes.

Thursday, September 22, 1994. Cloudy, rained in p.m. and evening, 65°. I canned 3 quarts tomatoes. We went with Singleys to Prime Timers. Baked cookies when got home. Gave Rons some.

Friday, September 23, 1994. Cloudy, rained 1 1/3 inches. Glad for the rain. 60°. I baked coffeecake & apples. Made vegetable soup. Took Mabel soup, baked apples & cookies. She is doing okay. Uses a walker. Did some cleaning. I sewed binding on one of the baby quilts.

Saturday, September 24, 1994. Rained some last night, 1/3 inch, had some sunshine in p.m. Cloudy in evening. We went to town in morning [to] beauty shop & got groceries. I worked on binding quilt. Allen called. They had been at Pat's grandmother's funeral in Des Moines. Jeff preached the funeral. The twins are doing well, wt. over 7 pounds. Paul called. Andys moved to an apartment.

Sunday, September 25, 1994. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 60s. We went to church. Had lunch at Denny's. Were home rest of day.

Monday, September 26, 1994. Had 1/3 inch rain last night. Had some sunshine, 60°. We did laundry. Had lunch at Avanti's with Laura [Stamback]. I baked a cake for Jon's birthday. I sewed binding on other baby quilt. Marty & a friend came to Rons. They plan to go to Farm Show east of town.

Tuesday, September 27, 1994. Cloudy, 50s. Worked upstairs, cleaned Windows, etc. I cleaned some in closets in our bedroom. I did some binding on baby quilt. Rons, Jon, Mary Ann L., Marty & his friend came for ice cream & cake. Farm Show called off on account of rain & muddy field.

Wednesday, September 28, 1994. Clear, beautiful day, 70°. The Farm Show started this morning. Some of BroMenn auxiliary members are working in food tent. We volunteered at hospital. Marie Heiser & I finished the quilt for auxiliary bazaar. Pete mowed lawn. I cleaned closet in west bedroom. Marty went home. Pete sold some corn for \$2.28 [per bushel].

Thursday, September 29, 1994. Another lovely day, 70s. I cleaned our bedroom & washed bedding. We were outside awhile in p.m. Pete sprayed some weeds. Ron worked at Farm Show this morning for BroMenn auxiliary. Show ended this evening.

Friday, September 30, 1994. Fair, warmer, 80s. Did some cleaning. Went to town in p.m. Had permanent, got groceries. Paul Miller dug sweet potatoes, gave us some. Rons here few minutes in evening.

Saturday, October 1, 1994. Fair, 84°, cooler in evening. We went to town at 10:00. Took Norma some tomatoes for chili. Went to pharmacy. Went to church to reception for Dan Nester & his wife Cheryl.

Sunday, October 2, 1994. Fair, 70°. We went to church, had communion. Had a bus load of Mennonite Your Way people at church. We brought KFC home for lunch. Allen & Paul called. Andys are moved to their apartment. Ben called. He & his girlfriend are coming next Friday evening.

Monday, October 3, 1994. Mostly fair, 70°. We did the laundry. Rested & read. I cleaned part of rug in living room.

Tuesday, October 4, 1994. Partly cloudy, 70°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I cleaned in west bedroom & bathroom. Wrote in circle letter. Ray combining our beans, made 40 bushels [per acre].

Wednesday, October 5, 1994. Partly cloudy, 70°. We volunteered at hospital. Did some shopping. I got a pair of shoes. We sent the baby quilts to Jeffs. We had our flu shots at *Oarle* (sp?) Clinic. Ben called. He can't come Friday night. Has a conflict. Is coming next weekend.

Thursday, October 6, 1994. Cloudy in morning, fair, windy, 76°. I baked chocolate bars & rhubarb crisp. Made apple pie for freezer. Made a kettle of chili. Washed the Flower Garden quilt & cover for furniture.

Friday, October 7, 1994. Cloudy, rained in morning, 1/3 inch, windy. I cleaned kitchen cupboards & broom closet. Did some weekly cleaning.

Saturday, October 8, 1994. Rainy day, 59°, started before noon. We went to grocery store in morning. I prepared broccoli for salad. Rested & read some. Allen called in morning. They're okay & busy. Had over 1 inch rain last 2 days. Evelyn called.

Sunday, October 9, 1994. Clear beautiful day, cool, 60°. We went to church. Had small group at John Bertsche's. I took broccoli salad. Ben K[rahn]s, Earl K[aufman]s & we were there. Rons had his staff at Congerville at Les Reel's place. I baked pan of apples for Jo to take. Talked to Jeffs, they're doing okay. Babies are growing. Arthurs called. Georgia has lot of pain again. Paul called. He graded papers for 2 days.

Monday, October 10, 1994. Clear, cool, 62°. Had Frost in some places. We did the laundry & cleaned the fruit room. Picked a few tomatoes. Rested & read. Steve & children here. Got some of his tomatoes.

Tuesday, October 11, 1994. Clear, nice day, 37° – 62°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to malls, then to '76. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosie [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall]. I washed kitchen curtains and cleaned behind stove & refrigerator. Paul called. Amy has a boy 7 lbs. 14 oz., Christopher Jonathan Ropp. She had a C-section.

Wednesday, October 12, 1994. Partly cloudy, 68° – 70°. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Stroink Lab, had blood work done. I finished cleaning kitchen in PM.

Thursday, October 13, 1994. Partly cloudy, nice day, 70°. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to HEA. I pressed kitchen curtains & put them up. Pete mowed lawn. Ben called. He & his friend are coming tomorrow evening.

Friday, October 14, 1994. Cloudy, 62°. Did the usual weekly cleaning. Went to town to beauty shop and grocery store. Saw Earl K[aufman] at Brokaw. [He] went home today after hip surgery Monday. Ben & Mia *Capodilupo* (sp?) got here about 10:00.

Saturday, October 15, 1994. Cloudy. We visited. Got things ready for lunch & dinner. Had roast beef and vegetables. I baked apple pie. Ben & Mia went for ride. Rons here for supper. Jon came late.

Sunday, October 16, 1994. Mostly fair, nice day. We went to church. Rons, Ben & Mia, Pete & I to Dragon Palace for dinner. We took Ben & Mia to see Ron's house at Lake Bloomington. Ron working some. Amy & baby home Saturday. Marj with them. Ben left at 7:30 for Chicago. Paul called. I was dizzy & nauseated in evening. Sat in chair until 1:00 a.m.

Monday, October 17, 1994. Partly cloudy, windy, in 70s. We did the laundry & rested. Not feeling up to par. Allen called. They, Pam & Ashley went to Kansas to see Jeffs. The babies were dedicated Sunday at church. They are growing.

Tuesday, October 18, 1994. Cloudy, rained late p.m., 60s. We washed bedding from guest beds. I was going with Rosie G[irdler] to nurses luncheon at the Elms, but I wasn't up to going. Sorry I had to miss it. Rested most of day.

Wednesday, October 19, 1994. Foggy in morning, clear by noon. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield club at Jeanette's. Came home with Dorothy S[ingley].

Thursday, October 20, 1994. Clear, 66°, lovely day. Cleaned the Cedar closet. Cleaned some in dining & living room's. Washed Windows, etc.

Friday, October 21, 1994. Fair, near 70°. Went to town in a.m. to B[eauty] shop, grocery store. Baked cookies & made tapioca pudding. Gave Rons some. Ron had endoscopy in morning. Got along fine. Found opening to stomach was restricted. They dilated the opening. Thankful it wasn't more serious.

Saturday, October 22, 1994. Clear, beautiful day, 70°. I went to alumni homecoming at Troyer Nurses Home. Good attendance. Good to see old friends. Florence Weaver, Betty Sommerson got the alumni award. Had light shower at 8:30 p.m. Have several beautiful roses.

Sunday, October 23, 1994. Another beautiful day, 60°, cooler. We went to church. Drove to Funks Grove. Had lunch at McLean. Still some pretty leaves but the peak is passed. Allen & Paul called. Good to talk to them.

Monday, October 24, 1994. Had light shower in morning. Partly cloudy, windy, chilly, near 60°. Did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Ground Round. I mended some. Put some summer clothes away. Picked some tomatoes. Georgia called, she is about the same.

Tuesday, October 25, 1994. Cloudy, heavy Frost, 29° – 30°. 45° high. Brisk wind. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben [Krahn] & Leon [Schmucker] there too. Finished cleaning the living & dining rooms. Polished some furniture.

Wednesday, October 26, 1994. Fair, 50°. We volunteered at hospital. We took some winter sweaters, overcoat & suit to Home Sweet Home Mission. I made kettle [of] vegetable soup. Pete worked outside awhile.

Thursday, October 27, 1994. Clear, nice day, 60°. We went to Prime Timers. Took Jeanette. She, Annabelle Lott & we were on committee. Red Bird catered the meal. Had 60. Got along okay.

Friday, October 28, 1994. Fair, 62°, windy. Did usual cleaning. Went to hospital at 11:00. Delivered Upper Rooms. I went to Norma's. Got groceries. Went to Apple Orchard, got apples.

Saturday, October 29, 1994. Mostly cloudy, 66°. We went to Heritage Meeting at Metamora [Mennonite Heritage Museum]. Enjoyed the day. We stopped in Eureka to see Lawrence & Lucille Aaras' new home. Very nice.

Sunday, October 30, 1994. Cloudy, few sprinkles, 51°. We went to church. Ron worship leader. Jean Miller from Goshen preached. We had lunch at Grand Café. Were home rest of day. Paul called. Marj had a bad cold. Allen called. They're okay.

Monday, October 31, 1994. A gloomy rainy day, windy, 40s. We did laundry. Rested. I baked 2 loaves pumpkin bread. Had nearly 2 inches rain & some snow in evening. Cindy & children came, trick-or-treat. A bad evening to be out. Pete didn't feel good in evening.

Tuesday, November 1, 1994. Clear, 30° – 54°. Contrast from yesterday. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben [Krahn] & Leon [Schmucker] there too. We went to Eastland and I got 2 pair [of] shoes on sale. Made coffee cake braid but [it] didn't raise, yeast no good.

Wednesday, November 2, 1994. Fair, windy, 64°. We volunteered at hospital. I baked apple nut bread & coffeecake braid for bazaar. I brought baby quilt home to whip the binding down. It's for bazaar.

Thursday, November 3, 1994. Cloudy, 71°, had light shower in a.m. Rained at 3:00 p.m. I finished the baby quilt. Went to Dr. Allen's. Pete is to go back in 3 weeks to have lymph checked. Took quilt & coffee cakes & breads to Brokaw [Hospital]. Helped Jeanette & others do some pricing on baked goods.

Friday, November 4, 1994. A rainy day, 62°. Did some cleaning. Went to bazaar at 11:00, had lunch there. Crowd not as large, think due to the rainy weather. I went to B[eauty] shop. Rested & read. Got home at 2:00.

Saturday, November 5, 1994. Another rainy day, 60°. Rained hard in p.m. I baked coffeecake & pumpkin pie. Gave Rons some pie. I cleaned the bottom part of hall cupboard. Ron to conference at Fisher [Mennonite] church.

Sunday, November 6, 1994. Fair, nice day, 59° – 60°. We went to church. Had lunch at Avanti's. Rons were here for waffles & sausage in evening. Allen called. They are okay. The twins weigh 10 pounds & over. Paul called. Amy & baby doing pretty well.

Monday, November 7, 1994. Fair, windy, 60°. We did the laundry. I mended Pete's housecoat. Read & rested.

Tuesday, November 8, 1994. Mostly cloudy, 61°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group, Ben & Leon there too. Got suit, trousers, shirt and sweater for Christopher. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin] & Rosa [Girdler]. Dr. Shinall & Frieda not there. Harold is in hospital. We went to vote. Had a call from Katie & Cindy. They're going to have a baby next July. Katie & Matthew all excited.

Wednesday, November 9, 1994. Cloudy, rained in p.m., windy, 50°. We volunteered at hospital. Mailed the baby gift to Amy. Stopped at meat shop on College [Avenue]. We rested.

Thursday, November 10, 1994. Clear, nice day, 52°. I went to HEA. Took Mabel & Louise K[insinger]. Dorothy [Singley] didn't go. Lloyd have surgery yesterday, wasn't doing too well. I made pot of vegetable soup & sweet pickles.

Friday, November 11, 1994. Clear, 55°, another nice day. We cleaned the recreation room and did weekly cleaning.

Saturday, November 12, 1994. Cloudy, 52°. We went to town in morning. We put dirt around the roses. Moved some plants inside. I made a salad for tomorrow.

Sunday, November 13, 1994. Mostly cloudy with some sunshine. Rained in evening. We went to church, Mission Sunday. Guest speaker, Lynn Lilly Rush. She spent 3 years in Taiwan. Had dinner at church. We stopped to see Earl K[aufman]. He's doing all right. Allen called, they're okay. Evelyn & Paul called. I called Martys, talked to Renée. Marty deer hunting. They plan to come Thanksgiving.

Monday, November 14, 1994. Cloudy, 57° in a.m., 47° later in day. We did the laundry. Rested and read. I did some mending.

Tuesday, November 15, 1994. Cloudy, clearing late, 57°. We ate at Shoney's with Tuesday group. Leon [Schmucker] and Ben [Krahn] there also. We cleaned the laundry & furnace room. Glad it's done. Rested.

Wednesday, November 16, 1994. Clear, 27° – 51°, nice day. I went to Stroink Lab. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield [club] at Marie Hastings. Took Mabel home.

Thursday, November 17, 1994. Cloudy, 59°, chilly wind. I made pie & fixed things for Sr. potluck dinner at church. Ron gave program on "Barns," was good. I baked ginger cookies. Ben called, he's coming for Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 18, 1994. Clear, lovely day, 54°. I baked coffeecake braid. Gave Rons and Steves each one. Made the fruitcakes. Pete mowed lawn, chopped leaves.

Saturday, November 19, 1994. Fair in morning, 28° – 48°. Cloudy in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I had hair done. Pete to Barbershop. I baked some bars.

Sunday, November 20, 1994. Had a shower early, cloudy, windy, 54°. We went to church. American – African class of ISU had charge of the service. A lot of clapping. We went to Carlock for dinner. I made butterscotch pie, gave Rons some. Gave Jo \$25 for her birthday. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, November 21, 1994. Cloudy, very windy in morning, 51°, fair in p.m. We did laundry. Didn't feel good, blood pressure low & fibrillation. Baked coffee cake braid.

Tuesday, November 22, 1994. Cloudy in morning, fair, 37°, chilly. We had breakfast with Tuesday group [at] Bob Evans. Got groceries. Baked snickerdoodles and made caramels.

Wednesday, November 23, 1994. Clear, 54°, a nice day. We went to hospital. I went to Dr. Wera. He made slight change on my medication. Ben and friend Ken Greff got here at 10:00.

Thursday, November 24, 1994. Fair, 54°, nice day. I made 2 pumpkin pies. Took cheese, bars & pies to Rons. Spent the day with them & Martys. Pauls called, also Allens. They are spending a week at Ozarks. Didn't feel good, low B[lood] P[ressure] & fast pulse. Ben & Ken left for Chicago at 9:30 p.m. Nice Thanksgiving day.

Friday, November 25, 1994. A beautiful day, 50°. I feel better. Did the weekly cleaning. Went to town at noon to beauty shop & groceries. We washed the south windows in living room. Ron helped Pete get storm windows in. Ron cleaned out the gutters. Glad it's done.

Saturday, November 26, 1994. Fair, windy, 49°. I got things ready for evening dinner. Rons, Marty & Renée here. Had broccoli, rice casserole. Made peach dessert. Enjoyed having them.

Sunday, November 27, 1994. A rainy morning, 62°, some clearing in p.m. We went to church. Ron sang solo (Comfort Ye) from Messiah. Choir sang "And the Glory." We came home for dinner. Marty & Renée left at 3:00 for home. Paul called. Amy & Todd were there, were ready to go home. Baby is doing fine.

Monday, November 28, 1994. Fair, very windy, 44°. We did the laundry. Made white bark cookies. Had a thank you from Amy.

Tuesday, November 29, 1994. Clear, 41°. Had breakfast with Tuesday group. Got our Christmas cards. Baked carrot cookies & sugar plum cookies. Went to Dr. Allen. He wants to see Pete in 2 weeks. His head looks little red on top. Had trace of snow.

Wednesday, November 30, 1994. Fair, 22° – 41°. We volunteered at hospital. I baked yummy cookies in p.m. Home in evening as usual.

Thursday, December 1, 1994. Fair, 57°, nice day. Wash the bedding from upstairs. We went to Prime Timers dinner at noon. Took Mabel & Jeanette. Stirred up sugar cookies. I'm having fibrillation.

Friday, December 2, 1994. Fair, 58° – 34°. Few sprinkles in evening. Baked & iced sugar cookies. We put cones on roses. Did some cleaning.

Saturday, December 3, 1994. Mostly cloudy, 50°. Had light shower in morning. We got apples at Birkelbaws. Went to town at 11:30, B[eauty] shop & groceries. I baked Crescent cookies. Made salad for tomorrow. Allen called. They plan to come [the] 16th. They want us to go home with them. Gordons gave us poinsettia.

Sunday, December 4, 1994. Cloudy, 56°. We went to church. Had our small group at church. 15 there. Paul called, they are okay. Paul has one more week of school until Christmas vacation. Addressed Christmas cards.

Monday, December 5, 1994. Very foggy until noon, 49°, cloudy. We did laundry. Fixed some plates of cookies for Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler] & Shinalls. Addressed Christmas cards. Arthurs called. They are about as usual.

Tuesday, December 6, 1997. Cloudy, rained and drizzled all day, 35°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group at Bob Evans. Done some shopping, got fruit for Jeanette, Singleys & Evelyn [Bearly]. Had lunch with Rosie [Girdler] & Frieda & Harold Shinall. Dorothy [Scogin] not feeling well. Barry Weaver & children here for minute, brought us poinsettia.

Wednesday, December 7, 1994. Cloudy, had nearly 1½ inches rain since yesterday morning, 37°. Had snow north of us. We volunteered at hospital. I have trouble with my back, can hardly walk after sitting. Went to Dr. B[ertsche] at 12:30. Taking Tylenol & Lodine for inflammation. Wrote some Christmas notes.

Thursday, December 8, 1994. Cloudy, 35°, rained in evening. I wasn't able to go to HEA. Could hardly walk, but some better in PM. Rested most of day. Finished writing Christmas notes. Steves called. Children have been sick, fever. Steve not feeling well.

Friday, December 9, 1994. Cloudy, 34°. I still have problem with my back, some better in PM. Can walk better for which I'm grateful. Pete did little cleaning. Rested & read.

Saturday, December 10, 1994. Mostly cloudy, 31°. I'm feeling better. Went to beauty shop & groceries in morning. Wrapped some Christmas gifts. Allen called. They plan to come Friday. Want us to go back with them.

Sunday, December 11, 1994. Clear, 9° – 21°. We went to church. Had surprise luncheon. We were at Christina Litwillers. Walter Dycks, Zehr girls, Ina [Sutter] & Irene Miller were there. Carolers were here in evening (15). Jo here in evening. She's been busy. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, December 12, 1994. Fair, 32°, nice day. I baked coffeecake braid. Gave Ron one & Allens one. We did the laundry. Made door piece for front door. Jo brought Merle's little tree. We put [it] on table by window. Looks more like Christmas.

Tuesday, December 13, 1994. Partly cloudy, 32°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Mailed package to Pauls and Wm Bearly & box of cookies to Jeffs. Took box of dried fruit to Singleys. Lloyd is improving from his hip surgery. We went with Jo to Wesleyan Community Christmas Program. Ron singing with choir, also had a solo. Beautiful program.

Wednesday, December 14, 1994. Cloudy, 31°. We volunteered at hospital. They had the Christmas dinner. I helped Pete with patients' mail. I made some vegetable soup in p.m. Pete had diarrhea late p.m. and evening. Gave children \$75, grandchildren \$50 and great grands \$10.

Thursday, December 15, 1994. Cloudy, 40°. I went to Norma's in morning, had a permanent. Pete to Dr. Allen at 1:00. His head is healed. [He's] to go back in 6 weeks. Pete feeling okay today. Deb called. They are busy. She is working. They're going home [the] 21st.

Friday, December 16, 1994. Cloudy, rained most of day. 39°. Went to Stroink Lab at 7:30. Did some laundry & weekly cleaning. Had a box of fruit from Evelyn & Bill [Bearly]. Wrote checks. Gave children \$75, grandchildren \$50 and great grandchildren \$10.

Saturday, December 17, 1994. Fair, nice day, 35°. Finished some cleaning. Wrapped tea cups and saucers for girls & granddaughters. Gave them some of my collections. Allens got here about 3:00 p.m. We & Allens to Steves for supper. Rons had company.

Sunday, December 18, 1994. Cloudy. Allens & we went to church. Had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Finished packing. We left home at 12:15. Got to Allens at 5:15. Had a good trip. Had little sunshine [the] last hour. Christmas tree & decorations are very nice. Paul called in evening. We got fruit from S[eventh] D[ay] A[dventists]. Steve got some for us in p.m.

Monday, December 19, 1994. Partly cloudy, 38°. Allen & Shirley to work in morning. We left at 2:15 for Pam & Micks at Clear Lake. Mick's mother Jane was there too. Had a big dinner. Micks gave us cheese & meat from Swiss Colony. Had a good time. Gave Pam one of my cups. Got home at 10:30.

Tuesday, December 20, 1994. Partly cloudy, 40°. Allen & Shirley to work. We read & rested. Allens to Shirley's office Christmas dinner. Dick & Shirley Pilgrim came to visit with us. Had a good visit. Good to see them again.

Wednesday, December 21, 1994. Cloudy, foggy, 40s. I helped Shirley some. We had lunch with Allen in Ames. Shirley did some shopping. Allens to choir practice. I did little ironing for Shirley.

Thursday, December 22, 1994. Cloudy, foggy, 50°. Allen to work. Shirley did some cleaning. Pete ran sweeper. I helped Shirley some preparing food for the holidays. Randy, Deb & Brittany got here at 5:00 p.m. Good to see them.

Friday, December 23, 1994. Clear, beautiful day, 37°. Shirley to office in morning. Allen home. We visited with him and Randys. Allens had a video from Jeffs. We watched it in evening. Got to see the twins and their home.

Saturday, December 24, 1994. Foggy and frosty in morning a while, fair. We had our gift exchange. Pete & I each got a sweater from Allens. We gave Allen a book, *Mennonites in Illinois*. Gave Shirley & Deb cup & saucer. Pete got ice scraper & scarf. I got pin & rain hat from Randys. We gave Allens \$75, Randys \$50, Brittany \$10. Randys went to his grandmother's in evening.

Sunday, December 25, 1994. Beautiful morning, everything covered with Frost, clear. Allens & we to church, a nice service. Randys got back about 3:00. We had dinner at 4:30. Watched part of Christmas Holiday & other Christmas program. Paul called. Ben & Amy & baby & Andys were there for the day. We had a very nice Christmas. So much to be thankful for. We each got a mug with Jeffs & twins pictures on them.

Monday, December 26, 1994. A beautiful day, 47°. Allens and we left at 8:50 for Bettendorf we met Ron & Jo at Jumers. Had lunch together. Let there for home at 2:00. Got home at 4:00 after a wonderful week with Allens. Rons & we had gift exchange. Pete & I each got [a] book. I got skirt & blouse, hose. Pete got shirt & tie. We got nuts & candy, fruit & meat & *cocoa* (sp?).

Tuesday, December 27, 1994. Clear, 55°, lovely day. We did laundry & caught up on reading mail. I made some Rice Krispie bars. Rested. Jo here few minutes.

Wednesday, December 28, 1994. Cloudy, 30s. We volunteered at hospital in morning, got groceries. We went to Rons in evening. Mabel, Rays & Gordons there. Had a delicious meal, nice evening. Listened to some tapes of Ropp gatherings.

Thursday, December 29, 1994. Mostly cloudy, 35°, little sunshine in p.m. I washed some sweaters in morning. I went to bank & beauty shop in p.m.

Friday, December 30, 1994. A beautiful day, 44°. We did some cleaning. I made coffee cake braid. Didn't feel good, had bowel problems. Martys got to Ron's at 8:00. We went over awhile, had our gift exchange. Martys gave us basket of nuts & gift certificate to Cracker Barrel. Jon [us] gave an Amaryllis.

Saturday, December 31, 1994. Cloudy, 34°. Misted some in morning, turned to snow flurries in p.m. I did some cleaning. Allen called. Their family all there except Jeffs. We read and rested. Had about an inch [of] snow.

Sunday, January 1, 1995. Fair, 22°. We went to church. Rons, Martys & we to Dragon Palace for dinner. Were home in p.m. & evening. Had a call from Frances Stalter that Pearl Greaser passed away today. Funeral at Roanoke church Wednesday. Found out today Orie Kropf in Oregon passed away this past year.

Monday, January 2, 1995. Clear, 7° above, 22°. We did the laundry. Marty & Renée here awhile in morning. Gave them cup & saucer & little plate. Read & rested. Watched some parade & ballgames.

Tuesday, January 3, 1995. Fair, 21°, cold. We had breakfast with Tuesday group at Bob Evans. We did some shopping. Went to Aldis & Farm & Fleet. Pete got pair [of] trousers. Took our little tree down.

Wednesday, January 4, 1995. Clear, cold, 1° in morning, 10°, wind chill 30° below. We went to Roanoke church at 10:30 for Pearl Greaser's funeral. Had lunch at 11:30. Funeral at 2:00. Was good to see Pearl's family again & other cousins. Got home at 4:00.

Thursday, January 5, 1995. Clear, windy, 3° in morning, 25°, kinda windy. I made lemon pie from the lemons Evelyn sent. We listened to some tapes Ron made of our early years of our married lives. Read some.

Friday, January 6, 1995. Cloudy, had one – 2 inches snow early morning. Few flurries during day. We went to town at 10:00. Got groceries & I went to B[eauty] shop. Deb called at 10:00. They were at Newton. They hoped to leave at noon for home. On account of weather they wouldn't stop here. We can understand that. Glad we saw them at Allens.

Saturday, January 7, 1995. Fair in morning, 24°, partly cloudy. Finished weekly cleaning. Pete went through some of the files. I did some odd jobs. Allen called. They have been busy since the holidays. Talked to Georgia.

Sunday, January 8, 1995. Partly sunny, cloudy, 24°. We went to church. Had communion. We took Rons to Jumers for dinner. Used our coupon from last summer. Talked to Deb. They got home at 10:30. Glad they had a safe trip. Some roads not too good. Arthurs called. He wanted to know about Pearl Greaser. Evelyn called. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, January 9, 1995. Partly cloudy, 12° – 26°. We had water problems. Ron called pump people. Pulled the pump. Had a hole in pipe. They were here most of day. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Perkins. Did laundry late in PM. Thankful to have water again.

Tuesday, January 10, 1995. Cloudy, 29°, foggy, dense in evening. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben & Shirley Krahn came from Peoria. Glad to see them. We shopped. I got purse & pair of shoes (Taupe). We had lunch with Rosie [Girdler] & Frieda & Harold [Shinall]. Dorothy [Scogin] not able to meet with us.

Wednesday, January 11, 1995. Very foggy all day, 40°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:30. Read & rested. HEA [Homemakers Extension Association] meeting called off for tomorrow.

Thursday, January 12, 1995. Foggy lifted & had some sunshine, 46°. I made rhubarb crisp & baked coffee cake. Cleaned drawer. Pete cracked almonds Martys gave us. I blanched them. Foggy again in evening.

Friday, January 13, 1995. A rainy day, 38°. We did some cleaning. Went to town at noon to B[eauty] shop and groceries. Put Christmas cards away. Barbara Gallaway Coffman passed away.

Saturday, January 14, 1995. Cloudy, 38°. Had 1 ¾ inches rain. Did usual work, etc. Rested & read. Watched some TV in p.m. Quiet day.

Sunday, January 15, 1995. Cloudy, 33°. We went to church. Tom Kauffmann told congregation he would be leaving after school year to position with Ohio conference. Was surprise to most people. Jo here few minutes in evening. We had lunch at Denny's. Paul called. His classes start again this week after Christmas vacation.

Monday, January 16, 1995. Cloudy, 34°. We did laundry. Went to Barbara Gallaway Coffman's funeral at 11:00 at our church. Lucia [Galloway] came from California. Barbara had a long struggle. We had lunch with Jeanette & Lucy [Catherine] at Golden West.

Tuesday, January 7, 1995. Cloudy, had light shower in morning. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben Krahn came from Peoria. I made vegetable soup. Sorted pictures & snapshots. Cleaned out drawer in coffee table.

Wednesday, January 18, 1995. Partly sunny, 40°, cloudy in evening. Storm watch, rained, snowed tonight. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:00. Rested some, read. Pete sold 400 bushels beans for \$5.44 per bushel. Rained in night. Snowed some & some ice. Some people without electricity.

Thursday, January 19, 1995. 34°, cloudy, windy. Rained most of day. We didn't go to Seniors luncheon at church. I sorted more pictures and cleaned the oven which it needed. Pete read some. Had an inch + [of] rain, had some ice on trees & ground.

Friday, January 20, 1995. Fair in morning, cloudy, 29° and windy. Went to beauty shop at 10:15 & to grocery store, then to Earl Kaufmans for dinner. Paul Millers were there too. Had good fish dinner & good time. Took a coffeecake to Merle Schwartzs but they weren't home. Talked to Dorothy [Scogin]. She isn't doing well.

Saturday, January 21, 1995. Mostly cloudy, windy, 21°, some snow flurries. Allen called. They didn't have any snow this time still have snow from last storm before holidays.

Sunday, January 22, 1995. Cloudy, snow flurries. 15° – 16° in morning, 22°. We went to church. Brought KFC home for lunch. Spent a quiet p.m. & evening. Paul called, they're doing okay, but Marjorie has bad cold. Had 1 – 2 inches snow in night.

Monday, January 23, 1995. Fair, 15° – 22°. Everything covered with new snow. Did laundry and usual work. Mended some.

Tuesday, January 24, 1995. Clear, 5° above in morning, 27°. A nice winter day. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben & Shirley [Krahn] came from Peoria. I put some pictures in Ron, Paul and our albums.

Wednesday, January 25, 1995. Clear, nice day, 31°. We went to Stroink Lab at 7:30. Had breakfast at hospital, volunteered. Got home 1:30. Rested & read. Wrote to Andy.

Thursday, January 26, 1995. Clear lovely day for winter, 34°. We went to Prime Timers at noon. Took Jeanette. Lloyd [Singley]s & Mabel couldn't go. I baked date pudding. Gave Rons some. Dr. Wera called. Have to take more Coumadin.

Friday, January 27, 1995. Cloudy, rainy day, 33°, some freezing. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to Dr. Allen's at 1:30. Pete's head is doing all right, [he] is to see Dr. in 3 months. Went to grocery & drug store.

Saturday, January 28, 1995. Cloudy, windy, 33°. Most of roads are free of ice in a.m. I had hair appointment at 8:00 but canceled. Shampooed my hair. Made doughnuts & finished cleaning. Made a salad for tomorrow. Gave Rons some doughnuts. Allen called. They planned to go to Jeffs but weather didn't permit.

Sunday, January 29, 1995. Fair in morning, cloudy, 33°. We went to church. Had dinner & annual meeting. Good crowd. Jo here awhile in evening. Evelyn called in evening. They are having rain. Paul called. Amy & baby there, Andys too. They had birthday dinner.

Monday, January 30, 1995. Fair, nice day, 29° – 30°. 12° in morning. We did the laundry. Went to Dr. Gailey at 1:30. Eyes have changed some but don't need to change lenses [for] which I'm thankful.

Tuesday, January 31, 1995. Clear, nice day, 40°, most of ice melted in barn yard. We went with Jeanette & Mary Jantze to Barbara *Wigicker's* (sp?) mother's funeral at Roanoke church. Large crowd. Got to see some of my cousins. We had dinner at church.

Wednesday, February 1, 1995. Fair, 43°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Eastland & Aldis.

Thursday, February 2, 1995. Cloudy in a.m., fair p.m., 42°. I cleaned & polished silver service in corner cabinet, also the chest of silverware. Wrote in circle letter.

Friday, February 3, 1995. Cloudy, 34° – 36° snowing most of morning into the afternoon. Melted some. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at 9:30 to beauty shop. Took some clothes to Thrift Shop. Got groceries. Went to Rons office. He & Jon went with us to Kiwanis pancakes at Consistory. We had tickets from Leon S[chmucker].

Saturday, February 4, 1995. You flurries in morning, 22°. Windy, partly cloudy. Pete has pain in his back. Talked to Dr. B[ertsche]. Went to pharmacy, got Bactrim. Pete thinks kidney problem. I made salad dressing & sweet pickles. Ron brought us some pork. They had 2 hogs butchered.

Sunday, February 5, 1995. Clear, cold, 14°, windy. We didn't go to church. Pete feels better but not well enough to get out, [has] cold. I decided to stay home. Jo here awhile in evening. I made bread pudding & had pork chops. Paul called. They had foot of snow & cold.

Monday, February 6, 1995. Clear, 0° – 20°, cold but no wind. We did laundry. Pete feels better. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Cracker Barrel. I finished cleaning silverware.

Tuesday, February 7, 1995. Snow flurries most of day, heavy at times in p.m., 21°. Windchill 15 – 20 below. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben Krahn's came from Peoria. I didn't feel good, was to have lunch with Rosie [Girdler] & Dorothy [Scogin] but decided to come home. Felt better in evening. Pulse back to normal. Ben called. He & Mia are coming Friday evening.

Wednesday, February 8, 1995. Clear, 2° above, 17°. I went to Stroink lab at 7:30. Went to hospital, volunteered. Did some errands. Got home at 3:00. Ben called. He & Mia are coming Friday evening.

Thursday, February 9, 1995. Clear, nice day, 14° – 43°. I went to HEA with Dorothy Singley. Had potluck luncheon. Got home at 2:00. I stirred up sugar cookies.

Friday, February 10, 1995. Clear, windy, 37°. Did cleaning. Went to bank & grocery store. Baked sugar cookies. Gave some to Steves & Rons & Ben. We thought Ben was coming at 5:45. Jon [went] to meet he & his girlfriend but wasn't on train. Ben called 8:00 from depot. They arrived on late train. We went after them. I made a desert.

Saturday, February 11, 1995. Fair, windy & cold. I was busy getting things ready for dinner at noon. Roasted the Turkey, dressing and potatoes, green beans & a tossed salad. Rons & Jo[n?] here too. Glad they could come. I fell in bathroom about 6:00 a.m. Don't know what happened. Ben & Mia to town with Ron. They went to show. Jo to school.

Sunday, February 12, 1995. Fair, 2° below – 22°. We went to church. Went to Cracker Barrel for dinner. Use coupon (gift from Martys) plus some cash. Everyone rested awhile. We took Ben & Mia to train at 5:30. Paul called. Talked to Allens. Jeff & Pat called. The twins are growing.

Monday, February 13, 1995. Fair, 13° – 29°. We did the laundry. Rested. I worked on some tea towels.

Tuesday, February 14, 1995. Cloudy, 33°, had about ½ inch snow at 4:00 p.m. We had breakfast with Tuesday group at Bob Evans. We washed bedding from guest beds. I hemmed dish towels. Did some ironing.

Wednesday, February 15, 1995. Cloudy, 38°, light mist in morning. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield club with Jeanette. Came home with Dorothy [Singley] & Mabel. It was at Lucy C[atherine's]. I baked a loaf of Apple bread.

Thursday, February 16, 1995. Fair, nice day, 36°. We went to Paul Millers for 12:00 dinner. Earl Kaufmans were there too. Had a good time & dinner. Got home at 4:00. Steve came for us at 6:40. Went to Katie's play at Sheridan school. The 3 little pigs. They were good.

Friday, February 17, 1995. Clear, 48°, nice day. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at 10:00. Got groceries & [went] to Farm & Fleet. Pete got some pants. Rested. I stamped some tea towels.

Saturday, February 18, 1995. Fair, nice day, 56°. Finished the cleaning. Baked cookies. Pete did some typing.

Sunday, February 19, 1995. Clear, beautiful day, 57°. We went to church, theme family life. They introduced Chet Roths who had their 63rd wedding anniversary, & our 63rd is coming in August. We had lunch with Ron. Jo working at school. Allen & Paul called. It's always good to talk to them.

Monday, February 20, 1995. Fair, 56°, windy. We did the laundry. I got things ready for supper. Steves were here. I had sausage & potato casserole, Jell-O salad & rhubarb crisp, also vegetables.

Tuesday, February 21, 1995. Partly cloudy, 36°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben [Krahn]s came from Peoria. We did some shopping. Went to Beichs [Candy] & I got pair of shoes at West Side. Delivered the Upper Rooms at hospital. Had lunch there & I quilted awhile before going to Dr. Wera at 2:00. Report pretty good. Blood pressure good. [Will] continue medication.

Wednesday, February 22, 1995. Mostly fair, 61°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Prime Timers at noon. A smaller group than sometimes. I worked some on tea towels.

Thursday, February 23, 1995. Mostly fair, 53°, windy. Did usual work. Washed some blouses. Embroidered on some tea towels. Pete did some typing. Stirred up rolls.

Friday, February 24, 1995. Fair, 42°, nice day. I baked rolls, gave Rons some. We did some cleaning. I worked on tea towels. Marty got to Rons at 6:30.

Saturday, February 25, 1995. A beautiful day, 58°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to B[eauty] shop. Finished weekly cleaning. I was outside awhile in p.m. Have some tulips up. Marty stopped to say hello. [He] went to Springfield.

Sunday, February 26, 1995. Cloudy, chilly wind, 37°. We went to church. Stayed for spaghetti dinner put on by YPY. Ezra Bylers here awhile, gave Sue some of Mary's jars. Allen & Paul called, they're okay. Always good to talk to them. Had little rain in evening.

Monday, February 27, 1995. Cloudy, 36°. We did laundry. Had lunch with Earl & Marion Rader at International House. Did little shopping.

Tuesday, February 28, 1995. Cloudy, cold, 36°. Snow flurries. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben [Krahn]s came from Peoria again. We went to Eastland & Aldis. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Shinalls.

Wednesday, March 1, 1995. Fair, cold, 23°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:00. Rested. I worked on dish towels. Jo here awhile in evening. They are getting ready to go to Fresno tomorrow.

Thursday, March 2, 1995. Fair, 29°. I made date pudding & muffins. Didn't feel good, had fibrillation, pulse irregular. Better in PM. I cleaned some silverware for Jo. Ron & Jo left at 4:40 for Fresno California. The church is having their 40th anniversary. Rons were invited. He is speaking.

Friday, March 3, 1995. Clear, nice day, 36°. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at 10:30 and grocery store. I finished cleaning Jo's silverware. Feel better today. Gordon in hospital. Saw he had appendicitis but wasn't that. He has Diverticulitis.

Saturday, March 4, 1995. Fair, nice day, 46°. Did usual work. Got dinner. Jon was to come but he forgot it. Rested. Watched some TV.

Sunday, March 5, 1995. Cloudy, 40°, had light rain early a.m. We went to church. Ate at Arby's and back to church [for] Congregational meeting. Search committee named for new pastor. Ron called. They're enjoying their visit. Paul called. They're okay. Marj has been very busy.

Monday, March 6, 1995. Cloudy, 36°. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura Stamback at Perkins. I worked some on tea towels. Wrote to Eloise *Grand-Pre* (sp?). Her husband passed away. Rained in night, had 1 1/3 inches rain.

Tuesday, March 7, 1995. Rained, froze some ice, turned into snow. Covered the ground. 27°. We didn't meet the group for breakfast. I made 2 pie crusts for MCC [relief] sale. Cleaned some of the rug. Finished embroidering tea towels. Ron called from LA. They were to arrive at Bloomington 7:35. Rons got home after 9:00. Plane late.

Wednesday, March 8, 1995. Partly cloudy, 8° – 26°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to hospital to see Gordon. He is getting little better but very distended. Dorothy [Schwartz] is in hospital too, very ill. Talked to Merle. Pete to dentist. Jo here short time, brought us California oranges and candy. Also brought greetings from friends.

Thursday, March 9, 1995. Partly cloudy, 9° – 33°. I went to HEA with Louise K[insinger]. Dorothy [Singley] & Mabel along too. I made 2 more pie crusts for MCC sale. Had a letter from Andy & Rachel. They enjoy their apartment & work. Arthurs called. They enjoyed their trip to Arizona.

Friday, March 10, 1995. Fair, windy, 57°. Pete has a stiff neck. I didn't feel good early a.m. Did some weekly cleaning. I washed the tea towels that I embroidered, also the cover for sofa. Baked a small coffee cake.

Saturday, March 11, 1995. Clear nice day, 60s. Pete to men's breakfast. I had my hair done. Went to groceries & bank. Finished weekly cleaning. Watched some ice skating. I worked outside awhile. Pam called in evening saying they plan to be here Wednesday evening on their way to Deb's in New Jersey.

Sunday, March 12, 1995. Fair, rather windy, 69°, nice day. We went to church. Ate at Grand Café. Jo not feeling well, flu? Paul called in p.m. They're okay. Mary Ann Isreal here awhile in p.m. Steve left for Cal. Evelyn called.

Monday, March 13, 1995. Another beautiful day, 74°. We did laundry. I baked coffeecake braid and [did] other jobs. Made up the beds upstairs, etc.

Tuesday, March 14, 1995. Clear, beautiful day, 70s, broke records. I made lemon lush desert for tomorrow. Made chili & salad for tomorrow evening. Washed some windows & the porch. Went to groc.[store]. Pete has stiff neck.

Wednesday, March 15, 1995. A lovely day, 74°. Pete not feeling well, still has pain. We didn't go to hospital. I got ready for Garfield club. Were 11 here. Pete wrote a paper on the changes he has seen in farming. I gave that and they looked at Pete's scrapbook. Seemed to enjoy it. Micks & girls got here at 6:30. Good to see them. Cindy & children & Rons here little while in evening. Allen called, they're okay.

Thursday, March 16, 1995. 70s, another beautiful day. Micks left at 7:30 for Medford New Jersey to see Deb & Randy & Brittany. Pete feeling much better in PM. I did some laundry & straightened up house.

Friday, March 17, 1995. Very nice day, 75°. We went to church at 6:30 a.m. Helped make pies for MCC [relief] sale. 76 shoofly pies. Were finished at 10:30. We got done with everything at 12:00. Earl Kaufman took things to Peoria. Larry Reesers are in charge. Louise [Reeser] didn't get to church till nearly 11:00. She & Esther [Brown] had lunch. I took coffee cake for morning. Ron to sale at to: 00.

Saturday, March 18, 1995. Partly cloudy, 75°. We left with Rons at 6:40 for MCC sale at Peoria. Didn't wait in line long for pancakes. We got home at 2:30. Took Rons to McDonald's to go on bus to St. Louis for college chaplains meeting. Cindy & children here awhile.

Sunday, March 19, 1995. Mostly cloudy, 59°. We went to church. Had dinner at home. Rested some & read. Got our fruit at SDA [7th Day Adventists] church. Paul called. He & Marj were in Maine over the weekend. We had ¾ inches rain in night.

Monday, March 20, 1995. Cloudy, windy, 62° in morning. Dropped in 50s. We did the laundry. Rested & read. Made a salad for tomorrow. Luella M[ishler] at St. Joe [Hospital]. Quite ill (heart).

Tuesday, March 21, 1995. Fair, 32° – 56°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Got gas & had our car washed. We went to church at noon, Sr. citizens luncheon. Had about 50 there. Dr. Oyer gave program, “Contemplations.” Nice program. Cleaned some drawers.

Wednesday, March 22, 1995. Partly cloudy, 56°. We volunteered at hospital, went to bank. Rested & read some. Cleaned lower shelves in corner cabinet.

Thursday, March 23, 1995. Cloudy, 49°. I scraped paint off around windows upstairs. We went with Lloyd S[ingleys] to Prime Timers. Finished cleaning bottom of corner cabinet.

Friday, March 24, 1995. Clear, 56°. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at noon. I had a permanent. Got some paint for around windows upstairs, also got varnish. I raked some in backyard. Had a family calendar from Marj. Was to be Christmas present but Company didn't get them done.

Saturday, March 25, 1995. Fair, nice day, 62°. I baked shoofly pie. Gave Rons some. I painted around windows upstairs. Worked outside some. Jo & Ron helped burned some brush. I washed curtains from upstairs. Allen called, they are okay. June campaign starts. Called Pauls to wish him happy birthday.

Sunday, March 26, 1995. Light shower early a.m. 56°. Some sunshine in p.m. We went to church. We took Rons to International Pancake House. They had crowd. I made some vegetable soup.

Monday, March 27, 1995. 48°. Little sunshine in morning, cloudy in p.m. We had 1/3 inch rain last night. We did the laundry. Jo here for dinner, had ribs & sauerkraut. I did little more painting upstairs. Unit 5 schools on break.

Tuesday, March 28, 1995. Cloudy, 46°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to Aldis, had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosie [Girdler] & Shinalls. I cleaned the boys room in PM.

Wednesday, March 29, 1995. Cloudy, 43°, some light drizzle at times. I went to Stroink Lab. We volunteered at hospital. I finished cleaning upstairs.

Thursday, March 30, 1995. Cloudy, windy, cold, 45°. I baked cookies. Gave Jo some. We went to town in p.m. to grocery store. Pete had physical at Dr. Bertsche. Had blood work done & EKG. Got home 5:15. Allen called. They're coming tomorrow. *Elreen* (sp?) & Ruth Hartzler are staying here. Central district conference started at our church this evening.

Friday, March 31, 1995. Cloudy, chilly. The Hartzler's left at 8:15 for conference. Vern Preheim is staying at Rons. We did some cleaning. I went to B[eauty] shop at 12:30. Stopped at church. Saw Ruth Ann Gardner & others. I didn't stay long. Allens got here at 5:50. Had supper, sausage, sweet potatoes, peas, slaughter & peaches. Good to have at Allens. Hartzlers here all night.

Saturday, April 1, 1995. Mostly cloudy, chilly. Allens, our guests & we to Rons for breakfast. Had pancakes, sausage & fruit. Had nice time. Allen & Jon to gun show. Surely to mall. Rons to conference. I cleaned some kitchen cupboards. Hartzlers to conference. They went home in PM. Allens took us to Bakers Square. Steves there too. They came out here awhile.

Sunday, April 2, 1995. Clear beautiful day, 60°. Allens left at 8:30, going to Charlene's for breakfast. We went to church. Brought KFC home. Rons took Vern Preheim to airport after lunch. We were glad to have Allens. Time is always short. I wrote in circle letter. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, April 3, 1995. Some sunshine in a.m., rained at 11:00 for several hours. Sun came out again late p.m. & evening. 59°. We did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Applebee's. I finished cleaning kitchen cupboards. Cleaned broom closet.

Tuesday, April 4, 1995. Clear, cold, 22° – 38°. Washed sheets, towels, etc. Went to volunteer meeting at hospital at 11:30. Had luncheon & volunteer orientation. Got home 2:45. Had TB test. Everyone had test.

Wednesday, April 5, 1995. Clear, 29° – 54°. We volunteered at hospital. I cleaned closets in our room. Paul to Washington DC. Carrol R[opp] to Boston to math meeting.

Thursday, April 6, 1995. Cloudy in morning, fair, 71°, nice day. I washed bedding & cleaned our bedroom. Varnished around the Windows. Waxed floor. A big job, glad it's done. Marj to Cape Cod meeting.

Friday, April 7, 1995. Partly cloudy, 71°, nice day. We went to town at 10:30. Went to M[ennonite] hospital, had our TB reading done. We both are okay for which we are grateful. Ate lunch at Steak 'n Shake. I had hair done. I worked outside, raked & cut dead stuff off peonies. Pete trimmed the grapes.

Saturday, April 8, 1995. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 61°. Had a thunderstorm & 1 1/3 inches rain last night. I did usual work & cleaned the bathroom. Ron had concrete poured in part of the shed.

Sunday, April 9, 1995. Cloudy, windy, cold, 45°. We had thunder storms last night. We went to church. Choir sang parts of Messiah. Ron sang with choir. All very good. We had our small group at church. Earl K[aufman]s in charge. Allen called, they're okay. Arthurs called. Had thunderstorm & rain again in night.

Monday, April 10, 1995. Cloudy, 41°, very windy [from] NE. We did laundry. Cleaned closet in west bedroom. Stirred up sugar cookies.

Tuesday, April 11, 1995. Cloudy, 61°. Rained most of afternoon. Waterways are running. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben K[rahn]s were there. Baked sugar cookies & iced them. Wanted to clean some but didn't feel very good, had fibrillation.

Wednesday, April 12, 1995. Mostly cloudy, windy, 41°. We volunteered at hospital. Stopped at grocery store, got an Easter Lily for Dorothy Schwartz. Took it to them and had a little visit. Dorothy seems to be doing much better.

Thursday, April 13, 1995. Clear, nice day, 60°. I was to go to district HEA meeting but didn't feel well. Low blood pressure & fibrillation. Better in PM. I colored eggs & fixed basket for Katie & Matthew. I varnished around windows in west bedroom. Pete fell at gas tank, scraped side of his head & had hematoma. Put ice on. Cindy & children came for baskets. Gave her some cookies too.

Friday, April 14, 1995. Fair, 59°, nice day. Finished cleaning the West bedroom. Went to B[eauty] shop at 11:30. We ate at Avanti's. Went to Mabel's few minutes. She had sorted some papers that were Pete's mother's. She is getting rid of gun collection. Have fibrillation again. Feel better later on. Jo's nephews & Marty & friend came for hog sale.

Saturday, April 15, 1995. Mostly cloudy, 72°. I baked coffeecake braid. Finished weekly cleaning. Steve here in p.m. Put out peas & corn. They had planned to go to Allens yesterday but Katie [is] sick. We put out cabbage & cauliflower & spinach. Pete mowed some yard.

Sunday, April 16, 1995. Easter. Partly cloudy, 72°. We went to church. Steves & we to Rons at 4:30 for dinner. I took fruit salad & cookies. Had a nice evening. Paul called, they're okay. Rons' company, Emerick boys, left at 3:15 for home. Marty & his friend left at 9:15 a.m. Talked to Allen. They're okay. Uncovered roses, they look good.

Monday, April 17, 1995. Mostly cloudy, 68°. We did laundry. Cleaned Cedar closet. Pete finished mowing lawn. I dug grass from around flower bed. Ron called at 5:00 [to] tell [us] he was patient at hospital. Had chest pain last night. Saw nurse this morning. Blood pressure up also. They are doing tests & [he] has halter on. Sorry to hear it. Hopefully he soon feels better. ¾ inch rain last night.

Tuesday, April 18, 1995. 76°, cleared off in morning, very strong windy gusts, 30 – 50 mph. We had breakfast with group. Stopped to see Ron at hospital. Doctors ruled out heart problem. Tests are okay for which we are thankful. But blood pressure still high. Hope diet & meds can help. He went to office after 10:00. Jon cut down Golden Bell brush. [It] had died. I cleaned furniture & drapes, washed windows in dining & living rooms.

Wednesday, April 19, 1995. Cloudy in morning, 58°, sunshine in p.m. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went to Garfield club at Mabel's. I cleaned some shelves & furniture in living & dining room. A bomb went off at federal building in Oklahoma City. Many people injured & killed.

Thursday, April 20, 1995. Cloudy, had rain early, cloudy, chilly, 54°. Finished cleaning the living & dining rooms. Cleaned the rug. Jeff & Pat called. They are thinking about coming May 9th. Will be glad to see them. Ron & Jon to ADD meeting in Indiana.

Friday, April 21, 1995. Cloudy, windy, cold, 49° – 50°. We went to town at 9:45. I went to B[eauty] shop & to hospital. Had lunch & I quilted until 1:30. Pete had appointment at Dr. Allen. Everything okay. I had physical at Dr. Bertsche's at 3:00.

Saturday, April 22, 1995. Fair, 60°, nice day. I finished weekly cleaning. Baked cookies. Jo here for lunch. I worked in yard awhile.

Sunday, April 23, 1995. Cloudy, 54°. We went to church. Had dinner at Bishops. Were home rest of day. Listened to Memorial services at Oklahoma [City]. Paul called. They are okay. Amy & baby there over weekend.

Monday, April 24, 1995. Partly cloudy, 67°. Had light shower in evening. We did the laundry. Pete mowed lawn. Jo sanded the windowsill at picture window. I varnished it. I worked outside awhile.

Tuesday, April 25, 1995. Partly cloudy, 33° – 63°. I went to Carle Clinic for blood work at 7:00. Had breakfast with Tuesday group. We went to volunteer luncheon at Brokaw at 11:30. We sowed lettuce, beets & more spinach. I washed kitchen curtains. Jon here awhile. He's getting ready to shingle our house. Allen called, they're busy.

Wednesday, April 26, 1995. Cloudy, 60s, showers. We went to Stroink lab and volunteered at hospital, also delivered Upper Rooms. Jon here awhile in p.m. I cleaned back of stove & refrigerator. Had rain in night, ¾ inch. Emil Klooz passed away.

Thursday, April 27, 1995. Partly cloudy, 55°, windy & chilly. I finished cleaning kitchen in morning. We went to Prime Timers at 11:00. Took Mabel & Jeanette. Jon here. He's getting ready to shingle the house.

Friday, April 28, 1995. Fair, nice day, 62°. Ron & Jon started taking shingles off our house. Got the east side done. They put paper on. Worked until 10:00 p.m. as rain is predicted tonight. Ron & Jon had lunch with us.

Saturday, April 29, 1995. Mostly cloudy. Started to rain at 4:00 – 5:00. Ron & Jon put shingles on east side of house. Finished about 4:30. I helped Jo & Ron clean up the old shingles.

Sunday, April 30, 1995. Cloudy, chilly, 51°. We went to church. Took Rons [to] Chinese buffet. Were home rest of day. Jeff called saying they are coming next Monday [the] 8th. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, May 1, 1995. Cloudy, cold wind, 50s degrees. Did the laundry. I fed the roses. Baked cookies. Jon & Paul (neighbor) worked on roof toward evening.

Tuesday, May 2, 1995. Fair, 50s, nice day. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosie [Girdler] & Shinalls. I made broccoli salad for women's salad supper. Jo took me. Cindy & Katie there too. Pete mowed lawn.

Wednesday, May 3, 1995. Fair in morning, cloudy, 61°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:30. I cooked chicken, stirred up rolls. Steve & children here in evening. Made more guarded, set out tomato plants.

Thursday, May 4, 1995. Cloudy, 59°. I baked pecan rolls. Gave Rons some. Put 2 containers of rhubarb in freezer. Worked outside awhile in p.m.

Friday, May 5, 1995. Clear, nice day, 69°. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop & groceries. We set out 9 tomato plants & cucumbers, also 3 eggplants. Ron & Jon working on roof. Took all shingles off of south side.

Saturday, May 6, 1995. Fair in morning. Mostly cloudy in p.m., 73°. Ron & Jon working on roof. I baked bars & rhubarb crisp. We took things out of north attic. Made iced tea & refreshments for the workers. Planted glad bulbs. Georgia & Arthur called. Allen called. They're busy & having rain.

Sunday, May 7, 1995. Mostly cloudy. We went to church. Had dinner there & Congregational meeting. Jon & Paul (neighbor) worked on our roof. Ron helped when home from meeting. I helped clean up yard. Evelyn called. Jeff called too. They're coming tomorrow. Paul called. Ron & Jon finished the roof. Paul has little touching up to do.

Monday, May 8, 1995. Cloudy, windy, 70 – 73°. Rained in evening, 1½ inches. We did laundry. Got ready for company. Jeff, Pat & their girls got here about 6 PM. Good to see them. The twins [are] cute little girls. Ron had supper with us. Jo not feeling well. Cindy came in evening.

Tuesday, May 9, 1995. Mostly cloudy, rained in evening. Visited with Jeffs. Played with the babies. Jeffs to Steves awhile in evening. We were all there for supper. Pat cleaned out north & south attic. Had tornadoes from Springfield to Pekin & east to LeRoy around 6 – 7:30 p.m. Lot of damage done. We had some rain. Heavy in places & hail.

Wednesday, May 10, 1995. Cloudy, rainy most of day, 65°. Jeff & Pat cleaned out east attic. Put everything away in all the attics. Appreciate their help. Jeffs took Steves, Pete and I to Grand

Café for lunch. Pat did laundry. Carol here after school & again in evening to see Jeff as he was at Steves. Jo here after school. She feels better. Ron to Chicago. They came in evening.

Thursday, May 11, 1995. Cloudy, 61°. Jeffs left at 8:30 for Allens. Glad they could come. Enjoyed having them in getting to know the babies. I went to HEA. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I did some trimming.

Friday, May 12, 1995. Partly cloudy, 68°. Washed sheets, towels, etc. Did some weekly cleaning. Worked outside. Raked up some grass. Jeff called. They got to Allens at 5:00 Thursday evening. Had good trip. Got card from Pauls. Katie still has temp, 104°+, virus.

Saturday, May 13, 1995. Cloudy, 69°. Had tornado watch & warnings out late p.m. & evening. We went to town at 8:30. I went to B[eauty] shop, got groceries. Finished cleaning. I didn't feel good in p.m. Blood pressure up & fibrillation. Got beautiful azalea from Deb, Randy & Brittany. Got card & \$45 from Allens.

Sunday, May 14, 1995. Fair, nice day after the storms, 70°. We went to church. Brought hamburgers for lunch. We went to Rons at 6:30 for dinner. Mary Ann & Jon helped Ron. Was good dinner. Called Deb to thank them for beautiful plant. Pauls called. Katie still has temp. Bill Ramseyers were at Steves. They left after church for home. Rons gave me 3 – 4 dozen plants for flowerbeds.

Monday, May 15, 1995. Clear beautiful day, near 80°. We did laundry. Took Pete to Dr. Allen. He has sore place on top of his head. Is to see Dr. in 2 weeks. I spaded flower beds. Paul M[iller] here, he helped me. I planted the flowers in evening. Allen called. He tried yesterday but couldn't get us.

Tuesday, May 16, 1995. Rained in morning & evening. Thunderstorm watches. We had breakfast with Tuesday group at Bob Evans. I went with Rosa Girdler to nurses group at Elms in El Paso. Got home at 2:45. 13 there. Not as many as usual. Cleaned the fruit room. Had 1 1/3 inches rain.

Wednesday, May 17, 1995. Cloudy, some drizzle, 66°. I went to Stroink Lab. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield club luncheon at Golden West. Went with Jeanette [Colter]. Came home with Dorothy [Singley]. We defrosted deep freezer.

Thursday, May 18, 1995. A rainy day, 50°, chilly. I made rhubarb crisp for Senior luncheon at church. Tom Kauffmann spoke about his new job with Ohio conference. I didn't feel well in morning. BP low & fibrillation.

Friday, May 19, 1995. Clear, lovely day, 74°. Did some cleaning. Pete mowed lawn. I transplanted violet. Rested. We went to Barry Weavers at 5:00. Marge's parents, Alice & Roy Martin were there. Had nice evening. Steves to Bluffton.

Saturday, May 20, 1995. Partly cloudy, 73°, nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to B[eauty] shop, got groceries. Rested. Worked outside awhile. Planted flowers in tub on the stump.

Sunday, May 21, 1995. Clear beautiful day, 73°. We went to church. Went with Earl Kaufmans to BroMenn Medical Center for breakfast. Were home rest of day. Jo here awhile in evening. Allen called. They had nice weather last week. Paul called, they're okay. Steves home.

Monday, May 22, 1995. Fair, lovely day, 80s. We went to church. Small group as church retreat at [Camp] Menno Haven. Had lunch at Bishops. Marty and friend at Jo's last night. Left at noon for Michigan. Will meet Ron & Jon to go fishing in Lake Michigan tomorrow. Jo & we to her school at 4:00. She had work to do. Helped her a little. We had pizza on way home. Evelyn called. They leave for Kansas & Missouri tomorrow.

Tuesday, May 23, 1995. Cloudy, 70°. Had rain at 4:00 p.m. & strong wind. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Got medicine for Pete. He had back pain over kidney area. Called Dr. B[ertsche] yesterday. He ordered Bactrim. Pete had lot of pain in evening. He's much better today. Thunderstorm & rain in night.

Wednesday, May 24, 1995. A rainy day, 54°. We had 2 ½ inches rain since yesterday morning. Many ponds in fields. Farmers are getting anxious. We volunteered at hospital. Saw Jackie Kinder in cafeteria. Ron & others ate with her. Had more rain in night.

Thursday, May 25, 1995. Cloudy, cool, 60°. I wrote circle letter & [to] Marty's. We went to Prime Timers at noon. Took Mabel & Jeanette. Got home about 4:00. Called Arthurs. Sent them \$10 for flowers for the cemetery.

Friday, May 26, 1995. Fair in morning, 67°, cloudy in p.m. Went to town at 9:00 to B[eauty] shop. Pete had haircut. Got groceries & medicine. Pete mowed yard. I washed blouses & sweaters. Unit 5 school is out.

Saturday, May 27, 1995. Cloudy, windy, 69° – 70°. Rained in p.m. I finished weekly cleaning. Didn't feel good, had diarrhea in morning. Rested. Jo & we were going to Cemetery but didn't feel up to going.

Sunday, May 28, 1995. Fair, mostly cloudy late p.m., windy, 69°. We went to church. Rons to Hopedale, he preached. They got home at 11:20. We had lunch at Parkview in. Rons & we to cemeteries. Jo had Iris. I had no flowers. Peonies aren't open yet. Allen called. They're having rain too. Paul called. He is assistant Dean of Clark U[niversity].

Monday, May 29, 1995. Cloudy, fair in p.m., 69°. We did the laundry. Rested. I worked some in yard. Ron working at home. He did some trimming in our yard. Jo working at school.

Tuesday, May 30, 1995. Clear, 81°, beautiful day. Hope we have more so farmers can get the crops planted. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to Jackson's to get strawberries.

They were over \$2 and quart so didn't buy. Took Pete to Dr. Allen. His head is healed [for] which we are grateful. I planted a few flower seeds in truck patch. Paul M[iller] here, plowed garden.

Wednesday, May 31, 1995. Fair, cloudy in evening, 81°. We volunteered at hospital. Also had Chip program luncheon at auxiliary room. I hoed some in garden. Jo & Jon took us to German Restaurant in Gibson City. Jon's girlfriend Michelle met us there. Ron had tooth pulled so he couldn't join us. Ray got our corn planted. Planted some flower seeds.

Thursday, June 1, 1995. Mostly cloudy, 82°. We did odd jobs. Put screens in storm door. Worked some in yard, etc. Rested.

Friday, June 2, 1995. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 80°. Did the weekly cleaning. Worked outside trimming, cutting weeds. Pete mowed the lawn. Had letter from Loella DePoe. Emily Klooz passed away April 26th. Marty at Rons.

Saturday, June 3, 1995. Fair, nice day. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:00. Finished some cleaning. Didn't feel well, better in PM. I made rhubarb crisp for Jo. We went to Rons at 6:00. Had good dinner. Louise Kinsinger passed away. [She] had pneumonia. [She] was at HEA with us 3 weeks ago.

Sunday, June 4, 1995. Fair, 83°. No church. Retreat at [Camp] Menno Haven. We went to Eureka at noon. Had dinner at Chancellor Restaurant. Went to Cemetery, put flowers on Ed & Nettie's graves. Stopped at Rollie Shrock few minutes, then to Wilbur Albrecht for a visit, then to Maple Lawn [Home] to see Manny Ulrich who will be 100 years old this week. Allen called & Paul called.

Monday, June 5, 1995. Clear, 84°, more humid. Did the usual Monday chores. Rested. Called Steve. Had them bring pizza for our supper. Steve worked some in his garden.

Tuesday, June 6, 1995. Mostly cloudy, showers in places, 83°. Mabel & I to Louise Kinsinger's funeral at 10:30. Pete didn't go. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Shinalls. Went to Aldis.

Wednesday, June 7, 1995. Partly cloudy, hot, 91°. Went to Stroink Lab & to hospital. Volunteered. Got a small wooden tray for Janet Brown's wedding. I watered flowers & roses. Rested some.

Thursday, June 8, 1995. Mostly cloudy, had shower in morning, cool. I went to HEA with Dorothy S[ingley]. Had brunch. Were home by 11:30. I went to B[eauty] shop at 1:30. Pete mowed the lawn. I did some cleaning & packed suitcases.

Friday, June 9, 1995. Cloudy, some fog, cool. Rons & we left at 6:00 a.m. for Allens. We made several stops. Got to Allens before 12:00 noon. Ron & Jo on to Pork Expo at Des Moines. We

had lunch with Allens. Micks came at 5:30. Rons back for supper & all night. Nice to be together. Rained in night.

Saturday, June 10, 1995. Partly cloudy, windy, chilly. Rons to Des Moines to Pork Expo. Shirley to work until noon. We visited with Allen & Mick, looking at slides in p.m. Micks left for home at 3:30. Glad they could be here. Rons & we took Allens to Applebee's. Stopped at Allens after Ron bought hog at sale. Steve called. Katie has chickenpox.

Sunday, June 11, 1995. A beautiful day. Rons & we left Allens at 9:40. Drove to the Amanas, had dinner there. Did a little shopping. Drove past the Weaver (chicken) place & Ron's building where the counselors work from. Got home at 5:00 after a very nice weekend. Enjoyed being with Allens & Micks. Thanks to Ron & Jo.

Monday, June 12, 1995. Partly cloudy, nice day, 74°. Rons left early for Barnes in St. Louis. Jo is seeing a doctor there. She hasn't been feeling very well. Hope she gets help. We did laundry. Worked outside. Pete trimmed some trees limbs. I fed & watered roses. Katie feels some better.

Tuesday, June 13, 1995. Clear, 82°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I put 2 containers of spinach in freezer. Pete did some tree trimming. I worked in yard in evening trimming around flower bed. Rons home at 6:00. Jo had some tests. Dr. thinks she may have diabetes.

Wednesday, June 14, 1995. Clear, 84°. We volunteered at hospital. I was at Jo's awhile. We got 6 quarts strawberries at Jackson's. I put 4 ½ jars in freezer. Jon started painting our garage & he painted around the picture window. Talked to Steve. Katie is better.

Thursday, June 15, 1995. Fair, 86°, good breeze. I washed some shirts, etc. Put winter clothes away. Jon scraping & painting garage. Worked outside. Ron & Jon worked some on roof (valley) in evening. Pete mowed lawn. Put another quart of berries in freezer. Steves to Reunion in Ohio.

Friday, June 16, 1995. Clear, 87°. Went to town at 8:30 to B[eauty] shop. Got groceries. Rested. Worked outside after [it] cooled off some. Jo not feeling very well, dizzy & nauseated at times.

Saturday, June 17, 1995. Fair, 87°. We worked in yard trimming some trees & rosebushes. Finished weekly cleaning. Rested & read. Paul Miller here in p.m., worked in garden. Allens to Ozarks today, also Micks. Allen called, they arrived safely.

Sunday, June 18, 1995. Fair, hazy. We went to church. Had potluck dinner & farewell program for Tom Kauffmann family who are moving to Ohio. Tom will be Minister with Ohio conference. Rons took us to Arnie's Restaurant at the airport for Father's Day. Paul called, they are okay.

Monday, June 19, 1995. Fair, hot, 92°. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Times Past. Did the laundry. Rested & read. Watered flowers in evening. Steve & children here, watered his tomatoes. We are in need of rain. Turned on the air conditioner first [time] for the season.

Tuesday, June 20, 1995. Fair, hot, 97°. Had some rain east & south of town early evening. We had a quiet day. Did usual work. Read & rested. Paul M[iller] here in p.m., picked the peas, gave us some. Gave Jo some of them. Didn't meet with Tuesday group. Ben [Krahn]s didn't come. Steves to Ozarks to join Allens.

Wednesday, June 21, 1995. Fair, hot, 91°. We had severe thunderstorm, high wind at 7:30 p.m., severe lightning. 1 inch rain here. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Rested & read some.

Thursday, June 22, 1995. Fair, 88° – 90°. We went to Prime Timers at Bishops. I had an appointment with Dr. Wera at 4:15. Shopped at Eastland. Dr. Wera says I'm doing well for which I am grateful. Put 1 ½ pints peas in freezer that Paul [Miller] left.

Friday, June 23, 1995. Partly cloudy, 92°, turned cooler late p.m. as thundershowers passed through town. No rain here. I did weekly cleaning. Pete mowed lawn. I baked the coffeecake & peanut butter bars. Gave Rons some. Georgia called. She isn't feeling well, more pain in her face. Steves home from Ozarks.

Saturday, June 24, 1995. Partly cloudy, 90°. Had little thunder shower in p.m. Went to town at 8:30 [to] B[eauty] shop, got groceries. Steve & Paul M[iller] here, picked peas. We rested & read. Allen called, they got home from Ozarks at 4:00.

Sunday, June 25, 1995. Hazy, cloudy in p.m., 86°. We went to church. Jack Stalter preached. We ate at Grand Café. Ron preached at Danvers. We went with Jeanette to visitation at Danvers for Paul *Lutzi* (sp?). He died Friday. Talked to Evelyn, they are okay. Paul called. They are alright. Amy & baby are there for weekend.

Monday, June 26, 1995. Mostly cloudy, 83°, had thunder shower at 5:40 5 PM, had 1/3 inch rain. Did laundry. Paul M[iller] left some peas, have 4 pints for freezer. Matthew has chickenpox. Steve at Friedenswald.

Tuesday, June 27, 1995. Mostly cloudy, 79°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Cindy & Matthew here, picked peas. We helped her some. I washed some of Pete's sweaters and raincoat and jacket.

Wednesday, June 28, 1995. Mostly cloudy, 80°, had thunderstorm at 6:00 p.m. Had rain. We volunteered at hospital, got home at 2:00. Paul Miller left some peas. Put pint in freezer. Pete got 2 # cheese from Deb & Randy.

Thursday, June 29, 1995. Partly cloudy, 83°. Had light shower in evening. Worked outside in a.m. I had a permanent at 1:00. Washed some handwashing.

Friday, June 30, 1995. Fair, cooler, 78°. We took our drivers test and passed. Pete mowed lawn. I worked outside. Paul M[iller] gave us some peas. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. Cindy & children here in evening. Helped her pick & pod peas.

Saturday, July 1, 1995. Fair, 76°, nice day. Did some cleaning. I worked outside most of afternoon & sowed some lettuce. We went to Jackson's after supper, got 8 boxes [straw]berries (Michigan). Not too nice. Put 7 jars in freezer. Allen called, they are okay. Made 3 pints preserves.

Sunday, July 2, 1995. Beautiful day, 76°. We went to church. Gerlof Homan preached. Ben Krahn & we ate at Denny's. We were home in p.m. & evening. Called Deb to thank them for the cheese they gave Pete for Father's Day. They're okay. Paul called. They leave tomorrow for wedding in London, Marj's nephew.

Monday, July 3, 1995. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 78°. We did the laundry. I trimmed some shrubbery. Picked Steve's peas, put pint in freezer. Paul M[iller] left us some peas. Gave them to Jo. Ron was home. He cleaned up brush etc. back of old coal house. Cut down some brush for me which I appreciate.

Tuesday, July 4, 1995. Had thunderstorm at 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Had nearly an inch of rain. Some sunshine. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Shinalls. I baked angel food cake for Jo & made potato au gratin. We went to Rons. Emerson Weins there. Lowanda gone. Rons & we went to Lincoln College to watch fireworks.

Wednesday, July 5, 1995. Had .45 [inch] rain early a.m. Partly cloudy, 83°. We volunteered at hospital. Worked outside, trimmed more shrubbery.

Thursday, July 6, 1995. Fair, 78°, nice day. Had shower early a.m. I baked coffeecake braid. Gave Jo one. Picked Steve's & Paul M[iller]'s peas. Had [some] for dinner & have for another meal. Dusted some upstairs.

Friday, July 7, 1995. Fair, nice day, 81°. I washed slipcovers & rugs upstairs. Did some weekly cleaning. Jo here for dinner, porkchops & sauerkraut. Pete mowed lawn. I hoed flowerbeds.

Saturday, July 8, 1995. Fair, lovely day, 83°. Went to town at 8:30 to B[eauty] shop, groceries & pharmacy. I finished some cleaning. Rested. Hoed some in garden. We went to community picnic at Dean Sears home. Raders & Krugers were hosts. Large crowd. Nice evening. Jo took large dish for both of us.

Sunday, July 9, 1995. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Bluffton [College] group had good service. 2 stayed at Rons last night. We were at Rons for dinner. They had their small group & 6 from Bluffton. Steve got home from Carolina at 2:00 a.m. Allen called, they are okay.

Monday, July 10, 1995. Fair, hot, 90°. We did laundry. I canned ½ gallon dill pickles & 3 quarts beets.

Tuesday, July 11, 1995. Fair, hot, 90s. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. We made freezer [of] cabbage slaw & canned 4 quarts dill pickles. I worked on some scrubbies.

Wednesday, July 12, 1995. Fair, hot, 97°. We went to Stroink Lab. Volunteered at hospital. Jo & I went shopping. Got bedspreads for beds upstairs & new bathroom set. Look for blouse for me but found none.

Thursday, July 13, 1995. Fair, hot, 103°. Picked cucumbers. Made 4 quarts dill pickles. Baked coffeecake braid & cookies. Had air conditioner on most of day. Glad for it. I put 3 cartons of cabbage slaw in freezer.

Friday, July 14, 1995. Fair, hot, 100°. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at noon to B[eauty] shop. Pete had an appointment with Dr. Allen. [He's] doing okay. Got groceries. Cindy & children here awhile. It's hard at their house, no air conditioner. Steve home from [Camp] Menno Haven this evening.

Saturday, July 15, 1995. Fair, hot, near 100° again. Did usual work. Canned 2 quarts dill pickles. Made lasagna, put in freezer. Allen called, has been hot fair. They had thunderstorm & rain. Temp dropped 20°.

Sunday, July 16, 1995. Mostly fair, hazy, 91°. We had thunder shower at 5 PM, ½ inch. We went to church. Had lunch at home. Went to Mona Peacock's 90th birthday open house at Don Augsburger's. Steve & children here few minutes. Paul called. They had a good trip to England.

Monday, July 17, 1995. Clear, less humid, 85°. We did laundry. Got bushel [of] apples at Birkelbaws. Made ½ gallon dill pickles. Cooked apples. We went with Jo to Louise Mattson's funeral at 7:00. Ron & Evelyn [Bertsche] had service.

Tuesday, July 18, 1995. Nice day, 83°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I peeled apples for sauce. Made 2 apple pies, put in the freezer. Picked cucumbers. Put 2 jars applesauce in freezer.

Wednesday, July 19, 1995. Fair, 87°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to drugstore & groceries. I cooked chicken, put in freezer. Made salad for tomorrow. Cooked applesauce. Made ½ gallon dill pickles.

Thursday, July 20, 1995. Cloudy, 78°. Had light showers. I canned 1 quart & 1 pint beets. We went to Senior luncheon at church, good crowd. I cooked applesauce & made salad dressing. Ron to hog show in Springfield.

Friday, July 21, 1995. Fair, 87°. Went to town at 10:00 to B[eauty] shop & groceries. Jo & I to Pontiac. Shopped at Bradys. I got dress, slacks & blouse. Jo gave me \$50 for my birthday. Appreciate all she does for me. She & Pete & I had dinner at Red Lobster with Lucy C[atherine] & Marie Yoder. Went to Lucy C[atherine's] a while. I gave Lucy one of my roses & some vegetables. She [gave] Pete & I set of towels. Ron home from Springfield. Got box of peaches through MCC.

Saturday, July 22, 1995. Cloudy in morning, had shower at noon, 85°. I worked outside awhile in morning. Did some cleaning. Got our first tomato. Cooked applesauce & made apple crisp. Ron put the finishing touch on our roof. I wrote in circle letter.

Sunday, July 23, 1995. Partly cloudy, 87°, had light shower. We went to church. Brought KFC home. Jo here little while. Marty at Rons in evening. Allen & Paul called. Pauls are coming Friday evening.

Monday, July 24, 1995. Fair, 86°, humid. Did washing & ironing. Shortened pair of slacks. Put 9 jars of peaches in freezer. Picked few tomatoes. Marty to Henry Illinois judging. Fed & watered roses in evening. Jo left at 7:00 driving to conference at Wichita [Kansas].

Tuesday, July 25, 1995. Fair, hot, 90°. Had breakfast at Bob Evans with Tuesday group. Got groceries. Made sweet pickles. Cleaned some chairs & cleaned the rug. Picked some tomatoes. Paul M[iller] here, Dug some onions & potatoes. Gave us some of each.

Wednesday, July 26, 1995. Fair, 88°. We volunteered at hospital. Rested awhile. I baked some bars. Had 1 ½ inches rain about 7:30 PM. Glad for the rain.

Thursday, July 27, 1995. Fair, hot, 90°. I did the usual work. Washed some windows. Made beds upstairs. Worked outside some in evening. Had tornado warnings out for counties around us for several hours in evening. Some places had rain.

Friday, July 28, 1995. Clear, less humid, 88°. We went to Barber, B[eauty] shop & groceries. Did some cleaning. Baked a ham. Paul M[iller] left beans for us. I put 8 packages in freezer. Pete helped. Pauls, Amy & Christopher got here about 10:15 PM. Good to see them.

Saturday, July 29, 1995. Clear, hot, 91°. We visited with Pauls & Amy. Paul & Marjorie scraped paint off north side of garage & put prime coat of paint on. Ron here for supper, had lasagna & apple pie. Cindy & children here awhile, brought some strawberries. Marty at Rons.

Sunday, July 30, 1995. Clear, hot, 91°. We all went to church. Ron preached, good message. Pauls took us, Rons, Marty & Jon to Hunan [Restaurant] for dinner. We spent rest of day visiting, playing with Christopher. Jo got home from Wichita at 4:00 a.m. Had a very nice birthday. Allen called. Amy gave me a beautiful bouquet.

Monday, July 31, 1995. Fair, hot, 91°. Pauls finished painting north side of garage. We did the laundry. Pauls & Amy & baby left at noon for Berne to see Marj's mother. Pete mowed lawn. Jo here awhile. Cindy & children here awhile. Worked outside awhile in evening.

Tuesday, August 1, 1995. Partly cloudy, 89°, 90°. Did usual work. Rested. Baked some bars & iced them. Steve here a while. He got home from Conference last night. I got more cards. Got check for \$15 from Allens. Had ¾ inch rain in evening. 4-H fair started.

Wednesday, August 2, 1995. Cloudy, 80s, humid. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Rested in p.m. Didn't feel as good, humidity bothers me. Pauls got here at 3:00 from Indiana. They had a good trip. We had sweetcorn for supper. Had 1 ½ inches rain in evening.

Thursday, August 3, 1995. Rained all morning, had 1 ½ inches and cloudy, 70s. I rested most of day. Didn't feel good. Jo took Marjorie & Amy shopping in p.m. We took Pauls & Amy to Avanti's for supper.

Friday, August 4, 1995. Mostly cloudy, had light shower, 80s. Paul, Amy & Christopher to 4-H fair. Marjorie did some laundry. She & Jo to town in p.m. We went at 1:00. I went to B[eauty] shop. Marjorie made Chinese food for us. Andy & Rachel got here about 6:15. Came on bus from O'Hare. Ben & Mia got here about 10:30 p.m. They stayed at Rons.

Saturday, August 5, 1995. Partly cloudy, 80s. Andys, Ben & Mia & Amy to 4-H fair. Marj helped Jo some. Jo & I fixed chicken for picnic. I made potato salad. Allens, Micks & Jane Quigley got to Steve's at noon. They are staying at motel. We all went to picnic at Miller Park. Was beautiful evening. Arthur called. Georgia not feeling good.

Sunday, August 6, 1995. Partly cloudy, nice day. We all went to church. Our family sang the song, "Help Us to Help Each Other." Very nice. We had pizza here for everyone. All went to Rons at 1:30. Had family picture taken. Guests came at 1:30. 153 people came. Jo served sandwiches, fruit, cake & punch for everyone. Saw some of our old friends. Jo had good help. Allens & Micks left for home at 3:00. Ben & Mia left at 8:00. A wonderful weekend.

Monday, August 7, 1995. Fair, 87°. Pauls and Andys left for O'Hare at 8:30 a.m. Sure enjoyed having them. Everything seems so quiet. We did some laundry. I picked small bucket of tomatoes. Rested. Rons took us to Ned Kelly for Pete's birthday. We appreciate all our children do for us.

Tuesday, August 8, 1995. Mostly cloudy. Had thunder shower at 3:30 p.m. 83°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Did more laundry, sheets, etc. I went to Ann Miller's at 2:30. Her 3 sisters from Kansas are here. 8 from our church were there. Was nice afternoon. Paul called, they got home okay.

Wednesday, August 9, 1995. Fair, 91°, hot. Had a severe thunderstorm at 6:00 – 7:00. Hard rain, little hail. 1 ½ [inches rain]. We volunteered at hospital. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall]. Got groceries & went to bank. Chet Roths came at 4:00. Brought loaf of bread. Storm took large limb out of our tree by driveway.

Thursday, August 10, 1995. Fair to partly cloudy, 86°. Humid. I ironed sheets, etc. Picked tomatoes. Canned 2 ½ quarts. Ron to State Fair late evening.

Friday, August 11, 1995. Clear, hot, 95°. Did the weekly cleaning. Pete mowed lawn. Finished straightening up house. Steve & children here awhile in morning, got tomatoes. They took us to Ted Kelly's for their & our anniversary. Jo to [State] Fair. Evelyn called.

Saturday, August 12, 1995. Clear, hot, 92°. Went to town at 8:30 to B[eauty] shop & groceries. Paul M[iller] here, picked more beans. I kept some, gave to Jo. Canned 3 quarts tomatoes & did some extra jobs. Ron home from fair.

Sunday, August 13, 1995. Clear, 94°. We went to church. Chris Litwiller preached. We brought KFC home. Were home rest of day. Allen & Paul called. They had good trip home. Always good to talk to them.

Monday, August 14, 1995. Clear, hot and humid, 93°. Did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Forum. Rested & ironed. Picked a bucket of tomatoes in evening. Jeanette here, got a head of cabbage & picked some green beans.

Tuesday, August 15, 1995. Fair, hot, 93°, cloudy in evening. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I canned 4 quarts of tomato juice. Steve here in morning. He picked his tomatoes. Ron & Jon took 8 head of hogs to State Fair late evening.

Wednesday, August 16, 1995. Fair, had thunder shower at 4:00 p.m. and light showers at 7:00. 90° – 93°. We volunteered at hospital. Had car at Baird's & [got] air conditioner worked on. Got home 2:30.

Thursday, August 17, 1995. Fair, hot, 91°. I worked outside awhile. Pete mowed lawn. I picked tomatoes. Lot of rotten ones, too wet & hot. Ron showed hogs at fair. Did quite well, 1st, 3^{rds}, 4th. Sold 2. Jeanette here, brought her great-niece Emily.

Friday, August 18, 1995. Fair, hot, 93°. Did some cleaning. I canned 5 quarts tomato juice. Shampooed my hair.

Saturday, August 19, 1995. Partly cloudy, 92°. Thunder showers in the area in p.m. Did usual work. Worked on Scrubbies. I was at Rons little while to wish him happy birthday. Gave him \$25. He had wedding in p.m., Paul Carey (neighbor). Allens to Jeffs. Andy wrote long exam for entrance to med school.

Sunday, August 20, 1995. Fair, little cooler & less humid, 88°. We went to church. Took Rons to Golden West for Ron's birthday. Paul called, they are okay. Andy got along quite well with his exam.

Monday, August 21, 1995. Clear, nice breeze, 86°. Not as humid. We did the laundry. Rested. I made a scrubbie. Worked outside in evening cutting weeds.

Tuesday, August 22, 1995. Clear, nice day, little warmer, 83°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Did some shopping. Went to bank at 11:00. We went to Ken & Barb Unzicker's ribbon-

cutting & opening at their new place of International Decorations. Ron to Martys at 6:30 & tomorrow to Sedalia Missouri. Marty judging at State Fair.

Wednesday, August 23, 1995. Clear, 87°. Went to Stroink Lab. We volunteered at hospital. Rested awhile. Watered flowers in evening.

Thursday, August 24, 1995. Clear, warmer, 87°. Joe Haney's man here, fixed pipe on our bathtub that was leaking. I prepared for Prime Timers picnic at Comlara Lake. Went with Lloyd [Singley]s. Had word when we got home that Bob Crumpler died suddenly at North Carolina. Such a shock.

Friday, August 25, 1995. Clear, warmer, 90°. Went to beauty shop at 10:00. Went to new mall, looked for house slippers for Pete. No luck. Did some cleaning. I worked on Scrubby. Louise Crumpler & son had trouble getting home. Their car quit on them in Chicago.

Saturday, August 26, 1995. Fair, 92°. Finished some cleaning. Ron mowed yard. Pete mowed ours. Ron spent some time with Crumpler family. Jo took their dinner in evening. I sent some pecan rolls for their breakfast. Allen called. They had a good trip to see Jeffs. Jon went to Chicago to get Crumpler's car. Hauled it on trailer.

Sunday, August 27, 1995. Fair, hot, 93°. We went to church. Rons and we ate at Steak 'n Shake. We were home rest of day. Jo worked at school. Rons to visitation for Bob Crumpler. Hard to believe Bob is gone. This is difficult for Ron & his staff. Paul called. Amy & Christopher were there for weekend.

Monday, August 28, 1995. Fair, hot, humid, 93°. We did laundry. Went to Bob Crumpler's funeral at 2:00. Was at new Presbyterian Church in Normal. Jo there too. Ron & his staff pallbearers. I helped Jo when she got home from school. The Crumpler family there for supper.

Tuesday, August 29, 1995. Fair, hot & humid, 92°. Didn't feel good in morning, better in PM. I baked coffeecake braid and a quick coffeecake. Jo here awhile in evening. Pete not feeling very good. His back bothering him a lot. Schools out early on account of heat.

Wednesday, August 30, 1995. Fair, hot, 90s. We volunteered at hospital. Jeanette helped me deliver Upper Rooms. Pete's back bothering him. He & I delivered mail. Got groceries. I stirred up refrigerator rolls. Schools out early again. Arthurs called. They celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary September 10th.

Thursday, August 31, 1995. Partly cloudy, little cooler, less humid, 89°. I baked pecan rolls. We went to Dr. Bertsche at 1:00. Pete's back still bothers him a lot. Dr. thinks probably bruise from his fall. Jo here little while. Gave her some rolls. I cut some weeds in grapes.

Friday, September 1, 1995. A beautiful day. 82°. We did the weekly cleaning. Rested. Looked at Pete's birthday cards again. He got 109 cards. I watered flowers etc. in evening. Ron & Jo left after school for Ohio.

Saturday, September 2, 1995. Another nice day. We went to town at 8:30, B[eauty] shop & groceries. Allen & Shirley got here at 11:30. They went to Yeakel reunion at Fairview Park. They took us to Avanti's for supper. They were here all night.

Sunday, September 3, 1995. Nice day. Allens left at 8:00 a.m. for home. Wish they could have stayed longer. We went to church. Jack Stalter preached. Earl & Ann Kaufman & we went to BroMenn coffee shop for lunch. I wrote to Evelyn. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, September 4, 1995. Clear, warmer, 88°. Did the laundry & washed bedding from guest room. Pete's back is hurting more today. Rons home from Ohio at 6:00.

Tuesday, September 5, 1995. Fair, nice day, 88°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. We met Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Shinalls for lunch. Rested awhile in p.m. Pete feels some better.

Wednesday, September 6, 1995. Mostly cloudy, 83°, had shower in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:00. Rested & read some. Worked on scrubby.

Thursday, September 7, 1995. Mostly cloudy. Rained in p.m. 75°, temp dropped when rain came. I baked cookies, gave Rons some. Fixed some sweet pickles. Finished a scrubby. Read some. Pete feeling better. Jo here after school.

Friday, September 8, 1995. Cloudy, cool, 68°. I didn't feel good in morning. Pulse irregular, etc. Didn't do much, rested. Felt better in PM. Pete to barber & I to B[eauty] shop. Ron & Jo here in evening. We had planned to go to Art [Yoder]'s 50th anniversary. Will wait until morning to decide.

Saturday, September 9, 1995. Clear, lovely day, 72°. I feel some better so went with Jo & Pete to [Ropp] family reunion at Elms. Ron there too. We finally decided to go to Missouri. Jo & we came home after dinner. Jo helped us pack. We left town at 2:40 PM. Got to Martys at 7:00. Renée had dinner ready. Marty came from St. Joe, ate with us & left for Rons. They're going fishing. Jo took us to motel as Martys don't have extra bed. They have nice home.

Sunday, September 10, 1995. Another lovely day. Jo got us at 8:00. Had a light breakfast & drove to near Independence. Met Arthur at Country Kitchen for breakfast (10:30). He went home & we drove to Clearfork Cemetery. Looked around, then to Blue Springs Country Club for the open house for Arts' 50th anniversary. Saw some old friends. Allen came too. We left there at 4:15. Got home at 11:15. A lovely weekend, thanks to Jo.

Monday, September 11, 1995. Fair, 77°. We got up late (9:00 a.m.). Didn't do much. I did laundry after lunch. Rested. We dug glads. Arthurs called in evening, thanked us for coming. Ron & boys got home in evening. Lake Michigan was rough so didn't get as many [fish] as usual.

Tuesday, September 12, 1995. Cloudy, 76°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Rested some. Had appointment with Dr. Wera at 3:15. Got groceries before Dr. [He] was late. Got home at 5:00. I'm about as usual, have fibrillation.

Wednesday, September 13, 1995. Very foggy in morning, 86°, clear later. We volunteered at hospital. Rested a while in p.m. We drove to Jeanette's at 3:30. Went with her to Service Company dinner. Helen & Lucy C[atherine Patton] along.

Thursday, September 14, 1995. A nice day, 89°. I went to HEA with Dorothy S[ingley]. Was home before 1:00. Rested awhile. I painted a garage window.

Friday, September 15, 1995. Partly cloudy, 83°. Did some cleaning. I made 8 glasses of grape jelly, gave Jo some. I painted the garage window another coat of paint.

Saturday, September 16, 1995. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., 73°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to B[eauty] shop. Lucy C[atherine], Christine Mailer & her husband were here awhile. Good to see Christine. Allen called. He got home at 8:00 last Sunday evening.

Sunday, September 17, 1995. Clear, 54° – 71°. We went to church. Mount Pisgah [Baptist] Church had service. We ate at Avanti's. Were home rest of day. Ron preached at Normal Methodist Church. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, September 18, 1995. Clear, 73°, nice day. Did laundry. Paul Miller dug sweet potatoes, a good crop. He gave us 5 gallon bucket. Dorothy S[ingley] got some grapes. I finished another scrubby.

Tuesday, September 19, 1995. Cloudy, 71°, light rain in evening. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I went with Winifred & Lena Maxwell to El Paso. Met with nurses. 16 were there. Good to see them again. [Will] meet again next May 14.

Wednesday, September 20, 1995. Cloudy, chilly, 58°. We volunteered at hospital. We finished the bazaar quilt. I took Mabel & Dorothy S[ingley] to Garfield club at Evelyn Schwoerer.

Thursday, September 21, 1995. Cloudy, rained most of day, 50°. We cleaned the fruit room. I went with Marie Heiser to Meadows Home. Women's Fellowship had program for birthday party. Dr. Oyer had program. Georgia [Yoder] called. Arthur in Canada. She was feeling pretty good.

Friday, September 22, 1995. Clear, cold, 34° – 52°, light Frost. Did some cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop. Got groceries. I canned 3 quarts pears that Paul M[iller] gave us. I picked last tomatoes. Gave Jo a few. Some roses, still some buds.

Saturday, September 23, 1995. Clear, 29° – 59°. Broke records again. I canned another quart of pears and made 3 ½ pints jam. Pete sorted potatoes & put them in basement.

Sunday, September 24, 1995. Fair, 64°. We went to church. Had lunch at church. Birthday party for members. I wrote in circle letter & wrote to Martys. We had large air balloon land in Ron's yard as we were ready to go to church. Allen called, they're okay. Paul called. They spent the weekend at Cape Cod.

Monday, September 25, 1995. Fair, nice day, 70°. We did the laundry. I cut off the Peony beds. Rested. Gary Mohr put in a new picture window.

Tuesday, September 26, 1995. Clear lovely day, 76°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I cleaned upstairs. We dug some carrots.

Wednesday, September 27, 1995. Clear beautiful day, 78°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Stroink Lab. Dr. Wera called, am to cut down some on Coumadin. I baked angel food cake for Jon's birthday. He & Rons came for cake & ice cream.

Thursday, September 28, 1995. Clear, lovely day, 82°. I cleaned closets in bedrooms. We went with Dorothy S[ingley] to Prime Timers. A Mrs. *Mehl* (sp?) talked about milk stools. She has over 100 of them.

Friday, September 29, 1995. Partly cloudy, 80°. Did some cleaning. Made broccoli salad. Went to B[eauty] shop & to College Hills Mall. Pete got pair of bedroom slippers. We went to Sr. luncheon at church.

Saturday, September 30, 1995. Fair, windy, 82°. I made Jell-O salad & apple crisp. Did some cleaning. Steves were here for supper. Had roast beef. Georgia called. They & Steves plan to come 21st & 22nd of October. Allen called. Randy was there. They plan to go to Randys October 5.

Sunday, October 1, 1995. Clear, 74°, beautiful day. We went to church. Had communion. Mrs. Horne preached. We had lunch at Grand Café. Home rest of day. Called Arthurs. They plan to come the 21st. Paul called. He's been real busy with school.

Monday, October 2, 1995. Fair, 80°, nice day. We did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback]. Went to Dr. Bertsche [for] 6-month checkup. Got our flu shots. He says I'm doing okay. We went to card shop. Had light shower in evening.

Tuesday, October 3, 1995. Cloudy Earle, clear, 71°. I cleaned some kitchen cupboards. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall]. Went to Aldis. Cleaned broom closet. We dug some carrots.

Wednesday, October 4, 1995. Clear, 74°, lovely day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I washed bedding from our room. Did some cleaning to.

Thursday, October 5, 1995. Cloudy, 62°. I finished cleaning our bedroom & waxed floor. Cleaned the guest room. Ray started shucking our corn north of the house. Ron here awhile. Had shower in night.

Friday, October 6, 1995. Cloudy, 59°, light shower. We went to town at 10:30. I had permanent. Washed some rugs at laundry & got groceries. I cleaned the bathroom.

Saturday, October 7, 1995. Mostly cloudy, cool, 59°. I cleaned the kitchen. Washed picture window. Birds have been flying into it. Still have several beautiful Peace Roses. Evelyn called, they're okay.

Sunday, October 8, 1995. A beautiful clear day, cool, 58°. We went to church. Went with Earl & Ann Kaufman to BroMenn lunch room for lunch. Home rest of day. Read, etc. Paul called, they're okay & busy.

Monday, October 9, 1995. Clear lovely day, 75°. We did the laundry. I cleaned the Cedar closet and cleaned some in the hall. Jo here awhile, no school today. She got place setting of China for them & us to give Ken [Ropp] & Becky for their wedding.

Tuesday, October 10, 1995. Clear beautiful day, 72°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben [Krahn]'s weren't there. Cleaned the living & dining rooms. Cleaned rug. Ray combining our beans, 45 bushels per acre.

Wednesday, October 11, 1995. Another lovely day, 82°. Wonderful weather for the farmers to harvest. We volunteered at hospital. Straightened up living & dining rooms. Cooked chicken. Pete sold beans, got \$6.41 [per bushel] (477 bushels).

Thursday, October 12, 1995. Another clear day, 82°. I went with Dorothy [Singley] & Mabel to HEA. Mabel on committee. I don't pay dues or serve on committees since I'm 90. Guess there is some advantage in getting old.

Friday, October 13, 1995. Clear breezy 83°. I baked cookies. Gave Rons some. Made cherry torte. Did some odd jobs. Mended some. Put storm window in door, etc. Had shower in late evening.

Saturday, October 14, 1995. Mostly cloudy in morning, partly cloudy, windy, 56°. I went to town at 8:00. I went to beauty shop. Got groceries. Did some cleaning. Rested. We & Rons to Gordons. Was to be a weiner roast but [we] ate in house as was windy & cold. Had nice evening. Mabel & a Mr. & Mrs. Brown were there.

Sunday, October 15, 1995. Rachel Emily Ropp was born at 3:01 PM. Weight 6 # 3 oz. Everyone doing okay. Clear, cool, 58°. We went to church. Had lunch at Denny's with Ben Krahn. Jo & I to shower at Roberta's for Becky (Ken Ropp's fiancée). Allen called. They got home from New Jersey Thursday. Had good trip. Paul called. Amy & Christopher there for weekend.

Monday, October 16, 1995. Clear, nice day, 37° – 63°. We had some laundry. I had problem in morning, felt faint, pulse irregular. Better in PM. Cindy called. She & baby doing okay & we're grateful.

Tuesday, October 17, 1995. Fair, windy, 78°. Did usual work. I feel better. We went to Steves late p.m. Cindy & Rachel went home at 2:00. Rachel is pretty baby, lot of dark hair. Cindy glad to be home. Katie & Matthew are excited about the baby.

Wednesday, October 18, 1995. Another nice day, 76°. We volunteered at hospital. Ray finished our corn. Glad it's done. I took Mabel to Garfield club at Dorothy Singley's. I didn't feel good awhile in morning.

Thursday, October 19, 1995. Fair, 80°, windy. Cloudy in evening. We went to town at 10:00. I got 2 gowns & bib for Rachel. Took them to Steve. They are doing okay. I went to B[eauty] shop & got groceries. Pete to Dr. Allen. He is doing alright. Georgia called. They & Steves are coming Saturday.

Friday, October 20, 1995. Cloudy, windy, cold. We did the weekly cleaning. Went to town at noon. Went to BroMenn auxiliary luncheon. Had an inch of rain last night.

Saturday, October 21, 1995. Cloudy, 36° – 42°. I went to alumni homecoming at Troyer [Nurses] Home. Dinner at Conference Room. I made chicken casserole. Allen called. Arthurs, Cathy & Steve got to town about 6:00. We all had dinner at Rons. Cindy & baby back to hospital. Baby jaundiced.

Sunday, October 22, 1995. Beautiful day. 31° – 67°. We went to church. Arthur, Cathy & Steve there. Georgia rested. Rons were worship leaders. Marlene Kropf spoke. We all went to Jumers for dinner (Steve paid). I got things ready for supper. Had chicken casserole, vegetables & relishes & apple pie. Paul called, they're okay. Cindy & baby home.

Monday, October 23, 1995. Fair, cloudy late p.m., very windy. Rained in evening, 72°, turned colder. We did the laundry. Rested. Did little mending. Arthurs & Steves went home. Glad they could come. Still have some pretty roses. Georgia called. They got home at 4:45.

Tuesday, October 24, 1995. Cloudy, some sunshine late p.m., 50°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I made vegetable soup. Gave Jo some for their supper. We sorted potatoes.

Wednesday, October 25, 1995. Fair, nice day, 63°. I went to Stroink Lab. We volunteered at hospital. Stopped at grocery [store] & bank. I made a loaf of apple bread. I didn't feel very good in morning, better later.

Thursday, October 26 1995. Fair, nice day, 67°. We cleaned the recreation room. Went to Prime Timers with Lloyd S[ingley]s. Mabel & Jeanette along. Rained in evening, ½ inch.

Friday, October 27, 1995. Cloudy, 57°. Sun shone a while in p.m. Had some light showers. We did some cleaning. Went to town in p.m., grocery store, etc. I baked cookies. Gave Rons some & Katie & Matthew [some] for Halloween.

Saturday, October 28, 1995. Cloudy, drizzled and chilly, 46°. We went with Tom Yoder to [Mennonite] Heritage [Museum] in Metamora. Rachel Waltner Goossen was on program. Good to see her again.

Sunday, October 29, 1995. Fair, nice day, 56°. We went to church. Earl Kaufmans & we went to BroMenn lunch room for lunch. We went back to church for Congregational meeting. Allen & Paul called. Always good to talk to them.

Monday, October 30, 1995. Cloudy rainy day, 46°. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Red Lobster. Rested some. Read.

Tuesday, October 31, 1995. A gloomy wet day, 51°. We went to hospital at 10:00. Delivered the Upper Room to patients. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Shinalls. Went to Aldis. Rested.

Wednesday, November 1, 1995. Sun shone awhile in a.m. cloudy, 60°. Rained in p.m. & evening. We volunteered at hospital. Rested. I didn't feel good, Ben called. He's coming the 10th & for Thanksgiving day.

Thursday, November 2, 1995. Gloomy day, colder, 51°. Misted and drizzled I baked coffeecake braid for bazaar. Work didn't go very well. Steves here for supper. Had potatoe-sausage casserole & apple crisp Rachel's first visit. Ben called. He & Ken are coming this weekend.

Friday, November 3, 1995. Fair, 22° – 34°. Cold, windy we did some cleaning went to B[eauty] shop at 9:30 & to bazaar. Took 2 coffee cakes & apple bread. Had lunch there, got groceries & apples at Birkelbaws Allens got to Steves at 7:30. Steve to Mennonite conference at Eureka.

Saturday, November 4, 1995. Clear, 31°. I got things ready for lunch and dinner Allen & Matt here awhile in morning. Ben & friend, Ken Greiff, got here at 12:10, had chili, etc. Evening, [had] beef roast & vegetables, pumpkin pie. We went to Rons awhile in evening.

Sunday, November 5, 1995. Cloudy, cold, 20 – 34°. Few light flurries. Boys & we to church. Rons & we to Avanti's for dinner. Jo to school after lunch. Allens came at 2:00 on their way home. Ron & Jon here. Allens left at 3:00. Paul called, they're okay. Ben & Ken left for Chicago at 7:30.

Monday, November 6, 1995. Little sunshine in a.m. also windy, 45°, some mist in PM. We did the laundry. Rested. Did some embroidery towel.

Tuesday, November 7, 1995. Colder. Went to breakfast with Tuesday group. Don Martin there too. We did laundry, guest beds, chair cushions from kitchen & covers for sofa & chair. I rested

more. Jeffs were in bad accident on their way home from Wichita. Pat had broken nose & finger & abrasion of her eyes. Haley had cuts around her eyes. All had bruises etc. A trucker ran into them.

Wednesday, November 8, 1995. Fair, 21° – 34°. We volunteered at hospital in a.m. Rested. Did some ironing, etc. Read. Had fibrillation again. Having it more frequently.

Thursday, November 9, 1995. Fair, windy, 52°. We cleaned the laundry & furnace room. Baked ginger cookies & made bread pudding. Rested.

Friday, November 10 1995. Cloudy, 60°. Very windy, light rain p.m., heavier rain. Thundered & lightened. We put dirt around the roses. I planted violets. We did the weekly cleaning. I called Jeffs.. They are getting better. So thankful, it could have been much worse. Rained hard in evening.

Saturday, November 11, 1995. 31° rain turned to snow early morning. Clear, windy, cold. Had over an inch of snow. Roads ice & snow. Had hair appointment, canceled it. Quiet day. Allen called. Cold there too & snow. Rons & we to Golden West & then to grocery store.

Sunday, November 12, 1995. Fair in a.m., cloudy, 12° – 34°. We went to church. Lynn Miller preached. We had small group at church. Paul called. They are okay. Amy there over weekend.

Monday, November 13, 1995. Fair warning, mostly cloudy p.m., 25° – 31°. Did the laundry, sorted some pictures. Rested.

Tuesday, November 14, 1995. Clear, nice day, 21° – 36°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Did some shopping. Made caramels p.m. Arthurs called in evening. Arthur hurt his back but was some better.

Wednesday, November 15, 1995. Clear, 17° – 37°. We volunteered at hospital. I went with Jeanette to Garfield club at Verna Wallace. Came home with Dorothy S[ingley]. Made salad for tomorrow.

Thursday, November 16, 1995. Cloudy in morning, fair, 41°. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to district HEA meeting. Mabel & Jeanette along too. Pete home, read.

Friday, November 17, 1995. Mostly fair, 53°, nice day. Did some cleaning. I went to B[eauty] shop. Pete got haircut. Got groceries & medicine. Worked outside awhile, cleaned off some of flowerbeds.

Saturday, November 18, 1995. Partly sunny, 41°. I baked fruit cake & made vegetable salad, finished weekly cleaning. Raked some leaves. Allen called, they are alright. Jeffs are getting better from their accident.

Sunday, November 19, 1995. Fair, 55° nice day. Mission Sunday. We went to church. Ben Krahn & we had lunch at Perkins. Got SDA [Seventh-day Adventist] fruit. Were home rest of day. I wrote in circle letter.

Monday, November 20, 1995. Clear, nice day. We did the laundry. I made white bark cookies. Went to Jo's awhile when she got home. Gave her \$25 for [her] birthday.

Tuesday, November 21, 1995. Fair, 39°, windy. We had breakfast at Paradise Garden with Tuesday group. Washed sweaters, dress etc. Baked coffeecake braid. Washed some windows. Gave Rons coffeecake.

Wednesday, November 22, 1995. Cloudy, 40°, chilly wind. I went to Stroink lab. We volunteered at hospital, put cones on roses. We went to Rons at 7:30 for surprise for Jo. She & Ron went to dinner. When they returned at 8:15, guests had arrived. Jon & Mary Ann had everything ready, punch, tea, & mints. Marty's were late, got here at 9:15. Ben got here at 10:00.

Thursday, November 23, 1995. Beautiful Thanksgiving day. I made 2 pies. Carol brought some of her dinner here to use my oven, hers burned out. Ben, Pete & I to Rons at 2:00. Had dinner at 4:30. Turkey & all the trimmings. I took pies. Allen called in morning. They were going to drive to southern Iowa. Paul called. They were having an Indian family. Ben left at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 24, 1995. Clear, 14° – 38°. Cloudy. I went to beauty shop. We did some weekly cleaning. I baked yummy cookies & cleaned some windows. Went to Rons in evening party. Marty cooked quail & deer liver & onions. It was all good.

Saturday, November 25, 1995. Partly cloudy, nice day, 46°. I cleaned the oven & finished weekly cleaning. Rons & we left at 3:00 for Kenneth Ropp & Becky Hollis wedding at 5:00 in Bushnell. A nice wedding, large crowd, church was full. We got home at 8:00. Didn't go to reception which was in McComb.

Sunday, November 26, 1995. Cloudy, 62°. We went to church, had lunch at Arby's. Marty stopped [a] few minutes. They left for Columbia [Missouri] at 2:00 p.m. we went to Home Builders at church. Earl Kaufman & 4 of his friends played. They enjoy playing.

Monday, November 27, 1995. Cloudy, light rain p.m., 52°. Turned colder & windy in late p.m. We did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Schooners.

Tuesday, November 28, 1995. Clear, 28°. Didn't go to breakfast. I wasn't feeling, had some bowel problems. Didn't meet with Dorothy [Scogin], Harold [Shinall]s, & Rosa [Girdler]. Rested. Made some date balls. Harold Shinall brought some gifts to us from their meeting. Got pretty glass ornament from Frieda [Shinall].

Wednesday, November 29, 1995. Clear, 16° – 34° we volunteered at hospital. Went to Aldis, got food for Mission. Garfield club & Prime Timers donating food. Made out our Christmas card list.

Thursday, November 30, 1995. Fair, 54°, windy. I baked carrot cookies & cranberry chocolate chip oatmeal cookies. Stirred up crescents.

Friday, December 1, 1995. Clear, 54°, lovely day. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at 9:30 & grocery [store]. Baked Crescent cookies. Pete cleaned some in garage.

Saturday, December 2, 1995. Fair, another nice day, 62°. Did the usual work. Wrapped some gifts for the girls (tea towels, dishcloths and Scrubbies). Ron got us a Christmas tree, also got theirs. Allen called, they're okay.

Sunday, December 3, 1995. Fair, nice day, 53°. We went to church, had lunch with Earl Kaufmans at BroMenn Regional. Ron set up our Christmas tree. I addressed Christmas cards. Wrote some notes. Evelyn, Arthurs & Paul called. They're all okay.

Monday, December 4, 1995. Fair, 44°. We did the laundry and decorated our tree, looks nice. I stirred up sugar cookies.

Tuesday, December 5, 1995. Fair, 44°, very windy, turning colder. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Did some shopping. Stopped at Steves, gave them their check & Cindy tea towels, etc. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Got fruit for Evelyn.

Wednesday, December 6, 1995. Cloudy, few snow flurries in p.m., 32°. We volunteered at hospital. Addressed Christmas cards & wrote notes. Gordons gave us a very nice poinsettia.

Thursday, December 7, 1995. Clear, 18° – 36°, nice day. Mailed cards. Gave children \$75, grandchildren \$50 & great-grandchildren \$20 each. We went with Lloyd S[ingleys] to Prime Timers. Took food for Mission. Made door piece.

Friday, December 8, 1995. Cloudy, 27°, snowed in morning & again in p.m. We did usual work. Went to town at 10:00. Got groceries in medicine. I went to B[eauty] shop, came home for lunch. Roads little slick, lot of accidents. I baked chocolate whipped cream cake for Jo. Had 2 - 3 inches snow, very windy in evening, 33°.

Saturday, December 9, 1995. Clear, 3° below, 7° high. Wind chill 20 – 25° below most of day. Ron cleared our walks & got our mail. I baked Vienna cake for Jo. They are having North Point staff for dessert. I didn't feel good, low blood pressure, diarrhea in morning & fibrillation. Allen called. They had 5 inches snow & very cold & windy.

Sunday, December 10, 1995. Fair, 3° below, not as windy, 17°. We didn't go to church. Cold & I still didn't feel up to par. I made apple dumplings. Put up a few decorations. Packed Paul's box. Sent Marj, Rachel & Amy tea towels, dishcloths & Scrubbies. Paul called. They were having some snow & cold.

Monday, December 11, 1995. Cloudy, 9° – 18°. Had some [snow] flurries in morning. We did the laundry, rested. Got quite [a] few cards. Always nice to hear from friends.

Tuesday, December 12, 1995. Partly cloudy, 24°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Got poinsettia for Jeanette & Singleys & delivered them. Evelyn B[ertsche] here awhile in p.m. Jo took us to Community Christmas Candlelight [Service] at Wesleyan. A very nice program. Ron sang with [the] choir.

Wednesday, December 13, 1995. Cloudy, 22° – 38°. Had some mist & freezing rain about noon. We volunteered at hospital. Had Christmas dinner. We delivered patients' mail after dinner. Roads were okay when we came home at 2:00. Pete didn't feel good in evening, had diarrhea.

Thursday, December 14, 1995. Cloudy in morning, 52°, fair, nice day. I went with Dorothy [Singley] & Mabel to HEA at Danvers Museum. Nice Christmas program. Had catered meal. Went to Dr. Wera at 2:30, changed meds slightly. Put me on Norvasc. He suggests I wear gloves to keep my fingers from getting cold & turning white.

Friday, December 15, 1995. Mostly cloudy, 39 – 40°. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at 11:00 [to] grocery store & B[eauty] shop. Went to visitation for Esther *Wengler* (sp?) Brown. Steves & children were coming for ribs & sauerkraut. Steve called after I had meat etc. in oven saying Matthew was ill. So Rons came & helped us with our supper.

Saturday, December 16, 1995. Clear, 42°, nice day. Did the usual work. Cleaned some drawers in kitchen. Ron helped me wash kitchen windows on outside. Appreciate it. We listened to tape that Pauls sent us, an ensemble that Marj sings with. Very nice.

Sunday, December 17, 1995. Mostly cloudy, 40°. We went to church. We were greeters. Ate at Grand Café. Got SDA [7th Day Adventist] fruit. I went to Rons in p.m., helped Jo get ready for Ron's staff open house. I took tray of cookies. Lots of food. We came home at 10:00. Paul called. Amy & baby & Andys there. Had freezing rain in night. Randy & Brittany went to Allens.

Monday, December 18, 1995. Cloudy, slick in morning, 32° – 34° most of day. Jeanette & I were going to breakfast coffee for BroMenders, but called it off. We did laundry. Fixed box of cookies for Allens, etc.

Tuesday, December 19, 1995. Cloudy, fair in p.m., 34°. Had 2 – 3 inches snow. Roads not very good. Windy. Unit 5 & most schools in the area were closed. Ron to work. I cleaned some of my silver service, made some stew & did usual work. Helene Dick passed away. Deb called. She's going to Allens tomorrow. She had to work.

Wednesday, December 20, 1995. Fair, 33°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Stroink Lab. I went to Garfield club at Maxine [Alwes]. Took food for Mission. Got a big box of fruit from Evelyn & Bill [Bearly], grapefruit, oranges, lemons & tangerines. Deb called last night. She was to fly to Iowa today. They were having snow. Hope she got to go.

Thursday, December 21, 1995. Cloudy, 27°. Did the usual work. Read & rested. Jo here awhile in morning. Schools out for holidays.

Friday, December 22, 1995. Cloudy in a.m., fair, 27° in PM. We went to funeral for Helene Dick. A large family. Burial in Ropp Cemetery. We had dinner at the church. Helene was buried in Cedar casket made by family members.

Saturday, December 23, 1995. Cloudy, 27°, few snowflakes most of day. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to B[eauty] shop. Steves stopped on their way to Allens. Left here at 1:00. They planned to go earlier but Katie not feeling good. I made 2 loaves of lemon bread. Gave Jo one & taking one to Carol's.

Sunday, December 24, 1995. Mostly cloudy. 20+ Went to church. Earl K[aufman]s & we ate at BroMenn. We & Rons to Christmas program at church. Ron sang with choir. Rays, Mabel & we to Rons for oyster soup, etc. I took cookies & lemon bread. Nice evening.

Monday, December 25, 1995. Clear, 31°, nice day. We went to rays for dinner. Gordons & Cutter family there. We went to Rons at 5:00, had another big meal. Had gift exchange. Gave Jo dish towels & scrubby. Rons gave Pete 3 books, trousers, wheelchair tag, recorder headset, album. I got shirt & dress, blender, cake pans, box of tea. Jon gave us fruit, cocoa, coffee, [gave] Rons frozen meat & fruit.

Tuesday, December 26, 1995. Cloudy, 54°. We did the laundry. Rested & read. Got several more cards and letters.

Wednesday, December 27, 1995. Clear, 38° – 28°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:00. Delivered Upper Rooms and had 4 days of patients' mail. Ladies finish the quilt we had been working on. Steves got home from Allens.

Thursday, December 28, 1995. Clear, 11° – 32°. Nice winter day. I made some lemon bread & sweet pickles. Cleaned some of the rug & worked on rust spots in sink. Rested. My cold some better. Steves to Ohio today. Allen called. They plan to come tomorrow.

Friday, December 29, 1995. Fair, 13° – 36°. Went to town at 9:30 to B[eauty] shop & grocery store. Did some cleaning. I made chili & coated some pretzels with white bark. Allen & Shirley got here at 9:30. Martys got to Rons in evening. I got sweater from Allens, Pete got a book.

Saturday, December 30, 1995. Fair in a.m., cloudy, 34°. We visited with Allens. They took us to Denny's for lunch. Randys & Brittany got here at 3:30. Good to see them. We all went to Rons for dinner. Martys gave us nuts & jelly & meat. Pete & I each got a watch from Randys.

Sunday, December 31, 1995. Cloudy, rather foggy, 34°. Allens left at 10:15 for home. Glad they could come. We took Randys to Golden West for dinner. We had chili & sandwiches for lunch. Deb, Brittany & I went to Rons awhile in evening. Randy went to bed early. Allen called, they got home around 4:00. Roads were okay.

Monday, January 1, 1996. Cloudy, 30s. Randys left at 4:15 a.m. I put gifts away. Watched rose parade. I washed 3 loads. Jo wanted us to come for supper. Had good scraps. Martys here few minutes. They left for home at 1:00. They got home okay. Randys got home at 7:00 their time. Had some fog in places. Paul called. Amy there for weekend. Ben back to Chicago.

Tuesday, January 2, 1996. Cloudy, 36°, a strong northeast wind, snow predicted but went south of us. Colder. We did laundry. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Shinalls. Frieda gave popcorn, Rosa candy & toys for kids, Dorothy mugs & coffee. We took our tree down. Rons took it out for us.

Wednesday, January 3, 1996. Clear, nice day, 10° – 35°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:00. Rested. Put more gifts, etc. away.

Thursday, January 4, 1996. Snowed most of day, 2 inches, 16° – 24°. I baked coffeecake braid. Made salad dressing. Cleaned drawer. Rested.

Friday, January 5, 1996. Cloudy, 6° – 20°. Snow flurries in p.m. We did the weekly cleaning. Rested & read.

Saturday, January 6, 1996. Partly sunny, 3° – 15°. Pete to men's breakfast. I had permanent. Went to drugstore & bank. Allen called. Cold there, 10° below zero this morning. We had more snow in night.

Sunday, January 7, 1996. Cold, 8° – 20°. We went to church with Jo. Ron not feeling good, has cold. We were home rest of day. Paul called. They have a foot of snow & started snowing there at 6:00 p.m. & was still snowing at 10:00 when he called.

Monday, January 8, 1996. Clear, 2° – 20°. Windy in p.m. Having blizzards in Northeast & lots of snow. We did the laundry. Rested & read. Pete cracked some nuts we got for Christmas.

Tuesday, January 9, 1996. Partly cloudy, warmer, 36°. We had breakfast at Perkins with Tuesday group. Had new muffler put on car. Did some reading & rested.

Wednesday, January 10, 1996. Fair, cloudy in p.m., 28°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:00. Earl Mohr passed away. Talked to Mabel.

Thursday, January 11, 1996. Cloudy, snowed 2 – 3 inches, 28° – 30°. I made vegetable soup. Didn't feel well in morning. Better in PM. I cleaned my silverware.

Friday, January 12, 1996. Cloudy, 28° – 30°. We went to Earl Mohr's visitation & funeral at Kibler Smith [Funeral Home] at 2:00. Did some cleaning. I baked quick coffeecake.

Saturday, January 13, 1996. Fair, warmer, 44°. Did usual work. Made lemon pie. Didn't feel good but better in PM. Allen called. They were at Pam's last night. Whether nice there too.

Sunday, January 14, 1996. Clear beautiful day, 49° – 50°. We went to church. Brought KFC home. We read and rested. We got picture of twins for Christmas. Marty got to Rons at 5:30 p.m. Paul called. His school starts tomorrow after the holidays.

Monday, January 15, 1996. Cloudy most of day. Sun shone late p.m. 34°. We did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Susie's Café. Rested some. Martys to Chicago. Renée has interview.

Tuesday, January 16, 1996. Foggy all day, 42°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I sorted some pictures and some of my training things. It's hard to part with some of it. But one can't keep everything. Alyce Mohr passed away.

Wednesday, January 17, 1996. Foggy in morning, warm, 55°. Windy in evening. Little sunshine. I went to Stroink Lab in morning. We volunteered at hospital. I was at Jo's awhile in PM. She was home, her leg is bothering her.

Thursday, January 18, 1996. A blustery day, very windy, 58° in a.m., temp dropping in p.m., 13° at 6:00 p.m. Rained in morning, some snow late PM. We went to Seniors luncheon at church. Went to B[eauty] shop at 1:30. Pete to Dr. Allen. Appointment was at 4:00 but [they] took us early on account of weather. Everything okay.

Friday, January 19, 1996. Clear, 3° below, 7° above high. Our electricity off from 4:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Not as windy, but windchill high. Did some cleaning. I cleaned some silverware for Jo. Wrote in circle letter. Lawanda Weins here, got my quilt frames.

Saturday, January 20, 1996. Clear, 7° – 27°. Cloudy in p.m. We went to Alyce Mohr's funeral at 11:00 at Normal Methodist Church. Finished weekly cleaning. Rested.

Sunday, January 21, 1996. Mostly fair, 35°. We went to church. Had lunch at Grand Café. Got fruit at SDA [7th day Adventist] church. Jo here awhile in evening. Evelyn called. Talked to Allen. They had a blizzard on Thursday. They're okay. Paul called. Some of their snow has melted. Cindy has strep throat.

Monday, January 22, 1996. Partly cloudy, 37° – 40°. Did the laundry. Pete has a shoulder bothering him. I had fibrillation in morning, better in PM.

Tuesday, January 23, 1996. Foggy all day, some rain in a.m., 37° – 40°. Pete's shoulder better. Not a good day for me, blood pressure low, fibrillation etc. Felt better late p.m. Got the meals & rested.

Wednesday, January 24, 1996. Fair, 14° – 25°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to card shop. Rested. I polished some of Jo's silver. Pete's neck bothering him again.

Thursday, January 25, 1996. 6° – 38°. Finished polishing Jo's silverware. Went to B[eauty] shop & grocery store. Pete feels some better.

Friday, January 26, 1996. Took Pete to Dr. B[ertsche] at noon. Thinks it's muscle that causes the pain. Gave him *Relaxers* (sp?). Cloudy. Rained. Strong wind, 39 – 40°. Snow in Iowa & Wisconsin.

Saturday, January 27, 1996. Clear, 9° – 21°, rather windy. I did some cleaning. Sorted some papers, clippings, etc. Ron brought us some pork, 20+ pounds. Pete feels better. Allen called in morning. They had a blizzard yesterday. He closed his office at noon, had 12 – 14 inches snow.

Sunday, January 28, 1996. Partly cloudy, 31°. We went to church. Had communion & annual meeting. We went with Ben Krahn to Denny's for lunch and back to church for meeting.

Monday, January 29, 1996. Clear, cold, 37° early in morning, turned colder. Wind chill well below zero most of day. Pete feels better. My B[lood] P[ressure] low again. We did laundry. Rested. I did some mending.

Tuesday, January 30, 1996. Cloudy, cold, 6°. Snowed 1 inch or more. We had lunch with Shinalls & Rosa [Girdler]. Dorothy [Scogin] [had] some car trouble. We got groceries at Aldis. We rested & read.

Wednesday, January 31, 1996. 12 – 13.5° during day. Wind calm. We volunteered at hospital. Rested & read in p.m.

Thursday, February 1, 1996. Fair, cold, 2 – 13°. I made tapioca pudding & sausage & potatoe casserole. Rested. A quiet day.

Friday, February 2, 1996. Clear, -12°, 3° to 5° below all day. Glad we could stay inside. The state of Minnesota canceled all schools on account of the cold weather. Did the usual work & read. Steve to Camp Friedenswald.

Saturday, February 3, 1996. Clear, -19°, -3° during day. Allen called. Was 29° below zero this morning, -15° for the day. Ron brought paper & mail so we didn't have to get outside. We appreciated that. He had [a] sow farrowing night.

Sunday, February 4, 1996. Clear, -12°, 6°. We didn't go to church. Pete didn't feel good but better than yesterday, and still has cold. Had a quiet day. Ron preached at Danvers. Jo to church, then to school. Ron here few minutes. Paul called. Amy & Christopher [there] for weekend and birthday.

Monday, February 5, 1996. Clear, 2° – 29°. Nice to have warmer temps. I went to Gailey's at 9:00, had checkup. Don't need to have any changes which I'm thankful for. Did laundry in PM. Pete's back seems some better. Annabelle Lott in hospital, has cancer of the lung. Am sorry for her.

Tuesday, February 6, 1996. Fair, 6° – 38°. Nice day. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I made kettle [of] vegetable soup. Baked some bars. Rested & read.

Wednesday, February 7, 1996. Cloudy, 32° – 49°. We volunteered at hospital. I went to B[eauty] shop at 1:00. Rested awhile. Pete's back little better.

Thursday, February 8, 1996. Cloudy in morning, fair, 50°. I went to HEA [Momemakers Extension Association] meeting. Took Mabel. Dorothy S[ingley] gone to the south. Rested & read. Had potluck at HEA.

Friday, February 9, 1996. Foggy in morning, 26° – 52°, clear. Did the usual work. I baked sugar cookies for Valentines. Pete's back some better.

Saturday, February 10, 1996. Fair, 54°, windy, cooler in p.m. Did some cleaning. Watched children's auction on radio [sic]. Ron one of the auctioneers in p.m. Steves here in evening. We had them bring pizza. Allens called in a.m. Gave Steves their cookies & candy.

Sunday, February 11, 1996. Cloudy, colder, 34°. Snow flurries during the day. We went to church with Rons. They took us to Bloomington Square for lunch. We enjoyed it. Paul called. Marjorie had her purse stolen at church. Was in choir room.

Monday, February 12, 1996. Cloudy, snowed most of day, 26° – 28°. Did the laundry. We had lunch at BroMenn Life Care Center with Laura [Stamback]. Arthur called. Georgia had a cold. They're flying to Arizona tomorrow.

Tuesday, February 13, 1996. Rossi cloudy, 39° – 40°. Did usual work. Went to Dr. Wera at 2:15, got to see him at 4:00. He had an emergency at office. Sent a patient to hospital via ambulance. Had car washed.

Wednesday, February 14, 1996. Cloudy, 34°. We went to Stroink Lab at 7:00 and to hospital. Volunteered until noon. Rested in p.m. I didn't feel very good. Better in evening. Jo here awhile. Brought us an Azalea plant. Very pretty.

Thursday, February 15, 1996. Cloudy, snowed off & on most of day. I did usual everyday work. Sorted some pictures, etc.

Friday, February 16, 1996. Clear, 12° – 26°. Did some cleaning. Went to town in p.m. I went to B[eauty] shop, got groceries and bought a radio for the kitchen. Steves to Bluffton. They had meeting.

Saturday, February 17, 1996. Cloudy, 34° in morning, colder in p.m. Did the usual work. I made doughnuts. Rested. Allen called. They are okay. They had more snow.

Sunday, February 18, 1996. Fair, cloudy in evening, 31°. Light snow in evening. We went to church. Jack Stalter preached. We ate at Avanti's. Rested & read. Paul called. Everyone okay, busy.

Monday, February 19, 1996. Clear, nice day, 50°. We did laundry. Rested & read.

Tuesday, February 20, 1996. Foggy in morning, partly cloudy, 65°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I sorted more pictures.

Wednesday, February 21, 1996. Cloudy, foggy in morning, 39° – 40°. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield [club] at Jean Ann [Bates]'s. Took Mabel & Dorothy [Singley].

Thursday, February 22, 1996. Cloudy, 45°. Some foggy in morning. I made 2 pie crusts for MCC [Relief] Sale. We went with Lloyd S[ingleys] to Prime Timers.

Friday, February 23, 1996. Cloudy, foggy in morning, 64°. Turned much cooler in p.m. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at 10:00 to B[eauty] shop & got groceries. I made 2 more pie crusts for MCC sale.

Saturday, February 24, 1996. Clear, nice day, 62°. I cooked chicken. Made vegetable soup. Did some cleaning. Worked in the yard. Picked up sticks. Allen called. They're okay.

Sunday, February 25, 1996. Fair, nice day, 60s. We went to church. Ron preached, had a good sermon. We had lunch with Earl & Ann K[aufman]. Went to YPU spaghetti supper. Rons there too. Paul called. They're okay & busy.

Monday, February 26, 1996. Fair, 70°, broke records. Had a few sprinkles, had tornado watch out in late p.m. & evening until 10 PM. Did laundry, cleaned a drawer, etc.

Tuesday, February 27, 1996. Cloudy, 55° in night, temp dropping during day. Had thunderstorm & rain early morning, 3:00 a.m. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Got new radio for kitchen (Sony). Went to hospital, delivered Upper Rooms & got groceries.

Wednesday, February 28, 1996. Cloudy to partly cloudy, cold, 11° – 20°, windy. We volunteered at hospital. Rested and read in p.m.

Thursday, February 29, 1996. Fair, 8° – 24°. Did the usual work. Wasn't a good day. I had fibrillation all day & low B[lood] P[ressure] in morning. Sorted some more pictures.

Friday, March 1, 1996. Mostly clear, 40°, windy. We were to have lunch with Lucy C[atherine] but wasn't up to it. Felt much better after lunch. We did some cleaning. Had hair done & got groceries. Went to Kiwanis pancake [supper] at 5:00. Leon [Schmucker] gave us tickets.

Saturday, March 2, 1996. Partly cloudy, snow showers in morning, windy, 28°. Pete went with Ron & Jon to Chenoa [to] have Income Tax done. We're gone most of day. Allen called. They are okay & busy

Sunday, March 3, 1996. Fair, 3° in morning, 26°. We went to church. Went to Paul Millers for dinner. Earl & Ann K[aufman] there too. Good dinner, had venison. Paul called. Amy & Christopher are there for few days.

Monday, March 4, 1996. Fair, 46°. We did the laundry. Rested, looked through more pictures.

Tuesday, March 5, 1996. Cloudy, foggy in a.m., had close to 1 inch rain early a.m. I made 2 more pie crusts. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Shinalls. Went to Aldis. I wrote in circle letter.

Wednesday, March 6, 1996. We woke up to icy roads. Very slick. Schools closed. Snowed some. 30°, windy, temp dropped during day. Jo here awhile. She went to school to work. Ron to work. I did usual work, got meals etc.

Thursday, March 7, 1996. Fair, cold, 7° – 16°. A quiet day. Read some of Edwin Ropp's writings. Did some of weekly cleaning.

Friday, March 8, 1996. Fair, cold, 8° – 16°. We went to church at 7:00. Helped make pies & package them for MCC [relief] sale. Had things done by 11:15. Went to (unclear) and got groceries. Ron to sale at 2:00. Jon with him. Pete & I went with Jo after chores. Had supper at sale. Rons helped clean up when they closed at 9:00. Got some cheese & meat, etc.

Saturday, March 9, 1996. Clear, a beautiful day, 25°. Rons to Peoria early. We got up late. Did rest of cleaning, etc. I baked coffeecake braid. Allen called. Georgia & Arthur called. They enjoyed being in Arizona. Got home a week ago. Arthur found out he has diabetes. No med[icine], just diet. Evelyn [Bearly] called. Bill had surgery several weeks ago for lung cancer. Is home, seems to be doing okay.

Sunday, March 10, 1996. Fair, another nice day, 40°. We went to church. Had lunch with Earl & Ann [Kaufman] at BroMenn Medical Center. Pauls are in Mexico with Marj's brother Curtis & his wife.

Monday, March 11, 1996. Nice day, 47°. Service Company here at 8:00. Put new valve on gas tank. We went to town at 10:00. Did some errands. Went to Eastland, did little shopping. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Shoney's. I did the laundry in PM.

Tuesday, March 12, 1996. Fair, 50s. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I cleaned upstairs, washed windows & cleaned floors. Roy Miller passed away at Meadows.

Wednesday, March 13, 1996. Fair, 63°, nice day. Went to Stroink Lab at 7:00. Volunteered at hospital. Got groceries. We went to visitation for Roy Miller at Carlock.

Thursday, March 14, 1996. Fair, 63°, foggy early morning. I went to HEA with Dorothy S[ingley]. Mabel along too. I worked outside awhile in p.m., raked some yard. Pete worked in garage. Ron went to Chillicothe Missouri. Marty judging hog show tomorrow, then [will go] to Columbia Missouri.

Friday, March 15, 1996. Fair, 32° – 56°, nice day. Did the weekly cleaning. Were in town short time. Had car washed. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store].

Saturday, March 16, 1996. Fair, 32° – 56°. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Mabel & I went to Helen Webb's 90th birthday celebration at 11:00. Carol took us. Had lunch there. Jo & we to David Ropp & Debra Ruddy wedding at Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. Had reception there. Was a busy day. Jo to church, Bethel [College] choir there. She kept 4 boys all night.

Sunday, March 17, 1996. Had light shower early a.m., 51°, partly cloudy. We went to church. Bethel [College] choir had the service. Very good, enjoyed it. Jo & we ate at Golden West. She went to school awhile. We got fruit at SDA [Seventh Day Adventists]. Ron home from Martyrs at 6:30. Allen called. They got home from Las Vegas Thursday. Paul called. They had nice time in Mexico.

Monday, March 18, 1996. Partly cloudy, 45° – 50°. We did the laundry. I cleaned some kitchen cupboards. Talked to Steve. He was in Philadelphia to meeting. Got to see Randys.

Tuesday, March 19, 1996. Cloudy, 34°, snow flurries most of day, melted during the day. Ground covered in evening. Went to town at 12:30. Pete to dentist at 1:00. Went to vote. Snowed some in night. Very windy, snow heavy south of here.

Wednesday, March 20, 1996. Cloudy and windy, 41°, fair in p.m. Roads rather icy in morning. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Was to have Garfield club at Jeanette's. Country ladies thought roads to bad so called it off. Jeanette was all ready for us. Roads dry & clear in p.m. I made a salad for tomorrow.

Thursday, March 21, 1996. Fair, 41°, rather windy. I cleaned kitchen cupboards. We went to Seniors luncheon at church. Paul & Ann [Miller] told about their trip to India. Ron went with Don N[ester] to Mennonite Health Assembly in Chicago. Cindy & Rachel went too. Cindy in charge of music. Ron worship leader.

Friday, March 22, 1996. Clear, 47°. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at 10:30. We went to Lucy C[atherine's]. She had been wanting to take us to lunch. Went to Chinese Restaurant. I didn't feel well, have a cold. Called Dr. Bertsche's nurse. Temp 101°. Keep doing what I have been doing, fluids, etc. Jo called. She has been sick, stomach & bowels. Missed school Wednesday p.m. & Thursday.

Saturday, March 23, 1996. Clear, 51°, cloudy in p.m. I cleaned broom closet and [did] usual work. I have no temp, but about same. Nose still drains most of time. Jo feels better. She went to school.

Sunday, March 24, 1996. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 64°, light shower in p.m. Were home all day. I didn't feel like going to church. Rested & read. Allen called. Pam & Mick & Ashley had been there. Paul called. They are busy too. Rained in evening. Allen busy, June campaign starts.

Monday, March 25, 1996. Cold, 20s, strong wind gusts in town at 79 mph at 6:45 AM. Snow flurries most of day. Windchill below zero most of day. Did laundry. I baked coffeecake. Read & rested.

Tuesday, March 26, 1996. Clear, 12° – 31°. Did usual work. Cleaned the cupboards in bathroom. Rested & read.

Wednesday, March 27, 1996. Fair, 40°. 18° in morning, cloudy in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Got groceries & medicine. Got home at 2:00. Rested & read.

Thursday, March 28, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 47°. 33° in morning. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers. The Country Gentlemen entertained. Had light shower in evening.

Friday, March 29, 1996. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 56°, nice day. We did usual work. Did some cleaning. Pete has cold. I didn't feel good in morning, had tachycardia. So did lot of resting. Better in late p.m. & evening.

Saturday, March 30, 1996. Cloudy, 52°. I had permanent in morning. Went with Jeanette to quilt show at 2:00. Barry Weavers came at 5:00. Brought us an Easter Lily. Had a nice visit. Children went to see pigs.

Sunday, March 31, 1996. Cloudy, rained most of morning, 50°. We went to church. Ron told congregation he is going to Russia with MCC. 3 from US, 1 from Switzerland & 2 from Russia & 1 from Canada. Leave 12th of April. We had lunch with Ben K[rahns]. Jo here awhile in p.m. Allen & Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, April 1, 1996. Clear, nice day, 50°. We did the laundry. I baked sugar cookies & we iced them.

Tuesday, April 2, 1996. Clear, windy, 65°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Came home awhile. Took cushions from sofa to have new fillings put in. We had lunch with Rosa [Girdler] & Dorothy [Scogin]. I took cookies for them. I fixed Katie & Matthew baskets & colored eggs. Got little rabbit for Rachel. Jo cleaned some of my outside windows. Appreciate it.

Wednesday, April 3, 1996. Fair, windy, 60s. Nice day. Went to Stroink Lab. Volunteered at hospital. Got our cushions for the sofa. Ben called, he's coming Saturday morning.

Thursday, April 4, 1996. Cloudy, colder, 30s for high, wintry. Light mist at times, also few snowflakes. I cleaned the bathroom and 2 closets in our room. Steve & children here awhile. Gave them their baskets & cookies. Gave Matthew \$5 for his birthday.

Friday, April 5, 1996. Fair, 24° – 48°, nice day. We did the weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop, got groceries. Ron working at home. Man here, moved some evergreen trees. Steves to Allens.

Saturday, April 6, 1996. Fair, 45°. I made lasagna and salad. Ben came at 6:00 PM. Got things ready for dinner. Rons, Jon & Ben here. Glad they could come. Pete had more back trouble. Rons gave us tulips.

Sunday, April 7, 1996. Fair in morning, 47°. Mostly cloudy in p.m. I went to church. Pete didn't feel like going, Ben slept late. We went to Rons for dinner. I took salad and cookies. Ben left for Chicago at 3:30. Paul called. Amy & baby there for weekend. Steves home from Allens.

Monday, April 8, 1996. Fair, 24° – 48°. We did the laundry. Worked outside awhile. Cleaned off the Iris. Replanted a plant. Rested. Pete's back is better today.

Tuesday, April 9, 1996. Clear, 24° – 58°. I did some laundry, sheets, chair covers & rugs. We had lunch at Paradise Gardens with Laura [Stamback]. I did some mending & cleaned closet in west bedroom.

Wednesday, April 10, 1996. Clear, 63°, very nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked cookies. Worked outside. Raked some yard. Paul M[iller] planted potatoes. Marty at Rons. Pete having some nosebleeds. Pam called, they will be here on Saturday.

Thursday, April 11, 1996. Partly cloudy, 78° – 80°. Quite a change, windy. I went to HEA. Took Mabel. She came home with Dorothy [Singley]. I left early as Pete had appointment with Dr. Allen. He took little growth off his nose. Paul to Hawaii to meeting.

Friday, April 12, 1996. Partly cloudy, warm, 78°. Did weekly cleaning. Baked a ham. Took Pete to Dr. B[ertsche] at noon. Still having nosebleeds. He packed his nose. I went to B[eauty] shop. Ron left at 11:00 for O'Hare to fly to Russia with a delegation. Will visit some refugee camps. Micks got to Steves in evening.

Saturday, April 13, 1996. Cloudy. I got things ready for lunch & dinner. Micks came at 11:30. Jo ate with us in evening. Pete still having nosebleeds. Steve & Mick golfing, children here. Cindy at church. New candidate for pastor is visiting this week, Tim Schrag. Jo took Pete & I to ER at 7:30. Dr. cauterized Pete's nose. Got home at 10:00.

Sunday, April 14, 1996. Cloudy in morning, fair, windy, 50°, chilly. Micks & we to Jo's for breakfast. Pete's nose started bleeding again. Micks left at 9:00 for home. Jo to church. Sorry to miss. Tim Schrag preached & had dinner at church. I took Pete to ER again. They did blood work which is okay. Bleeding stopped. Allen & Georgia called. Several from church called. Rained in evening.

Monday, April 15, 1996. Cloudy, rained and few flurries in a.m., 33° – 46°. Did laundry. Cleaned a drawer & rested. Pete is better [for] which we are grateful. Jon got email yesterday, Ron got to Moscow alright.

Tuesday, April 16, 1996. Partly cloudy, 33° – 54°. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] & Mabel to HEA [Homemakers Extension Association]. Golden HEAers lunch at Farm Bureau. Nice meeting. I did some laundry. Allen called to hear how Pete is doing.

Wednesday, April 17, 1996. Clear, nice day, 73°. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield club at Jeanette's. I sowed some grass seed & fertilizer in backyard. Steve & children here, planted peas.

Thursday, April 18, 1996. Partly cloudy, very windy, 74°. I cleaned west bedroom. Went to B[eauty] shop & grocery store. Were under tornado watch in p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 19, 1996. Mostly fair, 76°, windy in p.m. Under thunderstorm & tornado watches again. We did some cleaning. I worked outside in p.m. Cleared off flower beds. A stormy evening. Tornado warnings danger at Stanford. 2 funnels passed over Bloomington & Normal. We went to basement. Lot [of] damage in central Illinois.

Saturday, April 20, 1996. Cloudy to partly cloudy, windy, 50s. I baked rolls & finished cleaning. Rested & read. Jo here few minutes in morning. Marty & friend came early a.m. to hog sale. Allen called. They heard about the storm on TV.

Sunday, April 21, 1996. Fair, nice day, 66°. We went to church. Had lunch with Earl & Ann K[aufman] at BroMenn. Home in PM. I wrote in circle letter. Jo & I to Home Builders at John & Evelyn [Bertsche]'s. Bob Kauffmans had program. Had thunderstorm at 11:00. Had over ½ inch rain. Paul called. He had good meeting in Honolulu.

Monday, April 22, 1996. Cloudy, cool, 58°. Did the laundry. Read & rested. Didn't feel good. Had fibrillation. Georgia called to see how Pete felt. He is better.

Tuesday, April 23, 1996. Fair, 58°. We went to hospital at 10:00, delivered Upper Rooms. Went to BroMenn Regional at 11:30 for volunteer appreciation luncheon. I worked in yard.

Wednesday, April 24, 1996. Cloudy, 60s. We went to Dr. Russell at 8:30. He checked Pete's nose & throat. He hasn't had a nosebleed since Monday. [Dr.] wants to see him in 2 weeks. We volunteered at hospital. Jo here awhile after school, brought us a pint [of] strawberries. Jo had word that Ron & his group were back in Moscow. Talked to Allens.

Thursday, April 25, 1996. Mostly cloudy, windy, 60s. We went to Prime Timers. Took Mabel. Singleys busy. Ray planted our corn. Also had Bohrer place done. We had shower in p.m.

Friday, April 26, 1996. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., chilly, 40s. Did some cleaning. Cleaned the bookshelves in living room. Covered the rhubarb. Paul Miller here, got some rhubarb.

Saturday, April 27, 1996. Fair, 50°, cloudy in evening, nice day. I did some cleaning in kitchen [in] back of stove & refrigerator. Transplanted a plant. Worked outside awhile. Allen called, he has laryngitis. Jo mowed our yard and most of theirs.

Sunday, April 28, 1996. Cloudy, drizzled most of day, 50°, windy. We went to church with Jo. We ate at Golden West. Marty here few minutes at 3:30. He & friend left for home. Song Festival at our church tonight. We didn't go. Paul called, they are okay.

Monday, April 29, 1996. Cloudy, rained some in morning, chilly, 48°. Did the laundry and usual work. Rested, made salad dressing. Jo had call from Ron's group who arrived in Chicago today. Ron will be home Thursday.

Tuesday, April 30, 1996. Fair, windy, 37° – 58°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Did some errands. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Shinalls. Rested.

Wednesday, May 1, 1996. Fair, nice day, 64°. Went to Stroink Lab. Volunteered at hospital. I washed bedding from our bedroom.

Thursday, May 2, 1996. Partly cloudy, 64°, light shower in p.m. Cleaned our bedroom. Went to Alta Litwillers at 1:30. Marie Heiser, Lucy C[atherine] & Alta & I on committee for Garfield [club]. Made out programs. Ron got home at 6:00 from his trip to Russia. So glad to have him home. He & Jo here awhile. Brought me a beautiful shawl & some bulbs. Pete got ornament with Russian leaders.

Friday, May 3, 1996. Partly cloudy, 64°. Did weekly cleaning. I planted flowers in flower pots on porch. Went to B[eauty] shop & grocery [Store] & Casey's. We set out 6 tomato plants, 3 cabbage & 3 cauliflower plants. Sowed some beets & cucumbers. Spaded flower beds by porch.

Saturday, May 4, 1996. Cloudy, rained in morning, fair in p.m. 65°. Pete and I to Metamora to Genealogical Meeting. We stopped at Maple Lawn [Home] to see Mary Arbuckle. I made Jell-O fruit salad.

Sunday, May 5, 1996. Cloudy. Rained in morning, ½ inch, 58°. We went to church. Home for lunch. I got dinner for Rons. [Had] roast beef & vegetables. Ron showed some of his pictures. Very interesting. Evelyn called, they're doing okay. Talked to Allen. Paul called, they are all okay.

Monday, May 6, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 58°. I spent the day quilting at Sue Byler's. Ina [Sutter], Aldine [Combs] & Jeanette [Colter] there. Had a good dinner.

Tuesday, May 7, 1996. Cloudy, rained early a.m. and a slow drizzle most of morning. 62°. Did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Bob Evans. Hung the drapes in our bedroom. I went with Jo to mother – daughter luncheon supper. Cindy & her girls there too. A nice evening.

Wednesday, May 8, 1996. Cloudy, heavy rain in forenoon. We had ¾ inch. Sun shone late p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:30. I put 3 cartons of rhubarb in freezer.

Thursday, May 9, 1996. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 80°. I went with Dorothy Singley to HEA at Country Kitchen. Went to Baby Fold at 1:00. Had tour. Renée & 2 friends got to Rons about

7:30. Jo had dinner for them. We went over, had a visit. Arthurs called. Georgia had some tooth problem.

Friday, May 10, 1996. Cloudy, heavy rain in forenoon, had an inch +. 71°. I worked in living & dining room. Went to town at 12:30 to B[eauty] shop & a drug store & grocery [store]. Renée & friend to Chicago looking for a place to live for a year while they are in clinical work at Rush Presbyterian Hospital.

Saturday, May 11, 1996. Partly cloudy to cloudy in evening, 58°. I finished cleaning living & dining rooms. Cleaned rug. Had card & \$15 check from Allens, the card from Mary Ann & letter from Jeffs' twins. Got a large plant (Coleus) from Deb, Randy & Brittany. Ron did some trimming in our yard. Allens called. Renée & friends back to Chicago.

Sunday, May 12, 1996. Fair in morning, cloudy late p.m., 56°. We went to church. Renée & friends left for Columbia [Missouri]. They found apartments in Oak Park. We were at Rons. He & Jon got dinner. Very good. I got a card & candle from Renée, card & petunias from Rons. I called Deb to thank them for plant. Randy left for Iowa. Paul called, they're okay. Had a letter & picture from the Twins & Jeffs.

Monday, May 13, 1996. Cloudy, few sprinkles all morning, 52°. We did laundry. Went to town at 2:00. I had appointment with Dr. Wera. Am doing pretty good. Wants me to have echogram Thursday a.m. Had card from Pauls.

Tuesday, May 14, 1996. Fair of while in a.m., cloudy, 56° – 58°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I cleaned the Cedar closet and hall. Didn't feel good for awhile. Rested.

Wednesday, May 15, 1996. Cloudy, rained early morning. 78°. We volunteered at hospital. I went with Alta [Litwiller] & Jeanette [Colter] to Garfield club. Met at Tea Room Craft & Antique at El Paso. Came home with Evelyn [Schwoerer] & Dorothy [Singley]. Pete home after lunch.

Thursday, May 16, 1996. Fair, quite warm, 84°. Went to hospital at 9:30. I had echocardiogram. We went to Sr. luncheon at church. Emerson Weins & Franzie [Loepp] told about their trip to Israel. Walter Dyck passed away early morning. I planted flowers & glad bulbs Rons gave. Also 3 mums.

Friday, May 17, 1996. Fair, hot & humid, 90°. I finished cleaning the kitchen. Washed curtains. Did some weekly cleaning. Jon mowed our lawn.

Saturday, May 18, 1996. Fair, hot, 89°. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:00. We defrosted the freezer. Steve, Katie & Matthew here in p.m. Steve planted corn.

Sunday, May 19, 1996. Fair, very windy, 92°. We went to church. Nice to have air conditioner. Brought KFC home. Went to Walter Dyck's funeral at 2:30. He was buried at Ropp Cemetery.

Went with Rons to church in evening. Ron presented a program on his trip to Russia. Good attendance. Paul & Allen called. Allens are in Ozarks. Jeff got there this evening.

Monday, May 20, 1996. Partly cloudy, 79°. Rained in p.m. and turned cooler. We did laundry. I put 2 cartons of rhubarb in freezer. Rested. Didn't feel good most of day. Had 2/3 inch rain. Send Arthurs [a] check for \$10 for cemetery flowers.

Tuesday, May 21, 1996. Fair, fine day, 75°. We cleaned fruit room. Had lunch with Rosa [Girdler] & Freida [Shinall]. Dorothy [Scogin] forgot it. We worked outside. Trimmed some shrubbery.

Wednesday, May 22, 1996. Another nice day, 80°. We went to Stroink Lab and volunteered at hospital. Dusted the cucumbers. Paul M[iller] gave us radishes. We went to Katie's program at school.

Thursday, May 23, 1996. Cloudy, rained in morning, cloudy, windy, 69°. We went with Lloyd S[ingleys] to Prime Timers. Baked an apple coffee cake.

Friday, May 24, 1996. Cloudy, windy. Rained in p.m., 58°. We cleaned the recreation room & did some weekly cleaning.

Saturday, May 25, 1996. Cloudy, had rain early a.m., had 3/4 inch rain since yesterday morning. 61°, chilly east wind. I went to B[eauty] shop in morning and grocery store. Ron finished mowing their lawn & mowed ours. Keeps them mowing with rains. I worked outside, pulling weeds. Allen called. They got home from Ozarks this p.m.

Sunday, May 26, 1996. Cloudy, rained in p.m., 57°. We went to church. Ron preached, (Heroes of the Soul) good sermon. Rons & we to cemeteries. Had Iris, other flowers too late. We ate dinner at Schooners. Jo to school. Ron home with us. Ron told congregation he is quitting at BroMenn. Paul called. Marjorie is sick, cramps & nausea.

Monday, May 27, 1996. Cloudy. Rained at 5:00 a.m. We had 1/2 inch rain since yesterday morning. 57°, windy. We did the laundry. I cleaned out cards etc. from bottom of corner cabinet. I called Paul. Marjorie still having pain & nauseated. Is to see Dr. tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, May 28, 1996. Foggy and Misty early. Rained in forenoon, 1/3 inch plus. Some sunshine in p.m., 60s. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Took papers & magazines to Union church. I cleaned out some papers etc. Paul called. Marjorie is in hospital. Took x-rays. May be an obstruction. We are thinking about her.

Wednesday, May 29, 1996. Fair, good to have sunshine, 68°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked cookies. Paul called. Marjorie had surgery this morning. Small intestine blockage removed, 2 – 3 inches. Came through okay in good condition. On IVs and has Levine tube. I called Allens. Marj had no food since last Friday.

Thursday, May 30, 1996. Clear, beautiful day, 45° – 69°. We cleaned the furnace & laundry rooms. Sowed some lettuce in p.m. Powdered Paul M[iller]'s beans. Bugs are eating them. Pauls are in Salt Lake City.

Friday, May 31, 1996. Another nice day, 74°. We did some cleaning. Went to town at noon. I went to B[eauty] shop. Pete had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. We went to grocery store. We trimmed one of rosebushes & hoed flowerbeds.

Saturday, June 1, 1996. Cloudy, 67°. Rained in morning & p.m., ½ inch rain. Ron started to mow our yard but got rained out. I did usual work & read. Martys got to Rons about 4:00. Jo talked to Andy this morning. Marjorie didn't have very good night. Hope she is better today. Rons & we sent some flowers. Church retreat this weekend. Martys came in evening.

Sunday, June 2, 1996. Fair, light shower in evening. We didn't go to church. I wasn't feeling very good. Renée here awhile in p.m. Marty & Ron to Lincoln. Marty judging hog show. I talked to Paul. Marjorie is feeling some better today. Hope she will be better soon. Had 1/3 inch rain. Rons planted 5 rose bushes for us. My rose bushes all died last winter. Rons gave us 5 bushes.

Monday, June 3, 1996. Cloudy, 65°. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Parkside Inn. I worked outside in yard. Made Rice Krispie bars for Bible School.

Tuesday, June 4, 1996. Mostly cloudy to partly cloudy late p.m., 62°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I worked outside. Trimmed the Rambler [Rose] by driveway. Talked to Paul. Marjorie is slowly improving. Still has Levine tube in & [is] uncomfortable.

Wednesday, June 5, 1996. A nice day, 47° – 77°. I went to Stroink lab. We volunteered at hospital. I worked outside in p.m. Planted my Easter Lily & worked in flower bed. Have had pretty white & dark purple Iris.

Thursday, June 6, 1996. Partly cloudy, 77°. I did usual work. Baked lemon bars. Worked in yard in p.m. Ron & Jo to meeting in Chicago. They meet with group that went to Russia. They left at 5:30 p.m. [Will] come back Saturday night. Paul called. They took Marjorie back to OR. Everything okay except an infection under her incision. Temp 102°. Under tornado warnings in evening. One sighted between Carlock & Danvers. 1/3 inch rain.

Friday, June 7, 1996. Cloudy and some sunshine, 70°. We did weekly cleaning. I polished our dining room furniture. I did some handwashing, sweaters etc. I called Paul. Marjorie is feeling a little better. They inserted a tube in her neck to give her some nutrients. [She] hasn't eaten anything for 2 weeks.

Saturday, June 8, 1996. Cloudy, Misty early, cleared some in evening, 63°. We went to town [to] B[eauty] shop & grocery [store]. I made dessert for tomorrow. Went to church in evening. Bluffton [College] quartet (Followers) gave program.

Sunday, June 9, 1996. Cloudy, rained & drizzled all morning. We went to church. Jo & we to the Woizeski Reunion at Bev & Bill Walters in Peoria. 32 there. Had nice time. Ron busy. Reunion at Gordon's next year. Marjorie called. She is feeling some better. Has the Levine tube out. Was good to talk to her. Paul called too. He is busy at his office.

Monday, June 10, 1996. 72°, cloudy & some sunshine. Had a shower in p.m. We did the laundry & usual work. Jo mowing our yard in evening.

Tuesday, June 11, 1996. Cloudy in a.m. Partly cloudy in p.m., 76°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. We went to Eureka in p.m. Took flowers to Cemetery, put on Ed and Nettie's graves. Went to Maple Lawn [Home], Saul Ruth [Zehr], also her daughter Rachel is here from Texas. Saw Manny U[lrich]. He is 101 years old, mind very clear. Wilbur A[lbright]. didn't know us.

Wednesday, June 12, 1996. Nice day, good to have sunshine, 82°. We volunteered at hospital. Rachel had tube put in her ears, got along okay. Katie got hurt in PM. She & Matthew were playing ball. He happened to hit her head. Lacerations above her eye, took stitches. Ron & Jo to Columbia [Missouri] in morning [to] help Martys move.

Thursday, January 13, 1996. Fair, 88°. Cloudy in evening. County North of us had some storms & rain. We trimmed some trees. I took Mabel & Dorothy [Singley] to HEA. Had a tasting (fair). Jeanette & I & 2 others had broccoli salad. Rons home from Martys at 6:15. They brought a U-Haul. Steves to wedding in Ohio. Cindy sang.

Friday, June 14, 1996. Clear, 88° – 89°. We did usual cleaning. I did some hand laundry and washed Pete's jacket & raincoat. I hoed my flower beds.

Saturday, June 15, 1996. Fair, 88° – 90°. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. We got groceries, finished some cleaning. Rested & read. Too hot to work outside. Jo mowed our lawn. Marjorie called in morning. She got home from hospital yesterday. She is doing quite well but still [has] a ways to go. Glad she's home. Steves home from Ohio.

Sunday, June 16, 1996. Partly cloudy, 89° in morning, cloudy in p.m. We went to church. Earl Kaufman spoke. We went with Steves to Machine Shed me at Davenport Iowa. Met Allens there. Had dinner together. Got home at 5:15. A nice Father's Day. Called Deb to thank them for the nice basket of fruit, etc. that they sent Peter. Paul & Evelyn called.

Monday, June 17, 1996. Partly cloudy, 88° – 90°. Scattered thunderstorms. Had rain south of us. Were under tornado watch until 7:00 p.m. We did laundry. Rested & read some. Rained in evening.

Tuesday, June 18, 1996. Cloudy, 73°. We had lunch with Rosa [Girdler], Dorothy [Scogin] & Shinalls. Went to Aldis & bank. I fed the roses. Rested & read.

Wednesday, June 19, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 79°, nice day. I went to Stroink Lab. We volunteered at hospital. Mary Ann Isreal at hospital. Wanted me to show her how to quilt. She had a pillow top to work on. Pete at Chip luncheon, was in conference room. I tried to paint metal chairs. Jon got spray paint. I didn't have much luck. Ron painted my chairs.

Thursday, June 20, 1996. Fair, 87°, more humid. I worked in yard in morning. Planted some glad bulbs. Paul M[iller]s & Earl K[aufman] here in evening. Our air conditioner didn't work. Jon worked on it.

Friday, June 21, 1996. Partly cloudy, 87°. We did some cleaning. Went to beauty shop at 10:00. Went to groceries. I washed a slip & top I had given Jo. She wanted it washed. She has it in her guest room. Ron & Jo left at 6:00 a.m. for Bluffton, C[entral] D[istrict] conference.

Saturday, June 22, 1996. Cloudy to partly cloudy in p.m. Had a shower early morning. We went to Lloyd Singleys' golden wedding anniversary at noon. Had dinner at Caldwell Bank Building. Nice to visit with family & neighbors. Allen called. Had a lot of rain in places out there. Jeanette with us to Lloyds' celebration. 81°.

Sunday, June 23, 1996. Partly cloudy, 92°, had thunder shower West of us. We went to church. YPU had service. We ate at Grand Café. Steves got home at 6:00. He goes to [Camp] Friedenswald this evening. Rons got home at 8:00 p.m. Paul called, Marjorie is improving, it's rather slow. Her appetite is some better.

Monday, June 24, 1996. Fair, nice day, 82°. We did the laundry. I ironed the slip that I gave Jo. Forgot how long it took to iron it with the crocheted lace, etc. We had wind & rain in early a.m. hours. Broke a limb out of tree by the house.

Tuesday, June 25, 1996. Beautiful day, 78°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. We delivered Upper Rooms at hospital and went to Ron's farewell reception at 2:00. We are sorry to see him leave. But in the 26 years he has built up a fine chaplaincy & counseling program.

Wednesday, June 26, 1996. Another beautiful day, 84°. We volunteered at hospital. Annabelle L. helped us quit. Good to have her back. Went to Jewell & Osco [grocery & drug store]. Rested. Renée at Rons overnight. She's moving to Chicago for a year, doing her clinical work at Rush Presbyterian hospital.

Thursday, June 27, 1996. Clear, warmer, 89° – 90°. We went with Lloyd S[ingleys] to Prime Timers. Jo & Jon took a U-Haul to Chicago for Renée. Helped her get settled. I washed slipcovers & chair cushions. Talked to Georgia. She isn't feeling very well. Dave [Yoder] was there a week. He's doing okay. Jo & Jon got home at 11:00. They had a big day.

Friday, June 28, 1996. Clear, 90° – 92° did some weekly cleaning. I baked the coffeecake. Made casserole for lunch. I got a permanent in PM. Got some strawberries.

Saturday, June 29, 1996. Fair, windy, 92°. I put 4 jars of strawberries in freezer. I washed skirts & slacks in PM. Allen called, they plan to come for the 4th.

Sunday, June 30, 1996. Fair, 93°. We went to church. Home for lunch. We went to Rons at 5:00. He had his staff for 5:00 picnic. As Ron is quitting his job at BroMenn, will clean out his office this week. They all are sorry he is quitting. Paul called. Marjorie is improving slowly. Amy & Christopher there for weekend. Paul M[iller] gave us 5 gallon [bucket of] peas.

Monday, July 1, 1996. Fair, nice day, 88°. Did laundry & finished podding peas. Put 8 pints in freezer & had [some] for lunch. Jo mowed our lawn. She had lunch with us. I worked outside in evening. Topped the Iris & hoed flowerbeds and watered. Steves here, picked their peas. Helped pod for awhile.

Tuesday, July 2, 1996. Fair, 90°. Good breeze from Northwest. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Baker's Square. We took our drivers test. I got along okay. Pete had little trouble, will take it again.

Wednesday, July 3, 1996. A beautiful day, 70s. We volunteered at hospital in a.m. I baked brownies & picked a row of peas. Paul Miller left 5 gallon bucket of peas for us. We podded them all. Marty got here before 8:00. Renée got here from Chicago about 8:00. Steve & children are camping in our back yard. Allen got here at 10:40 5 PM. Good to see everyone.

Thursday, July 4, 1996. Another beautiful day. I put 5 ½ pints peas in freezer. Gave Jo some for evening. We spent the day visiting with Allens & Martys. Steves were here awhile. We all went to Rons for evening. I took brownies, applesauce & peas. Steve made freezer of ice cream. Some of us went to Lincoln College on Raab Road to watch fireworks. 81°.

Friday, July 5, 1996. Another beautiful day. I went to Dr. Emerson, had wax removed from my ears. Ron, Allen & Steve went golfing. Steves, Allens & we to visitation for Mary Stutzman. Saw Harvella [Stutzman] & some of her family. Allens took us to Busy Corners for supper. Rons to visitation. Were here awhile in evening.

Saturday, July 6, 1996. Fair, warmer, 89° – 90°. Allens left for home at 10:00. They washed 2 loads for me after breakfast, also helped pod peas that Paul M[iller] left. Gave them some. Enjoyed having Allens. Had good visit. Rons to Cerro Gorda [Illinois] to see Marty judging at fair. Did the weekly cleaning.

Sunday, July 7, 1996. Fair, 90°. We went to church. Went with Earl & Ann K[aufman] to lunch. Were home rest of the day. I watered cucumbers & tomatoes. We are needing rain. Paul called. Marjorie is gaining some, but rather slow.

Monday, July 8, 1996. Partly cloudy, 88°. Nice breeze from NW in p.m. Did the laundry. I canned 4 quarts of dill pickles. Ron moving things from his office. Watered plants etc. in evening. It's hard to believe Ron isn't at hospital anymore.

Tuesday, July 9, 1996. A beautiful day. Partly cloudy, 77°. I did usual work. Canned 2 quarts of beets. Paul M[iller] finished picking peas. We had some for lunch, gave Jo some. Paul picked green beans. I gave Jo some & we kept a few.

Wednesday, July 10, 1996. Clear, nice day, 55° – 80°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:40. Rested. I picked cucumbers. Watered flowers and tomatoes & cucumbers.

Thursday, July 11, 1996. Another beautiful day, but dry, 83°. Did usual work. Canned 4 quarts dill pickles. We cleaned out the desk upstairs. Ron will use it. Steve here this morning to water his tomatoes. They left at noon for Bill Ramseyers.

Friday, July 12, 1996. Partly cloudy, 85°. Went to town at noon to B[eauty] shop & groceries. Did some cleaning. I watered some plants in evening.

Saturday, July 13, 1996. Nice day, 82°. Did usual work & baked coffeecake. Ron & Jo got the desk upstairs. We went to Rons awhile in p.m. to see Ron's office. Has it in the basement. Allen called, they got home last Saturday at 5:30. Still dry there too.

Sunday, July 14, 1996. Cloudy, 71°. Had a rainy day which we appreciated. Slow steady rain. We went to church. Brought KFC home for lunch. Home rest of day. Had small group but didn't go. Paul called. Marjorie is working half days.

Monday, July 15, 1996. Mostly fair, 80s. We did the laundry. I picked cucumbers & canned 4 quarts. Rested. Jon is putting new windows in Ron's house. Ron is helping. Deb called. They plan to come here August 22 – 23 for [a] few days.

Tuesday, July 16, 1996. Had light shower at to: 00 a.m. Fair, 87°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben [Krahn]s came from Peoria. Pete took drivers test but didn't pass. Think they are picking on him. Had lunch with Rosa [Girdler] & Dorothy [Scogin]. Shinalls are gone. Made freezer cabbage slaw. Jo shredded it on her machine.

Wednesday, July 17, 1996. Cloudy, 89°. Had rain North of us. Were under tornado watch late p.m. We volunteered at hospital. I canned 4 quarts dill pickles. Worked outside awhile in evening & watered flowers. Ron left at 6:15 to Spot Light show in Sedalia Missouri. Heavy rains in northern part of state & Chicago area. Plane crash in Long Island New York, killing over 200 people.

Thursday, July 18, 1996. Fair, hot, 97°. We went to Sr. luncheon at church. I baked bars and put 3 quarts cabbage slaw in freezer.

Friday, July 19, 1996. Partly cloudy, hot, 91° and humid. Little cooler late p.m. We did some cleaning. I went to Nurses Home at 11:30 to picnic hospital had for everyone. 7 of we older nurses recited the Florence Nightingale pledge. I went to Eastland. I got a necklace for Lucy C[atherine].

Saturday, July 20, 1996. Mostly cloudy, cooler, 78°. I canned 2 quarts dill pickles & 5 ½ pints bread-and-butter pickles & 2 quarts beets. Finished weekly cleaning. Ron home from Sedalia Missouri hog show. He got \$700 for guilt, \$350 for board. Allen called, they had over 3 inches rain.

Sunday, July 21, 1996. Cloudy, 68°. Started to rain about 2:00 a.m. Rained until mid afternoon. Had 1 ½+ inches. Came quiet & no storm and we were needing rain. We went to church. Ate at Avanti's. Home rest of day. Paul called, Marjorie is better. 77°.

Monday, July 22, 1996. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Had a light shower in evening. Did the laundry. Ran some errands in p.m. I had an appointment with Dr. Wera. Am doing okay. Jo to see Dr. in St. Louis. She's doing some better. She mowed our lawn when she got home.

Tuesday, July 23, 1996. Beautiful day, 81°. I baked coffeecake braid, zucchini bread, cooked chicken. Went to Jo's awhile in p.m. wrapped table service for the community picnic Thursday evening at Rons.

Wednesday, July 24, 1996. Fair, had rain in early a.m. and shower at 1:30. Looked stormy. Had ½ inch with 2 showers. 81°. We volunteered at hospital. I helped Jo awhile in p.m. & baked cookies. Gave Rons some. Arthurs called. They are about as usual.

Thursday, July 25, 1996. Fair, nice day, 78°. Went to town at 10:30 to B[eauty] shop & grocery [store]. Pete to Dr. Allen. Everything okay. We are thankful. We went to Rons to neighborhood picnic. Beautiful evening. I took cabbage slaw. Lots of food.

Friday, July 26, 1996. Fair, partly cloudy in evening, 81°. Did some cleaning. Made up beds upstairs. Worked outside awhile. Picked few tomatoes. Picked some beans, gave to Lucy C[atherine]. She & we went to Ozark House for our birthdays. I gave her a necklace & I got 4 placemats. Rons to Morton. Got some California peaches.

Saturday, July 27, 1996. Partly cloudy, 79°. We got apples at Birkelbaws. Cleaned the rugs & finished weekly cleaning. Picked cucumbers & canned ½ gallon. Have 20 quarts canned. I cooked some apples. Allen called, they're okay. Put 2 jars applesauce in freezer.

Sunday, July 28, 1996. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 83°. We went to church. Had lunch at home. Rested & watched the Olympic Games. Had shower in evening. Paul called, they're coming Thursday evening.

Monday, July 29, 1996. Foggy in morning, partly cloudy, 83°. Did the laundry. Put 4 jars peaches in freezer. Made 2 apple pies for freezer. Cooked some apples. Jeff & Pat have a girl, 7 lbs. 5 oz., 19 ¾ inches long, born at 4:23 PM. Jo mowed our yard.

Tuesday, July 30, 1996. Had thunder shower 4:00 a.m., ½ inch [rain]. Partly cloudy & cooler. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to Walmart. Bought a fan. I worked outside a while.

Ron did some trimming around our yard. Rons took us to new Country Kitchen in evening. They gave me a red necklace & earrings.

Wednesday, July 31, 1996. Fair, 57° – 78°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. I baked ham. Cooked some applesauce. Picked green beans. Paul M[iller]s still out west. Jo got some beans also.

Thursday, August 1, 1996. Partly cloudy, 79°. Did some cleaning. Dr.'s office checked my pacemaker, it's okay. Went to B[eauty] shop & groceries. Made apple crisp & got things ready for supper. Pauls, Amy & Christopher got here about 5:30. Good to see them.

Friday, August 2, 1996. Fair, nice day. Ron, Paul, Pete and I had breakfast with Nancy Kampmeier & her friend. Had nice visit. We went to the church to Mary Stutzman's home which is for sale. We are thinking some of moving to town. Jo, Marj & Amy there too. From there to 4-H fair at 1:30. There was a remembrance time of early 4-H fairs. The Ropp's all spoke including Mabel & family.

Saturday, August 3, 1996. Mostly fair, 83°. Paul & Amy left at 7:30 to meet Andys at O'Hare. Then went to a Chinese art exhibit. Paul also met a friend. Ben with them too. Marj took care of Christopher. I did usual work. Martys at Rons. Jo mowed some of our yard. Paul, Andys & Amy & baby [?]got home at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 4, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 83°. We all went to church. Pauls took us to Country Buffet, [also] Andys and Amy. We all went to Rons for supper. Cindy & children there too. Steve in Kansas.

Monday, August 5, 1996. Fair, 91°. We did some laundry. Paul & Andy played tennis in morning. Marjorie with Paul & Amy's help made a Chinese dinner. Very delicious. Ron showed his pictures in evening of Russia.

Tuesday, August 6, 1996. Fair, hot and humid. Jo to St. Louis to specialist. Her hands and arms are numb. Ron planted an oak tree by the driveway for our 64th wedding anniversary & birthdays. Paul's family all helped. We all went to Rays for dessert in evening. We're thankful for another anniversary.

Wednesday, August 7, 1996. Partly cloudy, hot, 93°. Had shower in night. Rons have a new puppy. He got under Jon's truck as Jon started up & ran over him. Ron took pup to vet. He put splint on his hind leg. Pauls, Ron, Pete & I met Allens at Bettendorf Jumers at 3:00 p.m. Had dinner there. Talked over the possibility of us moving to MRC. A hard decision.

Thursday, August 8, 1996. Beautiful day, 82°. Paul & Marj went to grocery store. Had a restful day, visited, etc. We had pizza & apple pie for supper. Ate at Jo's. Ron left early with Barrows to [State] Fair. Cindy came for sweet corn. Asked them to come for supper but [they] couldn't stay. Steve in Kansas. Ron home late. Marty with hogs in Springfield.

Friday, August 9, 1996. Another beautiful day. 82°. Paul's family left at 9:45 for Berne [Indiana] and have [their] family reunion. I washed 3 loads. Went to B[eauty] shop at 1:00. Went to bank & groceries. Done some cleaning. We miss Pauls, rather quiet. We enjoyed the week with family. Ron to Springfield late evening.

Saturday, August 10, 1996. Mostly cloudy. Ron did quite well at Barrow show, 3rd, 4th & 5th. I washed bedding & towels. Did some cleaning. Made broccoli salad for small group tomorrow. Jo mowed some yard.

Sunday, August 11, 1996. Cloudy in morning, 79°, fair in p.m. We went to church & to Ina Sutters. Small group met. Rons here few minutes in evening. Arthurs called. They're about as usual. I called Evelyn to thank her. She sent a \$25 check to Ron to get us something for birthdays & anniversary. We got a fan.

Monday, August 12, 1996. Fair, 82°. Did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Country Kitchen. I finished using the transparent apples. Made 2 pies for freezer & cooked the rest. Pauls went home from Berne Indiana today. Paul called. They got home at 9:00 p.m. Had a good time at Berne.

Tuesday, August 13, 1996. Fair, 84°. Did usual work. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall]. Harold [Shinall] playing golf. Barry Weaver & children here awhile in p.m. to see Ron's puppy & baby pigs. Ron & Jon left in evening with 5 gilts & a boar for State Fair. Jo worked at school.

Wednesday, August 14, 1996. We volunteered at hospital. I went to [Stroink] Lab in morning. Jo here for supper. Had sauerkraut & ribs. Watered plants in evening. We need rain. Jo worked at school. It doesn't seem [possible] that school time is here again.

Thursday, August 15, 1996. Fair, 80s. I made coffee cake braid. Rested. Didn't feel good in morning. I went to BroMenn's 100th year celebration at Holiday Inn. Our quilters made a quilt. Betty (unclear) & husband took Helen in me to Holiday Inn. Jo to State Fair. Ron got 2 1^{sts}, Reserve Champion & 2 3^{rds}.

Friday, August 16, 1996. Partly cloudy, 55° – 80°. Did weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at noon. Got groceries. I chopped ingredients for chili sauce. I want to make [some] tomorrow. I picked tomatoes.

Saturday, August 17, 1996. Cloudy, had slow rained most of day. I made chili sauce, 8 pts. Gave Jo a pint. Renée & 2 friends came to Rons in p.m. We had supper with them at Rons. They went back to Chicago at 9:30. Allen called. Steves to Allens late.

Sunday, August 18, 1996. Cloudy, 78°, had some rain early a.m. We went to church. Our new pastor Tim Schrag preached. Met his wife & 3 children. Think we will like them. We took Rons to Dragon Palace for Ron's 60th birthday. Home rest of day. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, August 19, 1996. Fair, 88°, more humid. Did the laundry. Picked some tomatoes. Rested. Was tired for some reason. Gave Ron check, \$25, for his 60th birthday. Doesn't seem he is that old. Deb called from Allens. They are coming Thursday evening. Steve home tonight.

Tuesday, August 20, 1996. Fair, humid, 86°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I canned 3 ½ quarts of tomatoes. Worked outside in evening. Jo mowed our yard. Steve & children here in evening. Got 4 buckets of tomatoes. Ron & Jon went fishing in evening.

Wednesday, August 21, 1996. Fair, 90°, humid. We volunteered at hospital. I picked a bucket of tomatoes. Rested awhile.

Thursday, August 22, 1996. Partly cloudy, hot, humid, 90°. I canned 5 ½ quarts tomatoes. Did some cleaning. Randys got here at 6:30 p.m. They & we met Steves at Damen's Restaurant at 7:00. Rons came over when we got home. Good to see Randys. Brittany has grown.

Friday, August 23, 1996. Cloudy, humid, 78°, cooler in evening. We visited with Randys. I made a chicken casserole for dinner in evening. Had sweetcorn & apple pie. Steve & children here too for evening meal. Cindy went to Ohio for meeting. Ron & Jo left at 3:00 for a few days vacation.

Saturday, August 24, 1996. Clear, 58° – 81°, less humid. Randys left for home at 5:30 a.m. We enjoyed having them. Time was short. We went to town at 9:00. Went to bank, B[eauty] shop & had car washed. I washed sheets, quilt & some towels. Allen called. Deb called. They got home at 8:45 their time (14 hours). Had good trip.

Sunday, August 25, 1996. Fair, 60 – 84°. We went to church. Jim Waltners there. Jim preached. Good attendance. Had good visit with Lenore. We brought KFC home. Home rest of day. Dorothy [Loepp] played the pipe organ. Sounded very good. Rons home from their short vacation. Paul called. They had a busy week.

Monday, August 26, 1996. Partly cloudy, 86°, more humid. We did the laundry & canned 6 quarts tomatoes. Earl & Ann [Kaufman] here, got some of Paul Millers soybeans.

Tuesday, August 27, 1996. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 81°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group, then to hospital. Delivered Upper Rooms to patients. Rested, got apples, few peaches & pears at Birkelbaws.

Wednesday, August 28, 1996. Foggy in morning, fair, 82°. We volunteered at hospital. Homer Park here in p.m., appraised our house. Rons & we to church at 5:00. Looked at the apartment May Stutzman had. We are thinking of buying it. Rons took measurements, etc. Hard to know what is best to do. We & Rons to new Steak 'n Shake.

Thursday, August 29, 1996. Fair, nice day, 81°. I picked ½ bucket tomatoes. Worked outside in morning. Steve came for some more pint jars. Dusted upstairs. Looked through some of our cards.

Friday, August 30, 1996. Fair, 82°. Did some cleaning. Went to town at 9:45 to B[eauty] shop & groceries. Rested. Allen & Shirley got here at 8:15. Good to see them.

Saturday, August 31, 1996. Partly cloudy, 82°. Visited with Allens. Allen & Ron talked to Ray about buying their share of Bohrer estate but no luck. Ray can't afford to buy it. Allens to Yeakel reunion. Jo, Allens & we to apartment at MRC. Ron & Jon finished taking shingles off their house & put tar paper on. We ate at Rons.

Sunday, September 1, 1996. Fair, 85°. Allens left for home about 9:30. We went to church. Earl [Kaufman]s & we ate at BroMenn lunch room. Home rest of day. We enjoyed having Allens. Paul called. They moved Andy & Rachel to Albany New York where Andy will enter medical school.

Monday, September 2, 1996. Fair, more humid, 84°. We did the laundry. Rested. I went to Jo's at 4:30 to help her. Our new pastor Tim Schrag and family were at Rons for dinner. We enjoyed getting acquainted with them. Allen called to ask if we had any news on the Stutzman apartment and we didn't.

Tuesday, September 3, 1996. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 84°. We had a shower in evening. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I canned 2 quarts tomato juice. Rested. Ron had meeting in Chicago.

Wednesday, September 4, 1996. Fair, hazy, 87°. We volunteered at hospital. Gardeners had picnic here in evening. I baked apples. Washed picnic table & chairs. Paul M[illers], [Emerson] Weins, [Gerlof] Homans, Steve & children, Watkins & Jo. Ron came after we ate. He was in Goshen today.

Thursday, September 5, 1996. Fair, 86°. I did usual work. Rested. I took a violet to Mabel for her 90th birthday. We went to Service Company annual meeting and meal. Went with Jeanette [Colter]. Helen [Patton] & Lucy C[atherine Patton] along. Ron left at 10:30 for Des Moines Iowa to meeting.

Friday, September 6, 1996. Fair, hazy, 86°. Did the weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop, Pete to barbershop. Got some meds. Watered flowers in evening. Still very dry.

Saturday, September 7, 1996. Fair, 86°. Jo & we to Ropp Reunion at Elms. 23 there. Jo showed the slides on Barns since Ron couldn't be there. Chris Imhoff wasn't there. Roberta [Ropp] had surgery this a.m. Found she has cancer of liver. She hasn't felt good for awhile. Ron to Allens after his meeting. Sorry about Roberta.

Sunday, September 8, 1996. Cloudy, 76°, had light shower in a.m. and again in p.m. Jo & we to church. We got carry out Chinese food. Jo got meat & cheese tray for Gordons. Ron got home this p.m. Allen called. Talked to Mabel. Roberta doing [as] well as can be expected. Arthur

called. Georgia has a lot of pain in her face. Ben called. He may come next weekend. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, September 9, 1996. Mostly cloudy, sun shone late p.m. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Denny's. I worked outside awhile. Picked few tomatoes. 78°.

Tuesday, September 10, 1996. Foggy in morning, fair, 84°. The Tuesday group had breakfast at Helen P[atton's]. Had a good breakfast. We had lunch with Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall]. Dorothy [Scogin] had company. Ron mowed our lawn., Mostly weeds. Roberta is up some, still NPOs [Nil Per Os, nothing by mouth] & has IVs.

Wednesday, September 11, 1996. Fair in a.m., cloudy, cooler, 81°. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Stroink Lab. Singleys here in p.m. Got our grapes.

Thursday, September 12, 1996. Fair, cooler, 47° – 69°. I took Mabel & Dorothy S[ingley] to HEA. Pete & I to hospital to jewelry sale (auxiliary). Pete got a wristwatch for \$10 plus tax.

Friday, September 13, 1996. Clear, cool, 46° – 64°. Did some cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at noon. Went to Dr. Bertsche at 1:00. Pete & I had physicals. Bloodwork, Pete [had] EKG. I am to have mammogram. Ben called, he plans to come tomorrow. Roberta home from hospital, doing quite well.

Saturday, September 14, 1996. Beautiful day, cool, 44° – 66°. I baked pecan rolls & finished weekly cleaning. Ben got here at 3:00. I got dinner. Made apple crisp. Had casserole. Rons to Chicago. He had meeting. Allen called. They are painting the trim on their house.

Sunday, September 15, 1996. Fair, 42° – 67°. Ben & we to church. Had installation of Tim Schrag for our minister. Rons & we to Dragon Restaurant for dinner. Ben did some laundry. I got supper, sandwiches etc. Ben left for Chicago at 6:00. Gave him some tomatoes. Evelyn & Paul called. They're okay.

Monday, September 16, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 73°. Did the laundry. Did some mending. Rested. Didn't sleep well last night. Ron helped Joe Haney clean up their building. Had a fire several weeks ago.

Tuesday, September 17, 1996. Fair, nice day, 73°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group at Atrium [at] BroMenn. Did some odd jobs. Baked peanut butter bars. Rested.

Wednesday, September 18, 1996. Fair, nice day, 49° – 73°. We volunteered at hospital. I went to BroMenn at 7:30 to have my potassium rechecked but it was okay for which I'm thankful. I took Mabel to club meeting at Marie Heiser. Jon & Mary Ann [Isreal] here awhile to look at my quilts. I wrote in circle letter.

Thursday, September 19, 1996. Fair, 47° – 77°. I made quart of tomato juice. Did usual work. I went with Marie Heiser to Meadows Home. Women's Fellowship had refreshments for birthdays. Square Dancers entertained. 11 from our church went. Marty & Renée came late to Rons.

Friday, September 20, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 74°, had several light showers. Did some cleaning. Our pastor Tim Schrag visited with us for an hour. Serve some tea, bars & fruit. I made casserole & baked apples for Gordons dinner. We took it to them at 6:00. Roberta says it goes kinda slow. Ron, Marty & Jon went fishing at Lake Michigan.

Saturday, September 21, 1996. Fair, 76°. Went to B[eauty] shop & grocery [store]. Did some cleaning. Marty & his friend Jeff left for home early p.m. Renée here awhile to visit.

Sunday, September 22, 1996. Fair, nice day, 49° – 78°. We went to church. Ate at Red Lobster. Were home rest of day. Allen called. They were at meeting at the Amanas. Jo here awhile, got few tomatoes. Paul called. Andy & Rachel, Amy & Christopher at Pauls for weekend. Andy passed his first exam.

Monday, September 23, 1996. Cloudy, 63°. Had several showers. Did the laundry. Rested & read. Paul M[iller] here, dug sweet potatoes. Gave us 5 gallon bucket full.

Tuesday, September 24, 1996. Nice day, 70°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben [Krahn]s came from Peoria. I did odd jobs. Cleaned refrigerator. Transplanted Violet. Cleaned drawers, etc. Read.

Wednesday, September 25, 1996. Cloudy, 67°. Had some showers in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Got home 1:30. I dug glad bulbs. Rested. Jo here awhile. She plans to go to Ohio this Friday. Her nephew had open heart surgery.

Thursday, September 26, 1996. Cloudy, 67°. Rained most of day. We went to Prime Timers with Lloyd & Dorothy [Singley]. I baked chocolate chip cookies. Gave Jon some for his 30th birthday. Also a card & check.

Friday, September 27, 1996. Cloudy some, 59°, light misting. Did the weekly cleaning. Went to grocery store & B[eauty] shop. I made some vegetable soup. Jo left at 6:00 for Ohio. Marge & Shelly Nester with her.

Saturday, September 28, 1996. Fair, 45° – 66°, chilly wind. Ron and we left at 8:00 for Eureka. Maple Lawn Home had their Fall Festival. Had sausage & pancakes, also bazaar, auction, etc. We visited with Rolla S., also were at Ruth [Zehr]'s [a] short time. Saw Mary Ann Flanagan. Hardly knew her, has lost so much weight. I bought a crib comforter for Baby Hope. Were home by 1:00.

Sunday, September 29, 1996. Dutiful day, 43° – 76°. We went to church. Ate with Earl & Ann [Kaufman]. Were home rest of day. Rons to Springfield, hog show. Marty there. I had fibrillation. Jo got home before 8:00. Paul called, they are okay.

Monday, September 30, 1996. Another beautiful day, 79° – 80°. We did the laundry. Rested, don't feel very good part of day. Fibrillation again.

Tuesday, October 1, 1996. Nice day, 79°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Got groceries, did usual work. I sorted some things, read. Ron to meeting in Chicago. Had fibrillation part of day.

Wednesday, October 2, 1996. Fair in morning, cloudy it over and colder, 68°. Cleared off in evening. We volunteered at hospital, got home at 1:30. I picked last tomatoes. Paul M[iller] here, dug carrots & leaks. Felt better today. Stutzmans didn't accept our offer of \$79,000 on Mary Stutzman's apartment. Talked to Allens about it.

Thursday, October 3, 1996. Clear beautiful day, 58°. I baked peanut cookies. Sent a box to Marty, gave Rons some. Had fibrillation again in morning, better in PM. Ray combining our beans. Paul Millers, Earl K[aufmans] & we to Goodfield to Conklin Smoke on the Mountain. We were guests of Paul. We enjoyed it very much.

Friday, October 4, 1996. Fair, 60°, nice day. Did some cleaning. Rested as [I] didn't feel good again. Better in PM. I washed some pillow tops. Jo here awhile in evening. Jon went to Allens to help put up a shed for mowers, etc.

Saturday, October 5, 1996. Another beautiful day, 78°. I went to town at 8:00, had a permanent. Mailed cookies to Marty. I made tapioca pudding. Made salad for tomorrow. Had fibrillation again, better in PM.

Sunday, October 6, 1996. Beautiful day, 77°. We went to church. Had communion & potluck dinner for Birthdays. Played some games. Had cake & ice cream. Milo Marquis had heart attack this morning. Pauls called. They are busy. Andys are doing okay, he has had tests.

Monday, October 7, 1996. Cloudy, 61°, turned colder in p.m. Light shower. Did the laundry. Went to Dr. Wera at 3:00. Had fibrillation up until 11:00 a.m. He says we should go ahead and make the move to town. Jon home from Allens. Rained in evening & night, over an inch in town. I called Arthurs. Georgia still having problems.

Tuesday, October 8, 1996. Cloudy, drizzled some in morning, chilly, 55°. I went to Stroink Lab. Had breakfast with Tuesday group. Pete told them we are moving. Had lunch with Shinalls, Dorothy [Scogin] & Lawson Fulton & Rosa [Girdler]. Dorothy & Lawson are getting married. Am surprised.

Wednesday, October 9, 1996. Cloudy, 34° – 56°. Ron, Pete and I left at 9:45 for Jumer's at Bettendorf Iowa where we met Allens. Jeffs & Grace & Hailey & baby Hope. Had lunch with them and a good visit. The twins are talking. Very interesting. The baby is good. We got home at 6:00. Thanks to Ron for taking us.

Thursday, October 10, 1996. Cloudy, chilly, 50°. I went to HEA with Dorothy S[ingley]. Gordon [Ropp] spoke on legislation. He took Roberta to Mayo [Clinic] to get 2nd opinion. Sold 276 bushels of beans 4 \$7.17. I cleaned out some papers, etc. David Ropp's had baby girl.

Friday, October 11, 1996. Beautiful day, 33° – 60°. Heavy Frost in morning. I washed some bedding & rugs. Baked coffeecake and did some cleaning. I felt better last several days and I am grateful.

Saturday, October 12, 1996. Fair, warmer, 75°. I took Pete to men's breakfast. I went to B[eauty] shop, got groceries. Rested. We went with Jo to Carlock house tour. Went to Keighin home & Bob Reimers and several other homes. Was interesting.

Sunday, October 13, 1996. Fair, beautiful day, 80°. We went to church. Had small group. Met at church. Were home rest of afternoon. Paul's called. Amy & Christopher & Andy's were there for weekend.

Monday, October 14, 1996. Another lovely day, 78°. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Paradise Gardens. Did the laundry. Rested.

Tuesday, October 15, 1996. Beautiful day, 77° – 80°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I baked coffeecake braid. Rested.

Wednesday, October 16, 1996. Mostly cloudy, few light showers, 76°, some sunshine in p.m. We volunteered, got our flu shots, at hospital. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to Garfield club at Alta Litwiller. I was chairman as Marie Heiser [is] gone.

Thursday, October 17, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 76°. Had thunder shower in morning, thunderstorm & rain at 4:30 p.m. Turned cooler. I did odd jobs. Pete had an appointment with Dr. Allen at 1:00. Stopped at hospital. Was going to finish bazaar quilt but Arlene finished it. Georgia called. She feels some better. Had about ¾ inch rain.

Friday, October 18, 1996. Clear, 55°, chilly NW wind. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at 11:00. Had lunch at Avanti's. Got groceries. Made a pot of vegetable soup. We went to Steve's for birthday cakes & ice cream for Rachel & Katie's birthday. Ray finished our corn.

Saturday, October 19, 1996. Clear, heavy Frost, 28° – 30° in morning, 58°. I went to nurses alumni homecoming at Troyer [Nurses] Home. Dinner & program at conference room. Good to

see some of old friends. Rons to Chicago. He had meeting. Allen called in morning. Was cold there.

Sunday, October 20, 1996. Fair, 63°. We went to church. Earl & Ann K[aufman] had lunch together at BroMenn. Earl took us to see Ann's son's new home. We were home rest of day. Paul called, they were in Vermont for weekend.

Monday, October 21, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 65°. We did laundry. I had fibrillation again. Larry Reeser called Ron. We'll be moving to Normal to MRC [Mennonite Residential Community] complex. Hope it's for the best. I cleaned out more places.

Tuesday, October 22, 1996. Cloudy rainy day. 62°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I went to auxiliary luncheon at 1:00. Got home at 3:00. I cleaned out drawer in corner cabinet.

Wednesday, October 23, 1996. Cloudy, much colder, 46°. We volunteered at hospital. Stopped at apartment at church. Mannie Oyer there, had taken up kitchen & bedroom rugs which need to be replaced. Did some sorting in linen closet.

Thursday, October 24, 1996. A beautiful day, 64°. We went to Prime Timers at noon. Took Mabel & Jeanette. Ron gave program on Barns. Had good attendance. I had mammogram at 4:45 at BroMenn [Hospital].

Friday, October 25, 1996. Clear, lovely day, 69°. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at 10:00. Got groceries. I met Jo at 3:45. We went to Rug place to get carpeting for bedroom at 116 apt, also for kitchen. Got home at 6:00.

Saturday, October 26, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 57° – 70°. We went with Jeanette [Colter] & Helen [Patton] to Heritage meeting at Metamora. The Gundys talked about George & Clara Gundy & their work.

Sunday, October 27, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 63°. We went to church. Had organ dedication. Shirley Springer King, organ specialist from Newton, here. She gave organ recital at 2:30. Choir sang some. Very nice program. Large attendance. I talked to Allen. They are okay. Paul called. He had a busy week. Marj was in Pittsburgh all week.

Monday, October 28, 1996. Fair, nice day, 50s. We did laundry. Went to Birkelbaws, got apples. I made lasagna, put in freezer.

Tuesday, October 29, 1996. Cloudy, 70°. Had storm, wind & rain about 4:00 – 5:00. Under tornado watch for awhile. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to Mennonite hospital, delivered Upper Rooms. I baked cookies & made 2 apple pies for the freezer. Steve & children brought pizza out. Cindy busy.

Wednesday, October 30, 1996. Clear, cold, still rather windy, 60s. We volunteered at hospital. Ron took us to Pontiac Bank in Bloomington to get a loan for the apartment at church. Adam Denzer's fiancé works there. Got home at 4:00. Got medicine.

Thursday, October 31, 1996. Clear, 27° – 45°. I washed some sweaters. Sorted things in hall cupboard. I went to BroMenn in p.m. Helped Jeanette mark baked goods for the Bazaar tomorrow. Jo here after school, making plans for packing some things. I took 2 coffee cakes to Bazaar.

Friday, November 1, 1996. Clear cloudy in evening, 27° – 41°. Did the weekly cleaning. Went to BroMenn at 10:30 to Bazaar. Had good attendance. We had lunch there. I made chili & washed 2 loads, summer slacks etc. Ron to Chicago to meeting.

Saturday, November 2, 1996. Fair, chilly, 31° – 36°. Jo here in morning. Ron helped too. Sorted & packed books, also some linens. Ron brought some pizza for lunch. We all went to Shelly Nester & Darius King's wedding at church. Reception at Miller Park Pavilion. Allen called. Deb, Randy & Brittany called, thanked [us] for B[irthday] cards.

Sunday, November 3, 1996. Clear, nice day, 21° – 51°. We went to church & to Sirloin Stockade Restaurant for Mabel's surprise birthday party and her family all there, [Lloyd] Singleys, Rons & we & several friends. Nice party. Pauls called. Marjorie plans to come Thursday evening.

Monday, November 4, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 51°. We did laundry. Sorted more things, clothes, etc. Ron talked to Telephone Company. We may get to keep our phone number. Jo here in evening. Sorted the dishes, what to take & what to leave.

Tuesday, November 5, 1996. Cloudy, 60°. We went to apartment at 9:00. Rug cleaners shampooed rugs. Marge Weaver came, helped cleaned kitchen cupboards & cleaned bathroom. Went to vote. I washed slipcovers & bathroom rugs.

Wednesday, November 6, 1996. Cloudy, rained in a.m. and p.m., 62°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:30. Got groceries & stopped at apartment. They laid the kitchen & bedroom rug. I did some more sorting & packing.

Thursday, November 7, 1996. Rained most of morning, 69°. Went to town to B[eauty] shop. Pete to barber. Larry Reeser came at 1:00. We signed the lease for apartment, MRC, # 116. Hope we did the right thing. I packed some boxes from kitchen. Marjorie was to come to Champaign but planes are fogged in at Boston. Ron was going to meet her.

Friday, November 8, 1996. Mostly cloudy, colder, 40°. We went to bank & to apartment. Put some things away in kitchen. Jon met Marjorie at Champaign Airport. Got here 1:00. She packed a lot of things to go upstairs, things we don't have room for. Allen & Shirley got here about 5:00. Got shower curtains, etc. We ate at Rons. I had made lasagna & apple pies which we had.

Saturday, November 9, 1996. Allens, Rons, Marj & Renée started moving our things to 711 South Cottage # 116 at 8:30 a.m. After over 64 years here, it's rather hard to leave, but hope we have made the right decision. Ben came at noon. They had most of furniture in town by noon. The girls were busy unpacking dishes etc. My Tuesday group served us a delicious meal at church. Jo got sick late in PM. Jon took her to ER. They did some tests etc. to rule out heart & diabetes problem.

Sunday, November 10, 1996. Partly cloudy and cold, 32°, few flurries. We did not go to church. Marjorie & Ben here for breakfast. Allens had breakfast with Steves. They came afterwards. They left for home at 10:30. I gave Ben his quilt. Marj took Amy's. They left for Chicago at 10:30. Ron here on way to hospital. Jo got home this evening. Paul called. Marj home okay. Allens got home at 4:15.

Monday, November 11, 1996. Fair, cold, 21° – 32°. I did some laundry. Rearranged some things. Mildred N., our neighbor, brought us tapioca. Our church small group met yesterday. They brought some food. Went out home in PM. Brought some things in. Jo had tests today. Ron to meeting in Chicago. Jo has to go back in a.m. to have a repeat test as the one wasn't done right.

Tuesday, November 12, 1996. Clear, cold, 17° – 32°. We went to post office to change over address. Met Dorothy [Scogin] & Rosa [Girdler]. Shinalls didn't come. Went out home, did some laundry. We had bought some nuts, so cracked them. Kay (Reimer) here awhile at 4:00. Ina Sutter came, brought us a loaf of apple bread. Ron to Elkhart Indiana. Talked to Ron. He had good trip. Jo better.

Wednesday, November 13, 1996. Cloudy, 30°. We volunteered at hospital. Made salad. Had callers. Aldine [Combs] brought cake. Martha D. brought raisin bread. Steve & Matthew brought name tapes [for] change of address. Jim Schrag here few minutes. Rons brought meat, etc. from freezer at home. Jo stayed here awhile. Ron went to choir practice. Glad for their visit.

Thursday, November 14, 1996. Fair, 15° – 37°. I went with Jeanette to HEA district meeting at Farm Bureau. Gerlof [Homan] here awhile. Earl Kaufmans & we were at Dr. Oyer's for dinner. Enjoyed the evening. Had good meal. Think their home is larger than ours. Earls came in to see our house.

Friday, November 15, 1996. Cloudy in morning, icy in places south & east. I went to B[eauty] shop in morning. Put new rods on blinds. Others too short, I couldn't reach them. Everyone has been very nice. Jeanette took us to visitation for Katie Stahly at Danvers. We ate at '76. Arthurs called. Georgia hasn't been good, having tests. Arthur has had ear problems.

Saturday, November 16, 1996. Mostly fair, 40s, windy. Rained in night. Jo took us to look for Hide-a-bed. Looked at a number of places. Got home before 1:00. I unpacked & put away some things. Arthurs called. Georgia hasn't been very good, is having tests. Allen called. They had ice yesterday.

Sunday, November 17, 1996. Had showers in morning, cloudy, colder in p.m. We went to church. Had lunch at Grand Café. Got citrus fruit at SDA [Seventh Day Adventists]. Went out home at 3:00. Got more things in. Jo & I packed box to put upstairs. Marie Sarao, Adam Denzer's friend, came. Wants to rent the house.

Monday, November 18, 1996. Partly cloudy, 39°, not as windy. I did laundry. Didn't feel very good in morning, better in PM. Ron & we met with Pontiac Bank branch. Signed for our loan. Kay R[eimer] called, said would be a week before we get garage opener. Jon here in evening. Measured for shelves in closets & garage.

Tuesday, November 19, 1996. Cloudy, few snowflakes in p.m., 34°. We met with Tuesday group. Did some errands. Went to drivers training, got address changed on my drivers license, also on voting. Bob Yoder here in late p.m. Took out insurance on things here.

Wednesday, November 20, 1996. Cloudy, 39°. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield club at Lucy C[atherine's]. Went with Jeanette. Jon here in p.m., put up shelves in 2 bedrooms. Jo stopped on way home from school. Ron went with Gail [Bressner] to hog sale in Oklahoma. Cindy & Katie here awhile.

Thursday, November 21, 1996. Had some snow early, cloudy most of day, 39°. We went to Senior luncheon at church. Took a paper to Pontiac Bank. We went with Bob Kauffmans & Don Nesters to Bluffton alumni dinner at Elms. Nice evening. Jo had meetings. Ron in Oklahoma.

Friday, November 22, 1996. 40s, nice day. Went out home in morning. Brought few more things in here. Went to Pontiac Bank but found couldn't close loan today. Met Jo at 3:45. We went to Harms in Chenoa. Didn't find anything. Went to Sauders in Roanoke, found a couch we liked. Stopped at Busy Corners, had supper.

Saturday, November 23, 1996. Cloudy, drizzled all day, 37°. Sauders of Roanoke brought a new sofa for us (Hide-a-bed). Jo here a few minutes. They went to ballgame at Chenoa. Ron got home from Oklahoma at 4:00 a.m. I baked 2 fruitcakes.

Sunday, November 24, 1996. Cloudy wet day, 36°. We went to church. We took Rons to Dragon Restaurant for Jo's birthday. Jo on to school. Ron stopped awhile to see new sofa. We went out home, got few things. Allen called. They're going to Jeffs Wednesday. Ben called. He plans to come Wednesday. Paul called. Amy & Todd moved to an apartment in Worcester.

Monday, November 25, 1996. Cloudy, few flurries early a.m., 29° – 31°. I did some laundry. Went to church awhile in p.m. Helped Marie H[eiser] quilt. Jeanette [Colter] & Aldine [Combs] there awhile. Ben called. He plans to come Wednesday.

Tuesday, November 26, 1996. Clear, cold, 13° – 29°. We went to bank & grocery store. I baked Yummy cookies. Pete cracked some pecans. I called Deb. She had lumpectomy today. Got along okay. Called Evelyn [Bearly] to give her our new address.

Wednesday, November 27, 1996. Fair, 12°. We volunteered at hospital. Had hair appointment at 3:15. Ben called at 4:30. Was just leaving Chicago. Was taking a friend to Champaign, then coming here. Ron here few minutes before choir practice. Jon here also. Brought 2 dining chairs that he had fixed. Ben got here at 9:00 p.m. Allens to Jeffs.

Thursday, November 28, 1996. Beautiful Thanksgiving day. 39°. We were all at Rays. She had 21 there. Everyone took something. Jo took mashed potatoes. I took vegetables. We had turkey & all the trimmings. We went to Rons at 4:00 for another turkey dinner as Jon wasn't at Rays. We sorted through papers, jewelry etc. Gave safe to Ron. We & Ben talked to Pauls. Andys & Amys were there.

Friday, November 29, 1996. Cloudy, 40°. Started to rain about 4:00. Got up late. We went to bank and grocery [store]. I baked carrot cookies. We took Ben to Denny's 4:30. He left at 5:30 for Chicago. Arthurs called. They are doing alright. Georgia had some tests, everything okay.

Saturday, November 30, 1996. Cloudy, 47°. Jo & I to town at 8:30, looked for drapes. We got valances for dining & living rooms (wine). I washed guest room bedding and cleaned bathrooms. Rained in evening, turned [to] snow.

Sunday, December 1, 1996. Cloudy, colder in p.m., slick in places in morning. We went to church. Went to Arby's with Jeanette. Spend afternoon addressing Christmas cards & writing notes. Allen called. They got home from Jeffs last evening. Got ahead of snowstorm in Oklahoma & Kansas. Cindy here awhile. Paul called. Amy moved most of their things to their apartment.

Monday, December 2, 1996. Fair, 36°, some clouds in p.m. Steve here in a.m., brought us more address labels. Did the laundry. Made white bark cookies. I went with Jeanette to visitation for Paul Hartzler (Alta [Litwiller]'s brother) at Flanagan. Helen & Lucy [Catherine Patton] along. Went at 3:30, got home at 7:00. Ate at El Paso. Girls came in to see our home.

Tuesday, December 3, 1996. Cloudy, light drizzle and snow, 29°. Sun shone at 4:30. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to Hellers in El Paso. Had little work done on car. I baked date delights. Stirred up crescents cookies.

Wednesday, December 4, 1996. Clear, 35°, nice day. I went to Stroink Lab. We volunteered at hospital. I baked Crescent cookies & made cherry bars in p.m. Ron brought Pete a small safe. Ron kept Pete's old safe. Marge Weaver & Mara here while other children were in choir. Jo stopped on her way home.

Thursday, December 5, 1996. Cloudy, snowed all morning, 34°. I took Pete to dentist at 8:00. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. I unpacked some things & put them away. Pete put papers, etc. in safe. Dr. Sawyer tested my pacemaker. The magnet didn't work right. He came here at 7:00 to check it. Found the battery was week in the machine.

Friday, December 6, 1996. Mostly cloudy, 41°. I went to beauty shop at 9:00. We made caramels. Went out home in PM. Got more things to bring to town. Hope we find room. I stirred up sugar cookies. Did some cleaning. Rons to Chicago after school, will see Renée. Ron has meeting tomorrow.

Saturday, December 7, 1996. Beautiful day, 40s. Pete to men's breakfast with Dr. Oyer. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Made salad for tomorrow. Edith & Rachel [Zehr] stopped here a few minutes. Deb called. Her biopsy negative for which we are grateful. Steves got our old sofa. Glad they can use it. Allen called.

Sunday, December 8, 1996. Cloudy, cold Northwest wind. We went to church & to Ezra Bylers for surprise lunch. Gerlof [Homan]s, Marie [Heiser] & Luella [Mishler] there. Had nice time. Ron here awhile, put outside string of lights on our bushes on north side of house. Looks like Christmas. Paul called, they had snowstorm.

Monday, December 9, 1996. Cloudy, 31°. Did some laundry. Went to Eastland. Got cheese for Evelyn and bill barely. I went to Dr. Wera. He says I'm doing okay. I baked pumpkin pie. Got supper for Rons. Had roast beef, potatoes, carrots, green beans, salad left from yesterday & pie. Rons & Jon worked until 10:30 putting up pictures & valances. Appreciate all they do for us.

Tuesday, December 10, 1996. Fair, nice day, 55°. We had lunch with Rosa [Girdler] & Shinalls. Dorothy [Scogin] wasn't feeling good. I didn't feel good in a.m. but better at noon. I made date balls in PM. We got box of fruit from Bill & Evelyn [Bearly]. Bryan Oyer trimmed the roses & put dirt around them.

Wednesday, December 11, 1996. Cloudy, had rain & thunderstorm at 5:00 a.m. 39°. We volunteered at hospital. Had the Christmas dinner. Very good. Manny [Oyer] & Paul Watkins here in p.m. Put up another cabinet where the microwave cabinet was. Ron took us to Pontiac Bank to get check to pay for the house. Jo here while Ron went to choir practice. She put cookbooks etc. on shelf for me & moved some other things.

Thursday, December 12, 1996. Cloudy, foggy in morning, 39°. I went with Jeanette to HEA at Danvers. Had catered meal & Christmas program. Got a poinsettia, took to Jeanette. Got Beer Nuts for Pauls & packed their box. Gave Marj pillowcases & dishcloth. Gave Amy kitchen towel. Packed cookies. Gave Paul's \$75, grandchildren \$50, great-grandchildren \$10. Got box Petits Fours from Jeanette.

Friday, December 13, 1996. Fair in morning, mostly cloudy late p.m., 44°. We mailed package to Evelyn, Pat's Christmas & Paul's box. Gave Marj, Jo & Shirley each pair of pillowcases & dishcloth. Granddaughters each a kitchen towel & dishcloth. Went out home in PM. Took Singleys [a] poinsettia. Got rose cones & put them on roses here.

Saturday, December 14, 1996. Cloudy, 44°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Pete had breakfast at Steak 'n Shake. I washed some tablecloths, sweaters etc. Went out home, got some decorations. Jo & Jon brought the little tree in that was Merle's. It's still very pretty. Allen called. They were having company this evening. We got big box of cheese, meats, fruitcake, etc. from Randys.

Sunday, December 15, 1996. Had rain early a.m., cloudy, colder, dreary day, 30°. We went to church. Earl K[aufman]s & we had lunch together. Home in PM. Paul Millers here awhile at 5:00. The Carolers came in evening. Paul called. His classes are over for holidays. Paul Millers brought loaf of cranberry bread.

Monday, December 16, 1996. 34°, some sunshine in p.m. I took Pete to dentist in morning. He had tooth pulled. Was hard to pull. Didn't eat lunch but better in evening. Did some laundry. Lloyd Singley here in p.m., brought 2 loaves of bread. Lorene Reeser sent [us] some doughnuts & carnations. I went to Yuton, got our check. Sold 2800 bushels of corn. Deposited check in the bank. \$2.58 a bushel.

Tuesday, December 17, 1996. Cloudy, 27°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I went out home. Got some evergreen, made our door piece. Fixed cookie boxes for paper boys, Norma, Church & Allens. Jo took us to program at Wesleyan. Very good. Ron sang with group again. Snowed some in evening.

Wednesday, December 18, 1996. Little sunshine in morning, cold, 9° – 18°. We volunteered at hospital. I had Garfield meeting at 12:30 at Perkins. I was to have the meeting but group voted to eat out. I took Christmas cookies & nuts. They seemed to enjoy them. Went back to hospital, helped Pete finished delivering mail. Ron here few minutes before choir practice. Allen called Ron asking if he could take us to meet him at River on weekend.

Thursday, December 19, 1996. Some sunshine and snow flurries, cold, 8° – 12°. I rearranged some shelves. Went to brunch at Bonnie Bolt at Ironwood. Was very nice. Had the quilters & BroMenders. Got home at 1:30. Went to grocery store. We & Ina Sutter, Martha Dyck, Tom & Hazel [Yoder] were at Edith & Rachel [Zehr]'s for supper.

Friday, December 20, 1996. Fair, 2° – 20°. I baked coffeecake and made chili. Did some cleaning. Steves here for supper. They brought pizza. Mrs. *Slagil* (sp?) (a neighbor) brought us a plate of cookies. Everyone has been generous. Steves gave us oranges & chocolate candies. I wrote in circle letter.

Saturday, December 21, 1996. Partly cloudy, 18° – 40°. I had permanent at 8:00. We went to bank, grocery store & got gas. Ron stopped here few minutes. They had been shopping. Always nice to have them stop in. Allen called. They are thinking about coming the 27th or 28th.

Sunday, December 22, 1996. Cloudy, 45°. We went to church. Had nice service. Choir sang. Ron sang with choir. We had lunch with Earl & Ann K[aufman]. Steves left for Ohio. Called Arthurs

to thank them for Reminisce Magazine. Paul called. They had their Christmas dinner. Andys fly to California tomorrow.

Monday, December 23, 1996. Cloudy, 57°, windy. Rained hard at times, had hail in places. Had a tornado watch out [at] McLean & area counties. Took Pete to dentist. Had stitches removed. Did laundry. Jo here, brought shelves for garage. Went to Osco [drug store] & grocery [store]. Dr. Oyers here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, December 24, 1996. Mostly cloudy, cold, 6° – 70°. I fixed tray of cookies, cheese & crackers. Made spiced tea. Took all these out to Rons. Marty & Renée stopped here before we all went to church. Ron sang solo. We went to Rons, had chili & oyster stew & all the trimmings. Mabel, Rays & Kens were there too. Ron brought us home. Had beautiful bouquet from Pauls. We got basket of fruit from Helen P[atton].

Wednesday, December 25, 1996. Fair in morning. Took plate of cookies to Chet [Roth]s. Cindy [Roth] home. Took some to Lorene [Reeser]. We went to Rons at 1:00. Had gift exchange. Gave Rons check for \$125. They have helped us so much. [Gave] Grandchildren \$50. Gave Jo pillowcases & dishcloth. Gave Renée hand towel & dishcloth. Renée took some of my hats & dish towels. I got bathrobe, house slippers & lamp, picture frame, chocolate. Pete got 3 books. I got sweatshirt. Paul called.

Thursday, December 26, 1996. Cloudy, light shower in morning, 12° – 24°. I made chili & wassail. Did usual work, quiet day. We got box of cheese & meat from Pam & Mick. We also got frozen fruit & meat from Rons. Wrote to Pam & Jeffs.

Friday, December 27, 1996. Cloudy, misted toward evening, 20° – 36°. We went out home at 9:00 a.m. Worked all day sorting & packing things to store upstairs. Got home at 5:00. Tired. We got beef from Rons. Jo came, helped us unload our car & put meat in freezer. We sure appreciate their help. Gave Jon his quilt. Have given all the grandchildren a quilt. Steves to Allens.

Saturday, December 28, 1996. Foggy most of day, 44°. Did weekly cleaning. Put some things away that we brought from the farm. Got groceries & medicine. I made some pretzels with white bark.

Sunday, December 29, 1996. Cloudy, 35°. We went to church. Brought KFC home. I made lasagna. Read some. Talked to Ron, Jo not feeling well, flu? Paul called. Marjorie isn't feeling good, stomach upset.

Monday, December 30, 1996. Another cloudy foggy day, 32°. Did some laundry. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Baker's Square. We went to hospital, delivered Upper Rooms. Talked to Ron. Jo went to Dr., got meds. Jo feeling some better.

Tuesday, December 31, 1996. Cloudy, 35°. I went to Stroink lab at 7:00. Pete and I to Bob & Ruth Seigel at 9:30 for coffee & breads & coffeecake. Dr. Oyers & J[ohn] Stutzmans there too. I

went to B[eauty] shop at 12:00. Pete to Steak 'n Shake. Went out home, got some canned things. Jo is some better but still not good. Talked to Allen. Randys were in Iowa city. Steves got home.

Wednesday, January 1, 1997. Cloudy, some fog again. I made vegetable soup. Jon & Rons here in p.m. Put up racks in garage. Jo feeling better. She & Ron worked at school several hours. Randys got here at 3:30. Glad to see them. Had layer [chicken?] & salad & ice cream. Wanted Rons to come but Jo wanted to rest. They [came] at 8:00, visited with Randys. I got birdfeeder & Pete got sweater from Allens.

Thursday, January 2, 1997. Cloudy, warm, 80°. Cindy took Deb, Brittany & me shopping. I got pair [of] black slacks. We had chili & vegetable soup for lunch. Randys left for home at 2:00 p.m. Glad they could come even though time was short.

Friday, January 3, 1997. Very heavy fog, 50°. Fog cleared some. We did some cleaning & did some laundry. Rons left for Ohio to Will Emerick wedding. Left school at 2:00. Deb called. They got home at 4:45 AM. Drove straight through to Medford [New Jersey]. Had good trip. Glad they could come. Evelyn B[ertsche] here awhile late p.m. Allens got here at 8:00. Dr. Sawyer here, brought another machine for my pacemaker. Dr. visited with Allens.

Saturday, January 4, 1997. Cloudy, 60s, broke records. Rained in p.m. We got up late. Allen & Shirley ran. Allen took us to get linoleum for under the sinks. Allen put it in for me. He & I went out home, got my sewing machine for Pam. Allen made lemon pie (good). I had roast, etc. Cindy & children here. Allens to Steves awhile. Steve sick.

Sunday, January 5, 1997. Much colder, windy, 30°, snow flurries in morning. Some sunshine. Allens left for home before 9:00. They called, got home about 3:00. Enjoyed having them. We came home for lunch. Jo called. They got home at 6:00. Had good trip. Paul called. They are okay & busy.

Monday, January 6, 1997. Clear, cold, 9° – 26°. Did the laundry. I took Pete to dentist at 1:30. Got some groceries & medicine refill. Rested some. Jon here late evening, put up another shelf in garage.

Tuesday, January 7, 1997. Clear, 4° – 29°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler] & Shinalls. I wrote to Jeffs and Micks. Had letter from Virginia Porst. Hadn't heard from her for long time. Pete wrote to her. I went to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, January 8, 1997. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 29°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:00. I baked a coffeecake. Ron here awhile in evening. Brought Pete's bike in. Took the little Christmas tree home.

Thursday, January 9, 1997. 27°. Cloudy, started to snow early a.m., stopped around noon. Had between 5 & 6 inches. I put Christmas decorations away & did some work in garage. I took Pete to Dr. Allen. He goes back in 3 months. [Manny] Oyer cleaned out drive ways, etc. HEA [Homemakers Extension Association] canceled.

Friday, January 10, 1997. A cold windy day, 15° midnight last night. Was 1 above zero most of day. Windchill in -30s. Did some cleaning. I went to Norma's at noon. Read & rested. Most all schools were closed. Ron called. He went to meeting in Chicago. Jo went with him.

Saturday, January 11, 1997. Clear, cold, 5 below zero, 3° above high for the day. Windchill in -30s. We got groceries & medicine. Pete had some diarrhea, better in PM. I did some odd jobs. Allen called. Very cold there, had 2 inches snow. Had 7 – 8 inches snow [in] past week.

Sunday, January 12, 1997. Clear, very cold, 10° below zero – zero. We went to church. Had small groups at church. I took pineapple cherry dessert. Got home at 3:00.

Monday, January 13, 1997. Clear, 4 below – 10°. Did some laundry. Went to Walmart, got white yarn for an Afghan. Took Pete to Dr. Bertsche. Had some lab work done. Ron here few minutes at 3:30. He had been to Eureka. Started on Afghan.

Tuesday, January 14, 1997. Clear, beautiful day, 49° – 50°. We went to church. Brought KFC home. We read and rested. We got picture of twins for Christmas. Marty got to Rons at 5:30 p.m. Paul called. His school starts tomorrow after the holidays.

Wednesday, January 15, 1997. Snowing, 14° – 26°. Froze some, misting early a.m. Snowed most of day. We volunteered at hospital. I rested some & crocheted some in p.m. & evening. Had nice letter from Amy thanking me for her quilt. Wrote conditions are good. Paul flew to meeting at Atlanta Georgia.

Thursday, January 16, 1997. Clear, cold, near zero all day. Still drifting, most county roads closed. Jo called, our road is mostly closed. All schools closed. Windchill in -30s to 50s. I made vegetable soup & rhubarb crisp. We read. I crocheted some. Marj & Amy to Atlanta Georgia, visited her sister while Paul had meeting.

Friday, January 17, 1997. Clear, cold, 12° below – 3°. Did some cleaning. I made hot potato salad. Pickled the beef tongue. Clarence & Bryon (sp?) Oyer here at 3:00 to clear off some snow from driveway. We went to groceries after that. Rons here few minutes.

Saturday, January 18, 1997. Clear, 10° below – 8°. Cloudy in evening. Did the usual work. Quiet day. Read & crocheted. Allen called. They have had a cold week too.

Sunday, January 19, 1997. Cloudy, warmer, 11° – 31°. We went to church. Jeanette & we to Avanti's for dinner. Were home rest of day. Arthurs called, they are okay. I called Marty but he wasn't home. Was playing basketball. Paul called. They got back from Atlanta Georgia.

Monday, January 20, 1997. Clear, a nice day, warmer, 47°. Quite a change. Did the laundry. We went out home in PM. Got some of canned vegetables, etc. Ron helped us. He & Jon have been working in living & dining room, scraping off some loose paint.

Tuesday, January 21, 1997. Cloudy, foggy late p.m., rained in p.m., 40s. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Did some errands. Were going out home at 3:30 when Jo got out of her meeting but since it was so foggy & raining, we canceled our plans.

Wednesday, January 22, 1997. Fair, nice day, 45°. Most of snow gone except the drifts. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:30. Marge Weaver & children came for little visit. We went out home at 4:00. Jo & we worked until nearly 7:00. Got fruit room cleared out. Broke rest of canned things in here. Ron worked on sanding places in living & dining room.

Thursday, January 23, 1997. Harley cloudy, 15° – 27°. I went to B[eauty] shop at 9:00. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. We stopped at St. Joe hospital to see Annabelle Lott who was admitted a week ago. It appears cancer has gone into her hip & legs. Feel so sorry for her. Ron to meeting in Chicago in evening.

Friday, January 24, 1997. Jo called at 8:00 a.m. telling us she was in hospital with right broken leg. Fell in basement last night. Quite a shock. So sorry to hear it. Rescue squad took her to hospital. Dr. Bratburg was busy. They took her to OR at 6:00 p.m. Ron got home. We had rain & snow, some ice in places, temp 32°. Ron called at 9:45. Surgery went alright. It was a bad break, some bones shattered.

Saturday, January 25, 1997. Clear, cold, windy, 8°. Ron took us to Mabel's antique sale at Ropp building. Good crowd, lots of things. Don't know where they them. We came home at 12:30. Ron back to sale. We went to see Jo at 1:00. She is having quite a lot of pain. Feel sorry for her. She went to bathroom with help and Walker. I called Allens. Was cold there. I made chili and salad.

Sunday, January 26, 1997. Cloudy, snowed 3 inches. We went to church. Had dinner there & annual meeting. Ron preached at Flanagan. He took Jo home from hospital. Glad she could go home. Sent chili home with them. Hope she gets along okay. Pauls called, they are alright. Temp, 8° – 20°. Harvella Stutzman here awhile in p.m.

Monday, January 27, 1997. Cloudy, 27°, started to snow before noon. Snowed heavy all afternoon, 4 inches or more. Windy late p.m. I did laundry. Ron stopped here at 4:00. Sent some tapioca home with him. Beulah [Roth] sent a loaf of bread over for them. Jo doing fairly good. Terry Stutzman Mast here awhile in p.m. Good to see her.

Tuesday, January 28, 1997. Clear, cold, 10° below – 8°. Did usual morning work. Made bread pudding. Went out home at 1:00. Worked until 5:00. Ron painting living & dining rooms. Jo is about same. Rons small group took their dinner to them.

Wednesday, January 29, 1997. Clear, 4° below, 20°. Went to Stroink Lab. Took car to Bairds [to] have some work done. Volunteered at hospital. Ron worked at house, cleaning up. I was wanting to help him but car wasn't done in time to go. Marie, our renter, wanted to look at house tonight.

Thursday, January 30, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 8° – 21°. We went to grocery & pharmacy. Cooked chicken & made loaf of lemon bread. Used Arizona lemons. Ron here few minutes at 4:30. He had gotten some things at school for Jo.

Friday, January 31, 1997. Fair, nice day, 48°. Did some cleaning. Went to Rons at 1:30. Ron had meetings, etc. in town. We got home about 7:00. I did some laundry for them. Glad we could help out a little. Jo's telephone is kept busy. Marge W[eaver] & children brought their dinner out.

Saturday, February 1, 1997. Cloudy, 37°, had light rain in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast with Dr. Oyer. We took papers to recycle in Normal. I went to B[eauty] shop at 10:45. Lori Oyer here in p.m. Wanted some help on pillow she is making. Ron took Jo to her school in p.m. They worked there about an hour. Got along okay.

Sunday, February 2, 1997. Fair in morning, 40°, cloudy in p.m. & evening. We went to church. Ate at Grand Café. Went to baby shower at church for Dexter Litwiller baby at 2:00. Allen called. They are okay. Ron preached at Meadows. Paul called. They are alright except Marj has a cold.

Monday, February 3, 1997. Cloudy, 38°, chilly wind. I did some laundry. Took some clothes etc. to Home Sweet [Home] Mission. Went to outlet mall, got mattress pad. Looked for chair covers but didn't find any. Went to grocery & pharmacy. Jo to school awhile in morning.

Tuesday, February 4, 1997. Cloudy, some mist, 34°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to card shop & bank & Aldis. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin] & Rosa [Girdler]. Shinalls were not there. Dr. not feeling well. Wrote to Shirley. Jo taught school in morning.

Wednesday, February 5, 1997. Some sunshine, 35°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Finished the quilt we have been working on. Got home 1:30. Chet & Beulah [Roth] here awhile. Talked to Jo. She taught school ½ day. Went to Dr., had the stitches removed from her leg. Seems to be doing alright.

Thursday, February 6, 1997. Cloudy, 29°, little snow in a.m. I made date pudding and meatloaf. Went to grocery [store] in PM. Read some & crocheted. Carol Ropp's father died. Carol didn't get to Florida before he passed away. Milo Marquis passed away at 6:30 p.m. We thought he was doing quite well so was a shock.

Friday, February 7, 1997. Cloudy, 27°. I baked coffeecake braid. Took one to Marquis [family]. Did some weekly cleaning. Took cookies to church for the conference. International students have been meeting at our church. Edna Springer passed away this morning.

Saturday, February 8, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 34°, few snow flurries in p.m. I baked brownies. Went to new mall few minutes. Finished weekly cleaning. Allen called. They are okay. Naomi Cook passed away. Allen & Shirley are singing at her funeral.

Sunday, February 9, 1997. Cloudy, 30s, few flurries. We went to church. Had our small group at Wilbur Baumans. Had 7 of the international exchange students there. Went to visitation for Milo Marquis. Large crowd. Paul called. Andys were there for the weekend. Arthur called. They are about as usual.

Monday, February 10, 1997. Cloudy, 31°. Did some laundry. Went to Edna Springer's funeral at 10:00. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Perkins. Got some seat covers for dining chairs. Went to Milo Marquis funeral at 2:00 at church. Jo taught school all day.

Tuesday, February 11, 1997. Cloudy, 28°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Pete fell on the escalator. Had an abrasion on head. Took him to ER for exam. Has sore spots which can be expected. Just so thankful it wasn't worse. I made apple crisp & tuna casserole. Made casserole for Rons.

Wednesday, February 12, 1997. Sunshine for a change, 28°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Rons in p.m. and to our house. The floors look very nice. Everything pretty well done. I did some laundry for Jo. No school today. Good Jo could rest. Pete is having some pain in his back.

Thursday, February 13, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 32°. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Pete home, his back seems some better. I baked sugar cookies. Jo called to tell us Marge Weaver fell & broke her nose & [has] lacerations.

Friday, February 14, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 39°. I did some cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop & grocery [store]. Pete's back still bothering him. Steve & Rachel here few minutes. Gave them some cookies & candy. Ron brought us a box of chocolate. I gave him some cookies. I crocheted some on Afghan.

Saturday, February 15, 1997. Clear, nice day, 32°. I finished some cleaning. Washed tablecloth, etc. Pete's back still hurts. We went to Chet Roths 65th wedding anniversary celebration at church. Had 2 -- 3 inches snow in night.

Sunday, February 16, 1997. Cloudy, cleared off in forenoon, 34°. Pete not feeling any better. Called Dr. Bertsche. He ordered *Durocel* (sp?) for pain. I went to church. Jo there too. They stopped here on way home. I got fruit at SDA church. Allen called, they had heavy snow last week. Paul called, he had a busy week.

Monday, February 17, 1997. Fair, 50°, some snow melted. Pete feels much better. Severe pain has left him. Hope he continues to improve. I did some laundry. Jeanette & we to Lloyd Singleys for noon dinner. Had a good visit & delicious meal.

Tuesday, February 18, 1997. Partly cloudy, windy, warmer, 60° – 62°. Most of snow gone. I baked cookies. Made a potato sausage casserole. Went to pharmacy & did some odd jobs. Pete feels some better. Still takes pain medicine. Crocheted.

Wednesday, February 19, 1997. Rained early, 50°, cleared off in a.m. We volunteered at hospital. Jon and Pete to Chenoa. Phil Harland did income tax. Ron went later. I took Jeanette & Alta [Litwiller] to club at Mabel's. I made pot of chili for Rons. Ron stopped here after choir practice. He had busy day.

Thursday, February 20, 1997. Cloudy, rainy day, 50°. Did usual work. Cooked some mush & made a bread pudding. I worked on Afghan. Pete did some paper work. He feels better and we are glad.

Friday, February 21, 1997. Cloudy, rained most of day, 50° early, turned colder in p.m. Rained turned to snow in evening. I went to B[eauty] shop. We went to Kiwanis pancakes at noon. Got groceries at Aldis. Went out home to take key to our house. Marie Sarao moved into our home. Denzers & others helping, also Ron. She gave us \$600 rent per month. Margaret McGuire died suddenly. Talked to Frieda. Dr. Shinall [in] critical condition.

Saturday, February 22, 1997. Clear, 36°, ground covered with snow. Most melted. I cooked chicken, put some in freezer & had chicken & biscuits. Dr. Harold Shinall passed away last night. We will miss him. Just several weeks ago we had lunch together. Allen called, they're okay.

Sunday, February 23, 1997. Clear, 37°. We went to church, had lunch at Avanti's, home in PM. Jo didn't go to church, didn't feel good, but better later on. Ben called. He hopes to come in March. We went with Ron to Home Builders at Earl Kaufmans. Dr. Oyer told of his experience as a family doctor. Interesting. Paul called. They are okay & busy.

Monday, February 24, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 30°. I did laundry. Pete's back bothering him more. We went to visitation for Margaret McGuire. Went to Gailey's, had glasses adjusted.

Tuesday, February 25, 1997. Fair, 14° – 41°. Nice day. I made 2 pie crusts for MCC [Relief] Sale. Rons took us to Dr. Harold Shinall's funeral at 1:30. Nice service. We will miss him.

Wednesday, February 26, 1997. Cloudy, 39°. Rained most of day. We volunteered at hospital, also delivered the Upper Room. Got home before 3:00. Mara Weaver here in evening while Jr. choir practiced & Marge had meeting. Had over an inch of rain.

Thursday, February 27, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 32° – 36°. I made 2 more pie crusts for MCC sale. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. Annabelle Lott passed away. Just a year ago we found out she had lung cancer. We will miss her at quilting. She was a lovely person.

Friday, February 28, 1997. Fair, 33° – 52°, nice day. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at 11:00. We went to visitation for Annabelle Lott. Ina Sutter went along. She had worked with her at State Farm. We read & rested some.

Saturday, March 1, 1997. Some sunshine and some clouds. I did usual work, baked coffeecake braid. Went to groceries to get milk etc. Allen called. They are going to Jeffs Thursday. Jeff goes to Hungary with some other people [with] Campus Crusade for Christ. Will be gone 2 weeks.

Sunday, March 2, 1997. Fair, nice day, 42°. We went to church. Had lunch with Earl & Ann Kaufman at BroMenn. Dorothy & Merle Schwartz were here awhile this p.m. Pauls called, they're okay. Paul has spring break this week.

Monday, March 3, 1997. Fair, nice day, 52°. I did the laundry. Made pot of vegetable soup. Will give Rons some. Read & rested. Jeff & 3 other members of his church left for Hungary today on a mission for Christ.

Tuesday, March 4, 1997. Fair, nice day, 46°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin] & Rose [Girdler]. We missed Frieda & Harold. We did some errands. I put plastic on my Afghan. Went to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, March 5, 1997. Cloudy, 36°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:00. Rested. Marge Weaver & Mara here during Jr. choir. Cindy & children here few minutes. Ron stopped before choir. Gave him vegetable soup.

Thursday, March 6, 1997. Fair, windy, 24° – 34°. Took Pete to Carle Clinic. He sought Carolyn Roth (nurse practitioner). They x-rayed his back. No fractures. Some arthritic condition. Gave him medication. Went to card shop & bank.

Friday, March 7, 1997. Fair, nice day, 54°. We went to church at 6:30 [to] help with baking shoofly pies. Esther [Brown] had soup etc. for lunch. Got home at 11:30. Got some groceries. Rested. Got Jo at school at 4:00. Ron in Peoria [at] MCC sale. We went with Steve, Katie & Matthew. Left at 4:45. Got home at 9:00. Large crowd. We had chicken dinner.

Saturday, March 8, 1997. A beautiful day. Finished weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop. We went for walk in p.m. Rested & read. Did a load of laundry. Temp 55°.

Sunday, March 9, 1997. Rained most of morning, 50°. Had some clearing in evening. We went to church. Had dinner at home. Allen called. They got back from Kansas. Pat is getting along with the girls. Hope has chickenpox. Jeff called. They are kept busy. Paul called. They are okay. They were in Boston over weekend.

Monday, March 10, 1997. Clear, nice day, 64°. Did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Parkview Inn. I had an appointment with Dr. Wera at 3:15. Got home after 5:00. Everything seems okay.

Tuesday, March 11, 1997. Partly cloudy, 52°. We didn't join Tuesday group. C[larence] Oyer here in p.m., changed the filter in hallway. We went with Ron & Jo to Meadows, visitation for

Emma Bertsche at 4:00. Had Chinese supper with them. Ron brought us home by 7:00. He had meeting at church.

Wednesday, March 12, 1997. Nice sunny day, 48°. We volunteered at hospital. I made chili for Rons. Ina Sutter here awhile in p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 1997. Cloudy, rained in p.m., 47°. I took Jeanette to HEA. Were home at 1:00. We got groceries. Read some.

Friday, March 14, 1997. Mostly cloudy, cold, 20s. Windchill near zero at times. Snow flurries. Did some weekly cleaning. Made chicken casserole. Sent some home with Rons. They stopped here after school.

Saturday, March 15, 1997. Clear, cold, 12° – 29°. I went to B[eauty] shop & groceries. Got some meds. Finished weekly cleaning. I made lemon custard dessert for tomorrow, small groups. Boiled some eggs.

Sunday, March 16, 1997. Clear, cloudy in evening, 50°. We went to church. Ron preached, good crowd. We had small group at Franzie Loep's, then at 3:00 to MRC meeting. Allen called, they're okay & busy. Jeff gets home from Hungary this evening. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, March 17, 1997. Cloudy, 57°. I did the laundry. Rested & read some. Ron here in morning. Brought some dishes back that I had sent some food to them.

Tuesday, March 18, 1997. Cloudy. Rained early a.m., 49°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I made vegetable soup. Wrote to Pat & Jeff. Jo came before 5:00. Ron had wellness meeting at church. First Jo had been here since her accident. She is using just 1 crutch now.

Wednesday, March 19, 1997. Clear, nice day, 26° – 52°. We volunteered at hospital. I went with Alta Litwiller to Garfield club at Evelyn Schwoerer. Jeanette along too. Mara Weaver here during Jr. choir. Greta (sp?) & Ross here awhile.

Thursday, March 20, 1997. Clear beautiful day, 60°. We went to Sr. dinner at church. Tied papers for Recycle. I swept the garage in p.m. Sat in sun awhile. Rested.

Friday, March 21, 1997. Lovely day, 76°. Went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Pete had breakfast at Steak 'n Shake. I went with Jeanette to auxiliary luncheon at noon. Pete went for walk.

Saturday, March 22, 1997. Mostly cloudy, colder, 46°. Finished weekly cleaning. Went to grocery store. Allen called, they're coming next Friday evening. We look forward to their coming. I made Jell-O salad for tomorrow. Rons & Jon are coming.

Sunday, March 23, 1997. Partly cloudy, nice day, 48°. We went to choir [church?]. Choir sang. Rons & Jon here for dinner. Had roast beef, potatoes & carrots & vegetables. I enjoyed having them. We went to Home Builders at church. Paul called. Ben called. He isn't coming for Easter.

Monday, March 24, 1997. Cloudy. Rained in p.m., some hail. 31° – 48°. I did the laundry. Stirred up sugar cookies. Rested & read.

Tuesday, March 25, 1997. Cloudy, 40s. I baked and iced sugar cookies. Will give Rons & Steves some. We went to bank & Aldis & Beichs. We didn't go to Tuesday Breakfast.

Wednesday, March 26, 1997. Clear, 29° – 62°. Nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete got haircut. Did few errands. Steve's children here a short time. Steves at meeting. We went to Jeanette's to celebrate Joe & Mary [Jantze]'s 25th wedding anniversary. Ron there too. Jo not able [to go], she has bad cold.

Thursday, March 27, 1997. Beautiful day, 73°. I had permanent at 8:15. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. Got home at 2:00. I washed windows & polished some silverware. We went to Maundy Thursday Communion at church. Good attendance. Evelyn B[early] called, they are okay. Ruth Schrock Yoder at Garden City [Missouri] passed away.

Friday, March 28, 1997. Some clouds, some sunshine, 71°. We had ½ inch rain late p.m. I did all of cleaning. Made lasagna & colored eggs. Went to store, got meds. Allen & Shirley got here about 9:00 p.m. They stopped at Steves before coming here.

Saturday, March 29, 1997. Cloudy and chilly. Allens, Rons, Renée & Jon & Steves & us went to Jumers at 8:30 for breakfast. We got home at 10:30. Allens to see Clifford Wick [Shirley's brother-in-law] in nursing home & to Steve's. Allens got back at 4:30. Allen to Rons at that time to target practice. We had lasagna for supper. Ron to sale at Clinton, bought manure spreader. They couldn't come for supper.

Sunday, March 30, 1997. Easter Sunday. Light shower in morning. Partly cloudy in p.m., windy, 50°. We all went to church, large attendance. Choir was wonderful. Cindy had a solo, very good. Allens left here at 11:00. They stopped at [Steves?] awhile. We went to Rons at noon. Renée at Rons. She left for Chicago at 4:00. We came home. Took some eggs & cookies. Allens got home at 4:30. Glad they could come. Paul called. They are okay & busy. Rons gave us Easter Lily.

Monday, March 31, 1997. Beautiful day, 51°. I did the laundry. We went for walk. Stopped to see Seth & Alice Swift. She has beautiful Amaryllis. Read & rested some.

Tuesday, April 1, 1997. Clear, nice day, 65°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Frieda [Shinall] & Rosa [Girdler]. We missed Dr. Shinall. I went to women's meeting. I called Pauls. They had a very bad snowstorm. Airport had 40 inches snow. Paul said everything was closed, schools, etc.

Wednesday, April 2, 1997. Clear, 69°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. Did some laundry in PM. Marj & Mara Weaver here while children were in choir practice.

Thursday, April 3, 1997. Partly cloudy, 72°, nice day. Helen Basting took us to East White Oak Church to see their new church. A large addition, very nice. Pete had an appointment with Dr. Allen. Everything seems okay which we are thankful for. Ron left this morning to Mennonite Health Assembly in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Don N[ester] & Paul Miller with him.

Friday, April 4, 1997. Cloudy, rained late p.m. & evening. Did some cleaning. Went to pharmacy & groceries. Got papers ready to recycle. I wrote in circle letter. Read.

Saturday, April 5, 1997. Cloudy. Rained in p.m. 66°. Under severe thunderstorms for several hours. I went with Jeanette to quilt show in p.m. Was at new 4-H Building.

Sunday, April 6, 1997. Partly cloudy, very windy, 40s. Temp in 50s earlier, dropped. We went to church. Habitat people there. Our church plans to build a home for Habitat [for Humanity]. We had KFC for dinner. Steve & children stopped here. Gave Matthew a card & \$5 for his birthday. Ron got home from Pittsburgh PA at 2:00 a.m. Jo called. She had quite a lot of pain this morning. I went with Jeanette to visitation for Hilda Augsburger. Went at 5:00. Large crowd.

Monday, April 7, 1997. Clear, cold, 27° – 45°. Windy. Did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stambak] at Pancake House. Laura not feeling well. Did some errands. Read & rested.

Tuesday, April 8, 1997. Mostly fair, cold, 29° – 39°. We went to breakfast with Tuesday group. Did usual work. Stirred up icebox date cookies. Rested & read.

Wednesday, April 9, 1997. Clear, cold, 19°, broke records. 42°. We volunteered at hospital. I baked cookies. Marge Weaver and Mara here while Greta & Ross went to Jr. choir. Ron stopped after choir practice. Glad to have him stop by.

Thursday, April 10, 1997. Cloudy, 47° early. Started to snow in p.m., 32°. Had 3 inches wet snow. I took Jeanette to HEA. Home by 1:00 PM. I cleaned some of my silverware. Read.

Friday, April 11, 1997. Cloudy, 36°, rained in p.m. Some snow melted. Some places had foot or more of snow. We had company in p.m. Don Augsburgers brought Robert Wolgemuths from Germany & their daughter Ethel & her husband. We stayed with them when we visited in Germany. Talked to Ron. He went to Chicago. Roads bad.

Saturday, April 12, 1997. Cloudy, foggy in morning, 36°. Pete to men's breakfast with Dr. Oyer. I went to B[eauty] shop. Made butterscotch pie. Ben got here at 1:30. I had lunch for him. Rons to Indianapolis. Renée's brother was married. Light rain in evening.

Sunday, April 13, 1997. Clear, nice day. Went to church. Rons & we & Ben ate at Country Kitchen. We went to church & Ben played piano awhile. We went out home & cut frozen rhubarb off. Ben back to Chicago. Dr. Lee Snyder, new president at Bluffton is a granddaughter of Frank Kropf. Sure was surprised. We were happy to meet. Paul called. They are fine.

Monday, April 14, 1997. Nice day, 56°. I went to Gailey's at 8:15. Don't need glasses changed which is fine. Have to go back in 4 weeks for test for glaucoma. I did the laundry.

Tuesday, April 15, 1997. Fair, 67°. We had breakfast with the Tuesday group. I went to HEA Golden Agers at Farm Bureau. Had nice luncheon and style show of years gone by. We had word that Mick Quigley's brother Jeff died of a heart attack this morning. Sorry to hear it.

Wednesday, April 16, 1997. Fair, cooler, 47°. We volunteered at hospital. I took Jeanette to Garfield club at Dorothy Singleys.

Thursday, April 17, 1997. Fair, 59°, chilly wind. I baked quick coffeecake. Went to Aldis & Osco [drug store]. I did some cleaning in the kitchen.

Friday, April 18, 1997. Partly cloudy, nice day, 62°. I went to beauty shop at 9:00. We went with Jeanette to Volunteer luncheon at Medical Center. I got a 1000 hour pin & red rose. Helen [Patton] & Jeanette [Colter] also got a pin. We went out home at 2:00. Ron helped me. Paul M[iller] had run the tiller. I planted lettuce & spinach & beets. Pete trimmed grapes with Ron's help.

Saturday, April 19, 1997. Some clouds, some sunshine. Did usual work. Cleaned 2 bathrooms. Went to store for milk. Took a walk. Marty & René are at Rons. Hog show today. Allen called. Randy there, had meeting at Newton [Iowa]. Jo & Renée hereawhile in evening. Ron did well at hog sale.

Sunday, April 20, 1997. Cloudy, 61°. We went to church. Ate lunch at grand Café. Mildred Nafziger got sick at church. Took her to hospital. Genes brought her home in p.m., seems to be doing better. Marty back to Missouri. Renée to Chicago. P[aul] Miller took us to Home Builders at Dr. Oyers. Mrs. Watts told about their trip to Uganda. Paul called, they're okay & busy.

Monday, April 21, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 62 – 64°, nice day. Had rain in evening. I did the laundry. Rested & read. Went for a walk.

Tuesday, April 22, 1997. Fair, 59°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Paul Watkins here checking the crawlspace. Everything is okay. Went for a short walk. Read & rested.

Wednesday, April 23, 1997. Fair in a.m., cloudy PM, 57°, chilly Northwest wind. We volunteered at hospital. I went to lab in morning. We went out home in PM. Ron & I put in peas, onions, set out 2 rows of potatoes & a dozen cabbage plants.

Thursday, April 24, 1997. Partly cloudy, 59° – 60°. Had light shower about 5 PM. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. I cooked mush & made tapioca pudding. Jo here few minutes on way home from school. Ray planted our corn.

Friday, April 25, 1997. Clear, 65°, nice day. Did some cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop & grocery store. I put rose cones away. Cindy & children here few minutes. Steve is in Florida.

Saturday, April 26, 1997. Fair, 68°, pleasant day. Pete to men's breakfast with Dr. Oyer. I finished weekly cleaning. We went out home awhile in p.m. Took rose cones out, put them in shed. Ron had set out broccoli & cauliflower & radishes.

Sunday, April 27, 1997. Cloudy, 54°, slow rained most of day. We went to church. Ron & Jo here for dinner, had Swiss steak. Ron had choir practice at 2:00. Allen called, they are okay. We went to Music Festival at our church. Ron sang with them. Cindy had charge of children's choir. Paul called. He was in Vermont to meeting over the weekend.

Monday, April 28, 1997. Fair, nice day, 64°. I did the laundry. Went to hospital in p.m. Delivered the Upper Rooms. I got carrot seed & 3 glad bulbs. Put the bulbs on S[outh] side of house behind the shrubbery.

Tuesday, April 29, 1997. Beautiful day, 74°. We went to Rons. He & I put in carrots and 2 rows of sweetcorn. The lettuce, spinach & beets are up. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin] & Rose [Girdler]. Frieda [Shinall] forgot the date.

Wednesday, April 30, 1997. Some sunshine in clouds, 68°. Had stormy weather mid afternoon. Had high winds, shower of rain, under tornado warnings for several hours. Some damage done in the area, mainly due to high winds. We volunteered at hospital.

Thursday, May 1, 1997. Fair, cooler, 61°. I baked coffeecake braid for Steves. This is to raise money for Habitat [for Humanity] which our church is building a house this summer. I worked outside awhile.

Friday, May 2, 1997. Cloudy, had rain in forenoon, 58°. Some sunshine in p.m. I did the weekly cleaning. Went to store & pharmacy. I made vegetable soup. Cindy here few minutes to get the coffee cakes. Steve at [Camp] Friedenswald.

Saturday, May 3, 1997. 58°. Rained in morning & again in p.m. We went with Jeanette to Metamora to the Genealogical meeting.

Sunday, May 4, 1997. Fair, nice day. We went to church. YPU served Potato Bar so we ate there. Had short Congregational meeting. Allen called, they are okay. Paul called, they are busy.

Monday, May 5, 1997. Had a shower in morning, fair in p.m., windy. I did the laundry. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Schooners. Ron here few minutes in morning. Brought us some lawn chairs.

Tuesday, May 6, 1997. Clear, lovely day, 70°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went out home in PM. Helped Ron [with] tomato plants & cucumbers. Ron was going to plant green beans this evening. I made chicken salad for mother-daughter salad luncheon. Jo, Cindy, girls & I. Had a good crowd.

Wednesday, May 7, 1997. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., 67°. Had a shower in evening. We volunteered at hospital. I worked outside awhile in p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 1997. Clear, lovely day, 72°. I took Jeanette to HEA. Mabel, Helen Webb, Mrs. Deal & I were honored for many years of HEA. We're all over 90 years. We got corsages. Ron here in p.m. Dr. Sawyer was to come check my pacemaker but didn't come. (Unclear) machine doesn't seem to work as well as it should. Marjorie flew to Berne to visit her mother.

Friday, May 9, 1997. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 63°, chilly wind. I did some cleaning. Ron brought some black dirt for flower bed. Went to Niepagens, got flowers to plant. I fed the roses. They look pretty good. Marty & friend fishing in Lake Michigan.

Saturday, May 10, 1997. A beautiful day, 38° – 68°. I went to B[eauty] shop, Pete [to] barber. Finished weekly cleaning. Set out flowers by porch. Baked chocolate chip cookies. Gave Rons some.

Sunday, May 11, 1997. Partly cloudy in a.m. cloudy, had shower late p.m., windy, 72°. We went to church. Went to Rons for dinner. Renée came from Chicago. Marty & friend back from Michigan, had a lot of fish. We had some for dinner & [he] gave us some. Allen called, also Arthur & Georgia. Had card & check [for] \$15 from Allens. Rons gave a wreath for living room. Paul called. Marj was getting home from Berne. Jo here in evening, helped me set out more flowers. Nice Mother's Day. Evelyn called & Arthurs called.

Monday, May 12, 1997. Clear, windy, 63°. I did the laundry. Rested & read. Earl Kaufmans & we were at Paul Millers. Had venison, very good. Had nice card from Paul.

Tuesday, May 13, 1997. Had shower early a.m. Cloudy with some sunshine in p.m., chilly, 60°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I washed our winter coats & put out few more flowers. Dr. Sawyer here at 5:00. Left another machine to check my pacemaker.

Wednesday, May 14, 1997. Partly cloudy, windy, cool, 60°. We volunteered at hospital. I had test at Gailey's for glaucoma. Turned out alright for which I am grateful. We went out home after supper, got rhubarb. Put a container in freezer. Will make [rhubarb] crisp tomorrow for Sr. luncheon at church.

Thursday, May 15, 1997. Fair, windy, chilly, 58°. I made rhubarb crisp & deviled eggs for Sr. luncheon at church. I helped Rachel Zehr quilt on wall hanging. Watered our flower plants.

Friday, May 16, 1997. Fair, 31°, broke record. 72°. Windy in p.m. Did some cleaning. We went to Meadows [Home] in PM. Hazel Y[oder] took us & others on tour of new Alzheimer's unit, very nice. Ron & Jo went to Columbia Missouri. Renée gets her PhD tonight. We are happy for her.

Saturday, May 17, 1997. Clear, 84°. I went to B[eauty] shop at 9:45. We went out home in PM. Got rhubarb. I hoed some in our garden. We went to YPU pig roast at church. Good food & had an auction. Cindy & children here few minutes. Rons got home about 6:30.

Sunday, May 18, 1997. Some showers and sunshine, 86°. We went to church. 7 young people were baptized and we had communion. A very nice service. We had small group at Wayne Litwillers. Allen called, was 90° there. Martha Dick here awhile. Paul called. They had graduation today. We were under tornado watch. Had over ½ inch rain.

Monday, May 19, 1997. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 63°. Did the laundry. I took Pete to Dr. Bertsche [at] 3:15. He's doing okay. Had some blood work done.

Tuesday, May 20, 1997. Fair, 64°, nice day. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I did usual work. Had a quiet day. Went for walk. Send Arthurs a check for \$10 for flowers for Cemetery.

Wednesday, May 21, 1997. Beautiful day, 64°. I went to Stroink Lab. We volunteered at hospital. I brought Pete home at 11:00. I went with Garfield club to Children's Museum. Had lunch there. Some went to Baby Fold. I came home as had been there. I made vegetable soup. Chet Roths here awhile. We went for walk. Mabel called about Woizeski reunion. Gordons were going to have it but Roberta isn't good. She quit teaching several weeks ago.

Thursday, May 22, 1997. Nice day, 69°. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. We went out home in p.m., got spinach & rhubarb. Took can's off of the plants. Gave Marge Weaver some rhubarb.

Friday, May 23, 1997. A beautiful day. 77°. Did some cleaning. Got groceries. Went out home in PM. Did some hoeing. Visited with Ron awhile. Roberta isn't doing well, very weak. Ron to Gordons awhile.

Saturday, May 24, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 80° – 83°. Got some flowers at Casey's. Planted Alyssum around the tree in our yard. Put a new geranium in flower pot. We had lunch with Earl Raders at Country Kitchen. Talked to Mabel in evening. Roberta very ill. Makes us sad.

Sunday, May 25, 1997. Cloudy, had a shower in morning, 67°, cooler. We went to church. Ron preached at Normal Baptist [Church]. They & we ate lunch together & then [went] to cemeteries. Bought geraniums as had no flowers blooming. Stopped at Gordons. Jo went in to see Roberta. Gordon came to car. Roberta sleeping a lot of time. Talked to Allens. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, May 26, 1997. Cloudy. Rained most of day. Roberta passed away around 10:00 a.m. Sorry it had to be. I baked brownies & made fruit salad, took it to Gordons. Children have all been there. I called Allens & Pauls.

Tuesday, May 27, 1997. Cloudy in p.m., windy, 68°. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler], Freida [Shinall]. Velma Schertz came with Frieda. Went to Aldis & pharmacy. I baked a coffee cake. Visitation for Roberta is tomorrow evening. Funeral is Thursday at 10:00.

Wednesday, May 28, 1997. Cloudy, light rain late evening. We volunteered at hospital. I went to B[eauty] shop at 1:00. Rons took us to visitation for Roberta. Was at Beck [Funeral Home]. A very large crowd. Some people stood in line for 1 ½ hours. We went at 6:30, got home at 9:00. Saw a lot of people we knew. Allen called Mabel. She appreciated his call. Roberta had many flowers.

Thursday, May 29, 1997. Mostly cloudy, a little sunshine in p.m., 68°. We went with Rons to Roberta's funeral at 10:00 at Baptist Church. A large crowd, a nice service. The grandchildren had part of service. We went to Cemetery. Back to church for dinner. Jo back to school. She couldn't stay for dinner. Bev Walters from Peoria came for the funeral. Homer Park had a stroke.

Friday, May 30, 1997. Cloudy, 66°, showered in p.m. I did some cleaning. Went to grocery store. Went to the garden in p.m. Got some spinach & rhubarb & relishes, also asparagus. Put 2 cartons of spinach & one of rhubarb in freezer.

Saturday, May 31, 1997. Fair, warmer, 77°. Did usual work. Went to the farm. Got more spinach & rhubarb. Put a carton of each in the freezer. Mannie Oyer here, washed the kitchen & dining room windows. Hard for me to reach. Mabel, Ray & Carol here little while in evening. First time they were here.

Sunday, June 1, 1997. Cloudy, 68°, few sprinkles in evening. We went to church. Ate at Avanti's. Home rest of day. Allen called in p.m. They are okay. I talked to Myrna Park. Homer had a stroke last Thursday evening, [his] condition fair. Paul called. They are alright. Andys moved. They bought a house.

Monday, June 2, 1997. Cloudy. We had some rain last night. I did laundry. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Perkins. She is feeling better. I ironed 3 table cloths & some napkins for Jo. Glad to help her.

Tuesday, June 3, 1997. Cloudy, light shower in morning, 68°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to bank & pharmacy. I quilted at church awhile in PM. Went to Women's Fellowship in evening.

Wednesday, June 4, 1997. Fair, good to see the sun, 77°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to the garden, got spinach, radishes & rhubarb. Ron here few minutes on his way to meeting at church.

Thursday, June 5, 1997. Fair in morning, cloudy PM, 73°, nice day. I cleaned & washed windows in our bedroom. Had trouble with screens. Mannie Oyer came by so he helped, also wash the living room windows which [I] appreciated. I washed the windows on the outside. We went for little walk.

Friday, June 6, 1997. Rained most of morning, some sunshine in p.m., 72°. I did weekly cleaning. Went to grocery [store] & pharmacy. I quilted at church awhile. Ina [Sutter] & Marie H[eiser] there too.

Saturday, June 7, 1997. Cloudy, some sunshine in evening, 73°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Baked some bars. We went to Rons in p.m., helped Jo get ready for reunion tomorrow. Got spinach, lettuce & radishes, etc. Ron & Jon to Pork Expo at Indianapolis. Allen called.

Sunday, June 8, 1997. Rained in morning, 61°, cloudy, chilly. We went to Woizeski reunion at Rons. It was to have been at Gordons. There were 23. Roger W[oizeski] from Downers Grove, Vernon [Woizeski] Jr. from South Dakota, Jeanette & husband from Decatur, Bev & family [there]. Had nice time. Reunion is to be at The Elms next year. Arthurs called. They are about as usual. Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, June 9, 1997. Clear, nice day, 77°. I did the laundry. Went for walk. Talked to Mildred N. she had ear problems. She wanted me to see her home. We went to church for supper. Bluffton Followers gave program. I took some bars. Had spaghetti. Rons to Chicago, had meeting this evening.

Tuesday, June 10, 1997. Clear in morning, partly cloudy, light shower, 77°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben [Krahn]s not there, he has flu. We went out home at 10:00. Ron cleaning out the garage. Jon helped in morning. Jon had to go to work in p.m. I hoed in garden. Everything looks good. I gave Mildred & Chet [Roth]s spinach & put a carton in freezer. Also gave Mable some. Jo had class today.

Wednesday, June 11, 1997. Partly cloudy, 77°. We volunteered at hospital. Had Chip luncheon at noon. Was nice. We went to Rons in p.m. Worked some more in garage. Got most of it cleared out. Quite a job. Appreciated Rons doing the work.

Thursday, June 12, 1997. Cloudy, had thunderstorm, rained in p.m. and evening, 76°. I went with Dorothy Singley to HEA meeting at Funks Grove. Went to the Rock Museum & the Home. Had lunch in the picnic area near the church. Had box lunch, very good. Installation of officers. Joyce Yoder chairperson again. It started to rain as we left the picnic area.

Friday, June 13, 1997. Partly cloudy, 79°, rather humid. I did some cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop, bank & grocery [store] in PM. Rested some. David Sieps (one of Ron's counselors) had a heart attack.

Saturday, June 14, 1997. Clear, nice day, 77°. I did usual work. Got 4 quarts strawberries at Browns. Put 4 jars in freezer. Kept nearly 2 quarts to use. Nice berries. Went out home, got spinach & gave Jeanette some. Got cauliflower. YPU had carwash so took advantage of it. Allen called. They & Micks were going camping.

Sunday, June 15, 1997. Clear, windy in p.m., 84°. We went to church. Rons got Chinese food, came here to eat. Jon & Julie here. I had strawberry shortcake. Ron tied up my roses. They have been beautiful. Was a nice Father's Day. Enjoyed having Rons. Evelyn called & Pauls called. They were at Andys for weekend. Andy's school is over for the 1st year.

Monday, June 16, 1997. Cloudy in morning, fair, 82°. I did laundry. Didn't have much. Rested. Cindy & children here awhile. Rachel is talking a lot. Steve at Hopedale.

Tuesday, June 17, 1997. Fair, cloudy in evening, 80°, nice day. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I quilted at church in p.m. I washed some winter slacks, robe, etc.

Wednesday, June 18, 1997. Fair, nice day, quite warm, 87°. I went to [Stroink] Lab this morning. We volunteered at hospital. I had an appointment with Dr. Wera. Everything seems okay. I'm thankful. I watered plants & roses.

Thursday, June 19, 1997. Fair, hot, 92°. We went out home in morning. Did some holing. Ron used the tiller. Brought lettuce, spinach, onions & cauliflower. Everything is growing. We could use good rain. I quilted at church awhile. We turned on air conditioner.

Friday, June 20, 1997. Cloudy in morning, had shower, some sunshine in p.m., 90°. Did some of weekly cleaning. Steves brought us a half *lug* (sp?) of strawberries from Plow Creek. They are nice. I put 3 containers in freezer, made some preserves & kept [some] to eat. Rons to Ohio to a wedding. [Made] 1 ½ pints preserves.

Saturday, June 21, 1997. Cloudy in morning, 85°, fair in p.m., humid. I went to B[eauty] shop. We went to bank & grocery [store]. Finished weekly cleaning. Allen called in evening. They had over 2 inches rain yesterday.

Sunday, June 22, 1997. Fair, 88°, humid. We went to church. Ate at Arby's. We went with Earl & Ann K[aufman] to Jr. Bartel's 50th wedding anniversary at Miller Park. Paul called. He is getting ready to go to Hawaii & South Korea. Rons home from Ohio. Steve & Katie to C[amp] Friedenswald.

Monday, June 23, 1997. Fair, hot, 94°. We went with Cindy, Matthew & Rachel to Bettendorf Jumers. Met Allens, Jeffs, children, Micks & Ashley at 1:00. Had lunch & visited until 4:00. We got home at 6:00. Was good to see them. The twins are cute little girls, talk a lot. Rons here few minutes.

Tuesday, June 24, 1997. Fair, hot and windy, 94°. I did some laundry. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin] & Rosa [Girdler]. Frieda [Shinall] not feeling well. Rested awhile. Tim Schrag visited with us for an hour. I fed the roses & watered them, also other flowers.

Wednesday, June 25, 1997. Partly cloudy, 86°, thunderstorm & rain south of us. We had shower here about 4:30. We volunteered at hospital. Went to garden in p.m. Ron & I picked some peas. I

put pint in freezer & had [some] to eat. Brought broccoli & lettuce home. We do need rain but things are growing. Jeffs went home today.

Thursday, June 26, 1997. Clear nice day, less humid, 86°. Dr. Sawyer checked my pacemaker. It is working okay. Pete & I went to Prime Timers at Farm Bureau. Small crowd. Jeanette & Edna & Edna's daughter-in-law here awhile this morning. Cindy & children here awhile.

Friday, June 27, 1997. Fair, 86°, nice day. I did the usual cleaning. Washed some winter sweaters & put some winter things away. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store].

Saturday, June 28, 1997. Mostly fair, 88°, humid. I had permanent in morning. I made some sweet pickles & salad dressing in p.m. Rested some. Allen called. Jeffs got home okay. Paul called. He is ready for his trip. Leaves tomorrow morning for Hawaii & South Korea. Will be gone 4 weeks. Andy leaves tomorrow for South America.

Sunday, June 29, 1997. Fair, 88°. We went to church. Was Don Martin's last Sunday. Sorry to see them leave. He has no job at this time. We had KFC for lunch. A quiet day. Rons to Chicago. Moved Renée's things to Rons' garage. She has finished her work at Rush Presbyterian [Hospital].

Monday, June 30, 1997. Cloudy to partly cloudy. Had good shower at 4 – 5:00, 86°. We went to garden at 7:30. I picked most of peas. Jo helped some. Paul M[iller]s were out too. Jo & we podded them. Ron helped some. He had client. Marty was getting ready to go home. They had a big day yesterday. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at CJ Restaurant. Had over 1 inch rain. Glad for it.

Tuesday, July 1, 1997. Fair, hot and humid, 89° – 90°. I didn't feel good in morning. Blood pressure low, 90/58. Felt better in PM. Talked to Dr. Wera. Am to stop taking Norvasc. Rested & read. Did some ironing. Renée got to Rons this p.m.

Wednesday, July 2, 1997. Clear, 91°, good breeze, cooler in evening. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Renée took me shopping in p.m., but no luck.

Thursday, July 3, 1997. Fair in morning, cool, 69°, cloudy in p.m. Had little shower. I took my drivers test in morning. Got along fine. Went to garden, got lettuce & beets. Canned 3 quarts [beets]. Paul Miller left some peas here about 4:00. Said they got tired shelling them. I put pint in freezer.

Friday, July 4, 1997. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 69°. I baked cookies in morning. We went to Rons at 11:00. They served brunch for Marie & Adam Denzer family who are here. Their wedding tomorrow. Around 30 people. Some came at different times. Marty in wedding party. We watched fireworks from our home.

Saturday, July 5, 1997. Mostly fair, nice day. 58° – 77°. I went to B[eauty] shop in morning. Did some cleaning. Rested in p.m. I went with Rons & Renée to Adam Denzer and Marie Sarao wedding at Myrna Catholic Church. Pete didn't feel like going. I didn't go to the reception at Wallys. Marty was groomsman.

Sunday, July 6, 1997. Mostly sunny, 80°. We went to church. Home for lunch. Paul Millers & we at Earl & Ann K[aufmans] for fish dinner. Had nice time. Allen called. Marjorie called. She had heard from Paul. He is doing okay. Martys back to Missouri.

Monday, July 7, 1997. Fair, nice day, 86°. I washed 2 loads. Put 1 quart cherries in freezer that Earl K[aufman] gave us last evening. Paul M[iller] left some peas. Put pint in freezer. Went to garden in morning. Got beets & cabbage. Canned 2 ½ quarts beets. Watered flowers in evening. We need rain.

Tuesday, July 8, 1997. Fair, 87°, more humid. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I did some laundry. Marie H[eiser] & I quilted at church in p.m.

Wednesday, July 9, 1997. Mostly cloudy, cool, 73°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:30. I baked magic bars & coffeecake. I watered roses and flowers. Marty & Renée back from Missouri.

Thursday, July 10, 1997. Clear, nice day, cool, 80°. I washed my Navy & Black suits. Fixed food for the neighborhood picnic at Rons. We went to visitation for Kay Millar. Was good to see Dick. Went to Rons at 5:30. Large crowd there. Marty judged at Melvin. 105 people at Rons.

Friday, July 11, 1997. Fair, little warmer, 85°. Did some cleaning. Got bushel [of] transparent apples at the Apple Barn. Jo took some of them. We went to Rons. Jo, Renée & I picked beans & Steve's peas. They are gone. I picked some cucumbers. Rons have their small group this evening. Marty left for Missouri. Jon & Ron finished rewiring our house. Thanks to them.

Saturday, July 12, 1997. Fair, humid, 88°. I baked cinnamon rolls. Finished weekly cleaning. I cooked kettle of applesauce. Made a salad for tomorrow. Watered plants. Allen called. They are okay. Hot there too.

Sunday, July 13, 1997. Fair, hot and humid, 95°. Had a shower at 4:00 p.m. We went to church. Brought sandwiches home for lunch. Went with Jeanette to Bob [and Evelyn] Schwoerer 50th anniversary at Christian Church. We went to small group at Wilbur Bauman's. Ben & Marjorie both called. Ben is playing in small band, also accompanies a singer.

Monday, July 14, 1997. Partly cloudy, hot, 89°, humid. Had a brief shower before noon. Had rains east of us. Went to garden. Picked cucumbers, canned 2 quarts dills. Did the laundry & cooked apples. Gerlof Homan here awhile in morning.

Tuesday, July 15, 1997. Clear, hot, 92°, not as humid. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Tim (pastor) met with us. I made 3 Dutch Apple pies, put in the freezer. Cooked more applesauce. Ron here few minutes. We paid he & Jon for putting new wiring in our house. Appreciated their help. Had card from Paul, he is in South Korea now.

Wednesday, July 16, 1997. Fair, hot, 94°. I went to lab, had breakfast at BroMenn. Volunteered at hospital until 1:00. I finished cooking apples. Lucy C[atherine] took Rons & we to Wellington Restaurant for her & my birthdays. Had nice evening. Ron drove us around to see some of big homes. I took Lucy bouquet of carnations. Jo gave her some green beans.

Thursday, July 17, 1997. Fair, hot, 91°. We went to garden. Got a few cucumbers & watered them. We need rain. Went to Sr. luncheon at church. I quilted awhile. Ron & Jo left for hog show in Wisconsin.

Friday, July 18, 1997. Partly cloudy, hot, 96°. Did some cleaning. Run some errands. I cooked chicken, put in freezer. Talked to Mabel. Carol's mother very ill. I gave Mildred & Chet [Roth]s some beans Rons brought me. I washed 2 loads, pantsuits, etc. Dorothy Singley brought us little bucket [of] apricots.

Saturday, July 19, 1997. Fair, hot, 90°. Had little shower in evening. I went to B[eauty] shop, grocery store. Went to garden, got few cucumbers. It's too hot & dry for the garden. I put 2 quarts apricots in freezer. Kept some to eat. Rons home from Wisconsin around 5:00. Did well at sale. Georgia & Allen called. Has been hot at their place too. Ron got \$700 for guilt.

Sunday, July 20, 1997. Fair, 92°, had a little shower early a.m. We went to church. Had lunch at Grand Café. Home rest of day. Chet [Roth]s here a while in evening.

Monday, July 21, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 86°. Had rain around 4:00 p.m. Wish we could get more. Ron stopped this morning. Filled the birdfeeder. I did laundry. We went to Rons after lunch, helped Jo can 6 quarts beans. Had several cards from Paul in Hawaii.

Tuesday, July 22, 1997. Cloudy, had rain early a.m. hours, pleasant day, 79°. We had lunch with Rosa [Girdler], Freida [Shinall] & Dorothy [Scogin]. Went to card shop in p.m. We went for walk in evening. Mannie & Bryan [Oyer] trimmed our shrubbery. Looks nice.

Wednesday, July 23, 1997. Foggy in morning, fair, 87°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home after 1:00. Rested. Put some compost on flowerbeds. Jo stopped on her way home. Had card from Andy in Colombia South America.

Thursday, July 24, 1997. Fair, warmer, 85°. I baked cookies in morning. We went with Jeanette to Auxiliary Annual Meeting at BroMenn. Went to bank & groceries when we got home. Gave Jeanette and Rons some cookies. Dr. Sawyer called, checked my pacemaker, is okay.

Friday, July 25, 1997. Fair, hot, 91°. We went to Rons in morning. Ron & Jo had picked beans. We helped stem them. Got cucumbers, made 2 quarts dill [pickles]. Ron & Jon to Morton, got California peaches. I got ½ box.

Saturday, July 26, 1997. Fair, hot, high 90s – 100° in places. I baked coffeecake braid. Finished some cleaning. Rested, didn't sleep much last night. Gave Jo coffeecake.

Sunday, July 27, 1997. Fair, hot, 96°. We went to church. Ron preached at El Paso. He & Jon left at noon to go to Higginsville Missouri to help Martin move to Michigan. Allen called. They had rain & cooled off. Steve to conference at Orlando Florida. We had thunder shower in evening, ½ inch.

Monday, July 28, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 86°. We went to Jo's. We worked with corn. Got 9 pints & 9 pints green beans and she insisted we take them. Appreciate it. I put 2 jars peaches in freezer. Carol Ropp's mother passed away this morning. Ron & Jon got home at 10:00 p.m. from Higginsville.

Tuesday, July 29, 1997. Clear beautiful day, 80°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Jo took me to Casey's. Got new plants for the containers on coffee table. Birthday present. I appreciate it. I put 4 jars peaches in freezer.

Wednesday, July 30, 1997. Beautiful day, 78°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Beichs & grocery [store]. I fixed chicken casserole. Marge Weaver & children here. Brought me a beautiful rose. Got lot of cards. Beulah [Roth] brought loaf of bread. Rons & Martys left early for Marty's new home in Michigan. Deb & Brittany called in evening. Deb's last day at bank. She is going back to school. Allens called [to] wish me Happy Birthday.

Thursday, July 31, 1997. Fair, 84°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Went to country, got green beans & cucumbers. Made quart of dills. Did some cleaning. Got things ready for supper. Paul & Marjorie got here about 2:30 p.m. Glad to see them. Evelyn Bearly called while I was gone to B[eauty] S[hop].

Friday, August 1, 1997. Fair, little warmer, 86°. Jo came at 11:00. Took Pauls & us to 4-H fair. We left at 1:00, went to Rons. Allens got there at 11:00. Everyone busy carrying boxes etc. to garage. We opened them & put things out on tables. We want everyone to take what they can use. Marj went to O'Hare at noon to get Amy & Christopher. I took ham for supper. Shirley brought 2 apple pies. Everyone tired. Ben got to Rons at night.

Saturday, August 2, 1997. Fair, 90°, humid. We all went to Rons. Children & grandchildren taking things they could use. Cindy there too. Steve at conference. Was a busy day. We had Chinese food carryout. Ron helped at Fair awhile. Ray came in evening, talked about buying Boys share of Bohrer estate. Allens staying at Steves.

Sunday, August 3, 1997. Fair, 89°. We all went to church. Pauls took Rons & us out to dinner. Rons here awhile after dinner. Allens left for home in morning. Stopped at Metamora to see Shirley's sister.

Monday, August 4, 1997. Fair to partly cloudy, 87°. Had a good shower about 4 PM. We went to Rons. Washed Pete's bottle collection. Spent most of day there. Jon put a trailer hitch on Paul's car. They are taking a U-Haul home. Amy and Christopher flew home.

Tuesday, August 5, 1997. A beautiful cool day, 77°. I did laundry, worked some in yard. Marjorie did the vacuuming. They and friends of Paul from Galesburg came. Took picnic lunch, ate in Ron's yard. They visited Carol Ropp. They & Cinda Roth went to dinner together.

Wednesday, August 6, 1997. A beautiful day, 78°. Marjorie cleaning up the house, getting ready for our 65th anniversary. People from MRC & others, around 60 people here, friends, family, neighbors. Rons & Pauls served cake, ice cream, iced tea & coffee, nuts & mints. All very lovely. Pauls, Rons & we to Ned Kelly's for dinner. Wish Allens could have been here. Marty & Renée here. We thank our children for all they do for us. Got lot of cards.

Thursday, August 7, 1997. Another nice day, 82°. Pauls left at 9:00 a.m. pulling a U-Haul. They were stopping at Berne for few hours, then to Bluffton Ohio for tonight. We miss them. Things are quiet. Beulah Roth's brother was killed, fell off tractor. Ron took Barrows to State Fair. I did some laundry.

Friday, August 8, 1997. Nice day, 84°. Did some cleaning. Went to grocery [store] & to Rons. Got sweet corn & tomatoes. Rested awhile in p.m.

Saturday, August 9, 1997. Cloudy, 78°. Had rain early morning. I baked coffeecake braid. Took one to Chet R[oth]s. Did some cleaning. Rons to fair, showed Barrows. Got 1st on one & Land of Lincoln on the other. Paul called. They got home around 3 o'clock today. Got along pretty well.

Sunday, August 10, 1997. Cloudy, 82°. We went to church. Brought KFC home for lunch. Rested. I made peach dessert for small group which met at Franzie [Loepp]s at 5:30. Wayne Litwillers took us. Marty & Renée went home to Michigan. Had shower in night.

Monday, August 11, 1997. Cloudy, had a shower, 72°. I did the laundry. Rested & read. Men are working on community building. Poured concrete.

Tuesday, August 12, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 82°. Had several showers. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Did usual work. A quiet day. Ron & Jon took 6 gilts to State Fair. Had a good shower in country.

Wednesday, August 13, 1997. Fair to partly cloudy, 72°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to bank & grocery [store]. Went out home in evening. Got sweet corn & tomatoes. Jo worked at

school all day. Laura Stamback passed away this morning. I'll miss her. My friends are going one by one. Laura's brother, Bill Otto died yesterday. Went to [Stroink] Lab.

Thursday, August 14, 1997. Fair, 88°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Did usual work. Quiet day. Got 3 pounds cheese from Deb, Randy & Brittany. Called Deb to thank them. Ron home from fair late. Got 2 1^{sts}. Gilts & boar sold well.

Friday, August 15, 1997. Rained early a.m., partly cloudy, 90°. I did usual work. Baked apple crisp, rested & read. Went to visitation for Laura Stamback. Lot of people there. I went to Bible School program at 7:00.

Saturday, August 16, 1997. Fair, hot and humid, 93°. Had thunderstorm watches out in evening. Did the usual work. Rested some. Looked at some of my nursing pictures. Allens called. Micks are in process of moving. Pam quit at Bakery. She plans to work in nursing home. Ashley has mono. Sorry to hear it.

Sunday, August 17, 1997. Had a big rain early morning, had 3 inches out home. Cloudy most of day, 77°, sun shone late p.m. We went to church. Went with Earl K[aufman]s to BroMenn for lunch. Church picnic but didn't go. Pauls called. Andys were there for weekend.

Monday, August 18, 1997. Fair, 74°. I did the laundry & made butterscotch pie & got things ready for supper. Rons were here for his birthday. They're going to dinner with Don Nesters tomorrow evening. Marge [Nester] has same birthday. Gave Ron check for his birthday (\$25). Ron started teaching at ISU Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Has 2 classes. Subject on Dying.

Tuesday, August 19, 1997. Cloudy, cool, 66°. Light shower in p.m. We went to garden in morning. Got corn and tomatoes. We had lunch with Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall] & Dorothy [Scogin] at Parkside Inn. Rested & read in p.m.

Wednesday, August 20, 1997. Cloudy until p.m., 70°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Rons at 4:00. Got some beets, carrots & onions. Went for a walk.

Thursday, August 21, 1997. Mostly fair, cool, 72°. I canned 2 ½ quarts of beets. Rested. Went with Jeanette to Service Company dinner. Helen & Lucy [Catherine Patton] along too. Was at new Farm Bureau place. Allen called. They leave tomorrow for Randys in New Jersey. Dr. Sawyer checked my pacemaker. All okay.

Friday, August 22, 1997. Fair, 74°, lovely day. Did some cleaning & usual work. Sprayed the roses. Rested & read. Went for walk.

Saturday, August 23, 1997. Fair, warmer, 76°. Went to beauty shop. Finished weekly cleaning. Canned 1 quart tomatoes. Went for walk in evening. Allens got to Randys [at] 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 24, 1997. Had a shower early a.m. and again in p.m. 81°. We went to church. Had lunch at Denny's. Home rest of day. Went for walk in evening. Ron stopped. Minutes.

Brought some mail. He has a bad cold. Jo at school. Evelyn & Paul called. Pauls are meeting Allens & Randys in Park in New York. Jon went to Marty's. Took rest of their things.

Monday, August 25, 1997. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 79°, more humid. I did the laundry. Went out home. Got tomatoes. Gave Lorene [Reeser] & Mildred some. Beulah [Roth] has some. Mildred gave us some blueberry pie, very good. I didn't feel good in a.m., low B[lood] P[ressure].

Tuesday, August 26, 1997. Partly cloudy, 87°, more humid. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to grocery [store] & got medicine. Rested & read. Ron stopped, brought rent check from Marie [Saroa Denzer]. Jo working at school.

Wednesday, August 27, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 70°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:30. Rested.

Thursday, August 28, 1997. Fair, 86°. We went to hospital. Delivered Upper Rooms to patients. Ate lunch there. Rested. Went to grocery [store] & pharmacy. Got medicine. I wrote in circle letter. Watered flowers.

Friday, August 29, 1997. Fair, 78°, nice day. I baked coffeecake braid. Took one to Paul Millers. They are having their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend. I fell out of bed about 2:30. Hit my head on bedside table. Bled awhile. Had a severe headache & large hematoma.

Saturday, August 30, 1997. Cloudy. Rained at noon. Some sunshine late p.m. Did usual work. My hip is bothering me. We went to Rons in PM. Helped Jo some with tomatoes. Pete took material along for Ropp reunion. Jo is on program [committee]. She & Pete working [on] program.

Sunday, August 31, 1997. Fair, 82°. We went to church. Took Ron & Jo to Golden West for dinner. We had gift certificate. Ron to meeting for MCC [relief] sale. Jo & we to cemeteries where some Ropps were buried to get information for [Ropp] Reunion. We went to Paul & Ann Miller's 50th wedding [anniversary] reception at 7:00 PM. Paul called. They are okay. Dorothy Schwartz passed away. Another good friend gone.

Monday, September 1, 1997. Fair, humid. Did the laundry. Allen & Shirley got here at 6:30 on their way home from Randys. We were glad to have them. They had a good trip. I took coffeecake to Merle Schwartzs. Judy & Bob were there.

Tuesday, September 2, 1997. Cloudy. Rained in p.m. Allens left for home at 7:45. We did errands, pharmacy, to garden, got tomatoes, beans, etc. I went to Women's Fellowship. Allen called. They got home at 1:30.

Wednesday, September 3, 1997. Clear, cool, 69°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Memorial service for Dorothy Schwartz at Carlock church. Were nice services. Ron here short time on way to Wellness meeting. Luella Mishler in hospital.

Thursday, September 4, 1997. Fair, cool, 47° – 69°. Did usual work, cleaning etc. Rested. Didn't sleep well last night. Went for walk in evening. Georgia & Arthur called. Georgia has had a lot of pain past several weeks in her face.

Friday, September 5, 1997. Nice day, 48°. Went to beauty shop in a.m. Did some cleaning. Went to Rons in p.m. He and Jon loaded Jon's trailer with what we have left to sell. Took it to Washburn where Bob Yoder will auction it off the 13th.

Saturday, September 6, 1997. Nice day, warmer, 86°. Took papers to paper drive. We went with Rons to Ropp reunion at Elms in El Paso. 29 there. Jo presented program. She had picture of cemeteries where different Ropps were buried. She did lot of work on program. Princess Diana was buried today. She died in car accident last Sunday.

Sunday, September 7, 1997. Partly cloudy, 84°. We went to church. Had lunch at Avanti's. Home rest of day. Went for walk. Rained late evening, about ½ inch. Paul called, they are okay. He is spending some time at Harvard University.

Monday, September 8, 1997. Cloudy, rained most of afternoon. I did laundry. Rested & read. We went back to bank. Allen called, they are okay. Randy stopped by on his way to Newton [Iowa].

Tuesday, September 9, 1997. Had light shower, foggy, 76°. Pete went with Ron to Bill Lawrence office. Met Ray there [to] talk about contract for Ray to buy our boys share of Bohrer estate. I baked coffeecake.

Wednesday, September 10, 1997. Cleared off in morning, 76°, nice day. Went to lab at 7:00 and volunteered at hospital. We went to Luella Mishler's funeral. Nice service and got to see old neighbors. Nice to see Marie [Heiser]'s children.

Thursday, September 11, 1997. Pleasant day, 73°, fair. I went to HEA. Jeanette along. Home for lunch. We had coffee, juice & muffins at 9:30. No lunches this year. We went to Rons in p.m. Sorted potatoes. I got some grapes & few tomatoes.

Friday, September 12, 1997. Beautiful day, 74°. Did the weekly cleaning. Rested. Ron here few minutes after his classes.

Saturday, September 13, 1997. Partly cloudy. Went to B[eauty] shop. Baked cake for birthday supper at church. We went with Rons to Washburn to auction. Bob Yoder auctioned off our things that were left after the family got what they wanted. Got home at 10:15.

Sunday, September 14, 1997. Partly cloudy, 81°. Went to church. Brought hamburgers home for lunch. We went with Dorothy Loepp to small group at Wayne Litwillers. Decorated 12 cakes for the birthday supper at church in 2 weeks. Froze them. Took finger food for supper. Paul called. They went to Albany New York to see Andys.

Monday, September 15, 1997. Partly cloudy, 83°, more humid. I did laundry, rested & read. Went for a walk in evening. Allen called, they are alright. Mick & Pam have moved to Belmond [Iowa]. The girls like school. Dorothy S[ingley] got some of our grapes.

Tuesday, September 16, 1997. Fair, 88°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went out home, got tomatoes & beans. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall]. Went to Dr. Wera at 3:30. Had EKG. Ordered nitro spray for chest pain. Rained in night ½ inch.

Wednesday, September 17, 1997. Cloudy in morning, fair, 81°. We volunteered at hospital. I went with Jeanette to club at Verna Wallace's. Were home in evening.

Thursday, September 18, 1997. Fair, warm, 84°. Windy. Did usual work in a.m. Went with Women's Fellowship to Meadows Home for their birthday party. Went with Marie H[eiser]. Martha Dick here a while in evening. Cindy to [Camp] Friedenswald Women's Retreat.

Friday, September 19, 1997. Mostly cloudy. Had shower early a.m. and again in p.m. 84°, humid. Did some cleaning. Took Pete to Dr. Bertsche for 4 month checkup. Went to Walmart new store. Got some netting.

Saturday, September 20, 1997. Partly cloudy, cooler, 68°. I went to beauty shop, bank & grocery [store]. We went to garden in p.m. Got tomatoes, eggplant & cabbage. Visited with Rons awhile. Steve & children here awhile. Ina Sutter & Carol Diller here awhile. Allen called, they are okay.

Sunday, September 21, 1997. Dutiful day, 68°. We went to church. Had lunch with Earl K[aufman]s at BroMenn Coffee Shop. We went to MRC meeting at 3:00. Talked about Community Building, etc. Went for walk. Paul called. They are okay. Amy & Christopher are living with Pauls for present time. Allen called.

Monday, September 22, 1997. Partly cloudy, 68°. Did laundry. Went to grocery store. Got chicken & cooked it. Made casserole for tomorrow evening. Paul M[iller]s & Earl K[aufman]s are coming.

Tuesday, September 23, 1997. Cloudy, rained in a.m., 64°. I got things ready for dinner. Baked pie etc. Paul Millers & Earl Kaufmans were here. Had chicken casserole, sweet potatoes, vegetables, cabbage slaw & apple pie. Had nice evening.

Wednesday, September 24, 1997. Clear, nice day, 71°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:30. Washed a load [of] tablecloths, towels. Paul M[iller] brought us spinach & sweet potatoes.

Thursday, September 25, 1997. Clear, 79°. I baked cookies in morning. We went to Prime Timers at noon. I did some ironing and started unmaking Scrubbys. Went for walk.

Friday, September 26, 1997. Clear, another nice day, 72°. I made 2 pints pear marmalade. Paul M[iller] gave us some pears. Did some weekly cleaning. Tax *assessor* (sp?) here in p.m. Gave Jon a \$40 check & card & cookies. Paid for taking our things to Washburn sale & other things.

Saturday, September 27, 1997. Fair, 78°. I went to B[eauty] shop at 7:30. Pete to Steak 'n Shake. Got groceries. I fixed broccoli salad for tomorrow. We went out home, took Jon card & check & some cookies. Got few tomatoes, onions & apples. Ron & Jon roofing a house in Lexington.

Sunday, September 28, 1997. Cloudy until evening, 80°. We went to church. Had potluck meal & birthday party, cakes, ice cream. Our small group was hostess. Had good crowd. Ron preached at Peoria. Allen called, they are busy. Went with Earl Kaufmans to Home Builders at Paul M[illers]. Paul called. They leave for Amsterdam Holland Friday the 3rd. Called Arthurs. Georgia still having lot of pain.

Monday, September 29, 1997. Clear, very windy, some power outages. 81°. Did laundry. Ron here awhile after his classes at ISU. Brought Marie's check for house rent. I worked on scrubby. We went for walk.

Tuesday, September 30, 1997. Clear, 72°, nice day. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Home rest of day. I worked on Scrubbies.

Wednesday, October 1, 1997. Clear, 68°, another lovely day. I went to [Stroink] Lab and volunteered at hospital. Home at 1:30. Rested. Worked on scrubby. Watered plants. Allen called in a.m., talked to Pete about Bohrer estate. Marge W[eaver] here few minutes. I went to meeting at church at 8:00 [to] talk about College of Nursing since BroMenn is taking everything else over.

Thursday, October 2, 1997. Fair, warmer, 82°. We were out of electricity from 11:00 to 4 PM. Builders were digging a trench & cut the cable. Took Pete to Dr. Allen at 1:00. Everything okay. I got a permanent at 3:15. Went for walk.

Friday, October 3, 1997. Clear, quite warm, 89°. Did some cleaning. Got groceries. Crocheted some. We went for walk in evening. Pauls left for Amsterdam Holland today.

Saturday, October 4, 1997. Had several showers in morning. Sun shone in p.m., 81°. Took papers to recycle. Did usual work. Cut netting for scrubbys. Emanuel Ulrich passed away. Another good friend gone, 102 years old.

Sunday, October 5, 1997. Fair, beautiful day, 84°. We went to church. Had communion, nice service. Went to Rons in p.m. Marty had meeting in Champaign so stopped at Rons on way home. We helped Jo do some more sorting of our things. Brought some boxes home. Allen called. Hot there too.

Monday, October 6, 1997. Clear, 84°. Did laundry and usual work. Crocheted some. Went for walk.

Tuesday, October 7, 1997. Fair, 85°. We got our flu shots at BroMenn Med Center. Rested & crocheted some. We left at 4:30 for Eureka. Went to Emanuel Ulrich's visitation. He was 102+. A long time friend of my family.

Wednesday, October 8, 1997. Partly cloudy, windy, 84°. We volunteered at hospital. Jo here in p.m. to tell us about Jon. He was practice shooting at the barn pile and a bullet hit a piece of iron & ricocheted and hit Marshalls house. Broke window. He called the sheriff. They came out, took Jon to jail. He was charged with misdemeanor. Was released in PM. Will have hearing in November. Feel so sorry for Jon. We are grateful no one was hurt.

Thursday, October 9, 1997. Rained in morning. Cleared off late PM. 74°. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Went to Eastland & Walmart in PM. Got hose & more netting for Scrubbys.

Friday, October 10, 1997. Clear, nice day, 74°. Jo to St. Louis to see Dr. there. Ron had class, also met a lawyer about Jon's accident. Feel sorry for them. Talked to Allen [to] wish him happy birthday. Jeanette & we plan to go see them next Friday.

Saturday, October 11, 1997. Fair, nice day, 79°. Did usual work. Sorted more things. Went to farm awhile. Got few tomatoes & cabbage.

Sunday, October 12, 1997. Mostly cloudy, windy, 75°. We went to church. Brought KFC home for lunch. I sorted more pictures, etc. Ron preached at El Paso. Had small group in evening but [we] didn't go. Ben called. He wanted to come next weekend. We plan to go to Allens. Paul called. They got home from Holland yesterday. He leaves 6 AM tomorrow for Taiwan, then on to China.

Monday, October 13, 1997. A rainy morning, 68° early a.m., then cooler, clearing in evening. Did the laundry. Had low B[lood] P[ressure] in morning. I cut netting for Scrubbies.

Tuesday, October 14, 1997. Clear, chilly, 53°. We went to hospital. Made kits for Chip program. I gave some alumni & hospital pictures, articles to Alumni [Association]. Also took some things to church, books, pictures etc. Went to Aldis. MRC had our furnace checked.

Wednesday, October 15, 1997. Fair in morning, mostly cloudy in p.m., 35° – 57°. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield club at Jean Ann [Bates]'s. Mara [Weaver] here during Jr. choir practice. Steves brought cake & ice cream for Rachel & Katie's birthdays. Gave each \$5. Pete sold 600 bushels [of] beans at \$7.05 (Bohrer place).

Thursday, October 16, 1997. Fair, 58°, nice day. Did some errands. Went to Sr. luncheon at church. I went to B[eauty] shop at 1:00. Washed a load [of] clothes. Did some packing. Paul M[iller] came with carrots, spinach. Gave neighbors some carrots.

Friday, October 17, 1997. Clear nice day. Jeanette & we left at 8:00 for Iowa. Got to Allens at 3:00. Had lunch at Amana's. Had a good trip. Good to see Allens. Spent evening visiting.

Saturday, October 18, 1997. Another nice day, little breezy. Allens & we to Mick & Pam's at Belmont Iowa. Jane, Mick's mother there also. Had delicious meal. Good to see them & their

new house. They did a lot of work. Got home after 6:00 p.m. I slipped in the bathtub. Hurt my side, cracked rib??

Sunday, October 19, 1997. Fair. We all went to church. Dick Pilgrims were at Allens for dinner. Good to see them again. We watched some old Jack Benny program in evening. My side hurting.

Monday, October 20, 1997. Another nice day, cooler, 54°. We left Allens at 8:10. Got home at 3:00 after a good trip. Jeanette enjoyed the trip & we thank her for taking us. We stopped at Amana's. Got bread, etc. Talked to Steves. Brought some packages for them. Ron called. Good to be home.

Tuesday, October 21, 1997. Clear, 48°. I did some laundry. I was going to auxiliary luncheon but didn't feel like it. Didn't sleep well last night. My side hurting. Went to Dr. at 2:30. Saw Carolyn Roth, ordered x-rays. Feels little better. X-rays negative for which I'm thankful. Pete fell at door to garage. Hurt his hip & his side.

Wednesday, October 22, 1997. Fair. We didn't go to volunteer. Called Dr. Bertsche. They couldn't see Pete. Told to go to Emergency R[oom]. Got there after 10:00. Got home at 2:00. A lot of x-rays. Thankful no broken bones. I'm still hurting too. Marie & Roy Martins here in evening. Had nice visit with Roys. Rons here few minutes.

Thursday, October 23, 1997. Cloudy in p.m., 59°, some sunshine in evening. I did some ironing in morning. I went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. Pete doing a little better. Uses the walker which helps. I still have pain in my side.

Friday, October 24, 1997. Cloudy, rained some, 50°. I did the weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop in p.m. Went to bank & groceries. Pete & I didn't feel good in morning, but better in PM and evening.

Saturday, October 25, 1997. Cloudy, had shower early a.m. I went to Alumni Homecoming. Good crowd. Cathy Hogan told about the situation of College [of Nursing]. Good to see old friends.

Sunday, October 26, 1997. A rainy blustery day, 45°. We went to church. Rons got Chinese food & we ate here. Good to have Rons. I wrote in circle letter & read. Evelyn B[early] called * Marjorie called. She heard from Paul. He is doing okay.

Monday, October 27, 1997. Mostly fair, 29° – 42°. I did the laundry. Went to pharmacy. Sent Allen an anniversary card. Read & rested. Had more pain in my side. Talked to nurse. Didn't have report from x-ray yet.

Tuesday, October 28, 1997. Clear, nice day, 42°. I baked coffeecake braid for auxiliary. Didn't feel good, nauseated from medicine. Felt better in PM. Ron here few minutes. Brought check

from Marie D[enzer]. Ben Krahn stopped on their way home from breakfast. Had card from Paul.

Wednesday, October 29, 1997. Fair, nice day, warmer, 60°. We volunteered for last time at Mennonite [Hospital]. They are moving things to BroMenn Medical Center. Sad feeling. Marge & Mara [Weaver] here during [Jr.] choir practice.

Thursday, October 30, 1997. Fair in a.m., mostly cloudy in p.m., 63°. We went to Rons, got apples & pumpkins. Visited with Ron awhile. Took Pete for haircut. I washed some summer clothes. Finished making Scrubbies.

Friday, October 31, 1997. Fair, partly cloudy, 67°, nice day. We did some cleaning. I went to pharmacy & grocery store. Made vegetable soup. I quilted at church awhile in p.m. Still have pain from my fall. Had 6 Trick & Treat plus Steve's 3 children.

Saturday, November 1, 1997. Cloudy, had shower early a.m. hours, in 40s. Took papers to recycle. I baked apples & brownies. I pulled up the flowers by the porch. They got frozen. Still have several rosebuds. Allens to Jeffs. He called last night.

Sunday, November 2, 1997. Cloudy, colder, some showers. We went to church. Had Congregational meeting. Finger foods for dinner. 44°. Marjorie called, she is okay.

Monday, November 3, 1997. Looks like winter, snow on ground, 30° – 37°. Had flurries most of day. Did laundry. Went to store, got milk etc., porkchops & sauerkraut which we had for dinner. Rested some & read.

Tuesday, November 4, 1997. Cloudy, 37°. Had breakfast with Tuesday group. I cooked pumpkin & made pumpkin pie. Gave Rons pie. I washed more summer clothes. Ron was interviewed by ISU student. We watched on TV. I went to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, November 5, 1997. Cloudy, 46°. Rained most of afternoon & evening. We volunteered at BroMenn. They moved our quilting & Chips from Mennonite [Hospital]. We miss Mennonite. Ron stopped on way to meeting at church. Mary, Marge & Mara Weaver here during Jr. choir practice.

Thursday, November 6, 1997. Cloudy. Rained early a.m., 48°. I did some odd jobs. Went to B[eauty] shop at 11:30. I took coffee cakes to BroMenn for bazaar tomorrow. Went to Kmart, got some things for HEA. Had another card from Paul. He's in Beijing.

Friday, November 7, 1997. Cloudy, 57°. Did some cleaning. I went to groceries & pharmacy. We went to BroMenn bazaar. Had lunch there. Good attendance. Rested & read. Deb and Brittany called in evening to thank us for Birthdays. Randy in New York. Deb likes school, doing well. They plan to come [during] holidays. Marty to Kansas City, [to] judge at The Royal [Livestock Show].

Saturday, November 8, 1997. Had a little sunshine at times, 49°. I did some cleaning. Went to bank and Aldis. Baked coffeecake [cake] braid. Allen called. He & Shirley have colds.

Sunday, November 9, 1997. Cloudy, chilly day, 45°. We went to church. Took Rons to Golden West for lunch. Jo to school in p.m. Marj called, looking forward to Paul coming home Thursday.

Monday, November 10, 1997. Mostly cloudy, some sunshine, 42°. Did the laundry. Read & rested. Did some odd jobs.

Tuesday, November 11, 1997. Some sunshine, chilly, 34°. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall] at Denny's. I baked coffeecake.

Wednesday, November 12, 1997. Fair, 19° – 35°. We volunteered at hospital. We finished the quilt we have been working on. I went to grocery [store].

Thursday, November 13, 1997. Cloudy, 31 – 36°. I went to HEA. Jeanette along. I got fruit ready to make fruitcakes. Cooked mush. Rested awhile. Ben called. He plans to come Thanksgiving. Paul is to get home from China this evening. Snowed some in night.

Friday, November 14, 1997. Cloudy, 30° – 35°. I baked 2 fruitcakes. Did some cleaning. Ron here in p.m. Had good visit. I went to grocery store. Paul called. He got home last night. He had a good trip to China. Came home with a cold. Glad he's home. They may come for Christmas. Talked to Andys. They plan to get here 23 December.

Saturday, November 15, 1997. Had one – 2 inches snow last night. Cloudy & some snow showers in p.m. I went to B[eauty] shop. Made apple crisp & baked ginger cookies. Allen called. They had snow. Their colds are better.

Sunday, November 16, 1997. Had some snow early morning. Sun came out in a.m. Few light flurries, colder. We went to church. Had small group at Bowman's. Got fruit at LDS [Latter Day Saints] church. 27°.

Monday, November 17, 1997. Clear, 15° – 41°. I did the laundry. Made our Christmas card list. Ron here short time in p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 1997. Clear nice day, 40s. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I went to bank & grocery store. I baked yummy cookies. Washed kitchen windows on porch.

Wednesday, November 19, 1997. Clear, nice day, 44°. I volunteered at hospital. Pete didn't have Chip packets to make so he stayed home. I went to Garfield club at Jeanette's. Barry Weavers here while the children were in choir practice.

Thursday, November 20, 1997. Mostly cloudy, 54°. Did usual work & cleaned the oven. Took Pete to dentist in p.m. X-rayed his teeth & needs a lot of work. 8 need to be pulled. Has an appointment January 7th to have teeth cleaned & one pulled that is infected.

Friday, November 21, 1997. Cloudy, 40s. I did some cleaning. Made bread pudding. Got groceries & medicine for Pete (antibiotics). I washed blinds in dining room, also the door. Read & rested some.

Saturday, November 22, 1997. Partly cloudy, 46°, cloudy in evening. Rons came at noon. We all went to Ten Sen Restaurant for Jo's birthday. Jon with us also. Came back home. Ron brought dirt to put on roses. He trimmed them & we put cones on. Sure appreciate it.

Sunday, November 23, 1997. Partly cloudy, chilly wind, 39°. We went to church. Had lunch with Earl & Ann K[aufman]. Home rest of day. Paul called. He was sick 2 days last week, cold, flu. He is coming for Christmas. Marjorie is going to see her mother.

Monday, November 24, 1997. Fair, nice day, 40°. I did the laundry. I cleaned blinds in living room. Went to pharmacy for Pete.

Tuesday, November 25, 1997. Partly sunny, 59°, nice day, breezy. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Went to Beichs and Aldis. I cooked chicken & made chili, and made date balls.

Wednesday, November 26, 1997. Clear, 54°, nice day. I went to lab. We had breakfast at Steak 'n Shake on Locust Street. I went to bank & got cheese for tomorrow. Went to B[eauty] shop. Ron here while I was gone. Made caramels & cracked some pecans. Ben called at 6:30. Was about ready to leave for here. He arrived at 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 27, 1997. Cloudy, had some showers, 45°. We & Ben went to Ron's at noon. I took 2 pumpkin pies, cheese & chips. Had snacks. Had turkey dinner & all the trimmings at 5:30. Marty & Renée there too. Nice Thanksgiving and much to be thankful for. Allen called. They are at Ozarks for a week. We talked to Paul.

Friday, November 28, 1997. A dark gloomy day, showers, 60°. I did some cleaning. We took Ben to Beichs, then to outlet mall. He had some shopping to do. I baked snickerdoodle cookies. Ben to Rons after supper.

Saturday, November 29, 1997. Some showers and sunshine, 59°. Ben left for Chicago in morning. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. It some laundry & cleaning.

Sunday, November 30, 1997. Cloudy, windy, colder, 40s. We went to church. Had lunch at Avanti's. Home rest of day. Addressed some Christmas cards. Marty's back to Michigan. Paul called. Marjorie has a cold.

Monday, December 1, 1997. Cloudy, 41°. I did the laundry and made white bark cookies. Stirred up rolls. Addressed some cards. Got our first Christmas card from Doris Hulett.

Tuesday, December 2, 1997. Fair, 43°, nice day. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ron here awhile. I went to bank & grocery [store]. Baked rolls, gave Rons some. Baked carrot cookies. I went to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, December 3, 1997. Cloudy, Misty, dreary day, 40°. We volunteered at hospital. I made sugar plum cookies. Barry Weavers here in evening during Jr. choir practice. Pete wrote checks for children. Gave them \$75, grandchildren \$30 & great-grandchildren each \$10.

Thursday, December 4, 1997. Cloudy, 36°. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. Stirred up sugar cookies. I went with Jo in evening to Eastview Christian Church to see the Christmas Tree. Quite a production.

Friday, December 5, 1997. Cloudy, cold, 6°, windy, snow flurries off & on all day. I baked & iced sugar cookies. Did some cleaning. Went to store. Stirred up crescents cookies.

Saturday, December 6, 1997. Cloudy, snow flurries, cold, 28°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Pete had breakfast at Steak 'n Shake. I baked crescent cookies & did some cleaning. Allen called. They had snow too & cold.

Sunday, December 7, 1997. Cloudy, 27° – 30°, few flurries. We went to church. Had KFC at home. Ron here few minutes. Got some boxes from shelf for me & put light on shrubbery. [Barry] Weavers & Gordon [Ropp] each brought us poinsettia. Very pretty. Paul called, they are okay.

Monday, December 8, 1997. Cloudy, 26° – 31°, few flurries in evening. Kinda slick. Did the laundry. I went to bank & Eastland. Got dried fruit for Jeanette & jar [of] cheese spread for us. We ordered 2 jars of cheese spread for Evelyn [Bearly] (from Fiji). Fixed some plates of cookies for friends, church. Fixed box for Allens. Cracked some walnuts.

Tuesday, December 9, 1997. Cloudy, 30 – 32°. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Frieda [Shinall] & Rosa [Girdler]. Went to Aldis. I baked cherry bars for HEA cookie exchange. Snowed in night, 3 ½ inches.

Wednesday, December 10, 1997. Cloudy, 33°, some melting. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Dr. Randolph at 2:30. Didn't change my glasses. Cataract have grown some. Am to go back in 3 months. Marge & Mara [Weaver] here during Jr. choir practice. Got box of fruit from Bill & Evelyn [Bearly].

Thursday, December 11, 1997. Had a little sunshine during day, 34°. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Got home 1:30. Jeanette gave us big container of popcorn & peanut brittle. We gave her dried fruit.

Friday, December 12, 1997. Cloudy, some sunshine late p.m., 32°. Did some cleaning. Made cookies with candied fruit. Wrapped girls Scrubbies & dishcloths. Ron brought some evergreen for decorating. Dr. Sawyer checked my pacemaker. Everything okay and I'm grateful.

Saturday, December 13, 1997. Clear, nice day, 34°. I went to B[eauty] shop & grocery [store]. Finished some cleaning. Made door piece. Ron brought a beautiful piece, put it on porch. Gave

Jo some cookies for the teachers. They met at Rons. The Carolers here, brought plate of fruit. I gave them cookies. Evelyn [Bearly] called. They are okay.

Sunday, December 14, 1997. Clear, 40°. We went to church. Rons & we ate at Golden West. We got fruit from SDA (Seventh-day Adventists). Allen and Paul called. They are okay. We went to children's Christmas program.

Monday, December 15, 1997. Nice day, 43°. Did the laundry. Ron brought the little Christmas tree & set it up. He took us to Bill Lawrence's office [to] talk about selling Ray the Bohrer place. Plan to close January 2nd. Dorothy Singley brought us grape jelly.

Tuesday, December 16, 1997. Fair. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. I made lasagna for freezer. Had car washed & took Pete for haircut. I went with Jo to Christmas program at Wesleyan. Ron sang with choir, a beautiful program. Paul called. He is coming next Monday [the] 22nd.

Wednesday, December 17, 1997. Another beautiful day, 44° – 45°. I went with Jeanette to brunch at Bonnie Bolt. She has a lovely home. I went with Jeanette to Marie Heiser [for] Garfield club. Cindy & children here before choir practice.

Thursday, December 18, 1997. Fair, nice day, 49°. We went to hospital Christmas dinner. Pete passed out about 12:20. Took him to ER. He responded 5 – 6 minutes after he passed out. They did EKG, blood work. His glucose was 345. They put a halter [on] now for 24 hours. Ron came to hospital. We got home at 4:00. Got medicine at Osco's.

Friday, December 19, 1997. Fair, nice day, 53°. I did weekly cleaning. Wrote in circle letter. Took monitor off of Pete & returned it to BroMenn. Pete is feeling pretty good & we're grateful. Steves brought Chinese food for supper. He brought loaf of bread he baked, some coupons for meals & candy. Had big box of meat, cheese, dried fruit etc. from Randys.

Saturday, December 20, 1997. Cloudy, chilly. I went to beauty shop at 7:30. Went to church. Helped Jo get ready for Marianne Isreal & Brett Lovellette wedding reception. They were married at 2:00. Ron had wedding. I helped awhile after reception. Allen called in morning. Pete talked to him. Jeffs were there. Homer Park passed away.

Sunday, December 21, 1997. Cloudy, chilly Northeast wind. 35°. We went to church. Brot KFC home for lunch. Ron stopped. Jo checked Pete's blood sugar (number unclear), same as on Friday. We went to Vesper services at 4:00. [Had] refreshments after program.

Monday, December 22, 1997. Rainy, gloomy, 34°. I took Pete to Dr. Bertsche at 9:00. He did some blood work. Don't have results yet. Pete seems to feel okay. I did the laundry. Went to groceries. We met Paul at Bone Center [at ISU]. Came from Chicago on Peoria bus. Good to see him.

Tuesday, December 23, 1997. Cloudy and some sunshine. Pete & I went with Jo to Homer Park's funeral at 10:00. We met Andy & Rachel at Amtrak station at 11:30. Went to Chinese restaurant, brought food home for dinner. Had lasagna for evening. Paul & I to grocery [store]. Andys to Rons for the night.

Wednesday, December 24, 1997. Rainey gloomy day. Snow to file. Rons brought Andys in about noon. We had Chinese food. Rachel copied some recipes. I got things for supper. Rons came at 5:00. We had oyster stew & chili, relishes, fruit, cookies & fruitcake. Ben came on 9:00 p.m. train. He is here all night. Andys to Rons.

Thursday, December 25, 1997. Cloudy, 32°. Paul, Ben & we to Rons at 11:00. We all, Mabel's family, also Ruby Cutter & Joan & husband, 26 people. Everyone took something. Everything went well. We had our gift exchange in evening. Pete got book, swim trunks, nuts. We got 8 seat covers, frozen fruit & meat, nuts, candy etc. from Jon. I got skirt & red sweater. As always we got many things. Nuts from Amy. Martys to Kansas. Took cookies for dinner.

Friday, December 26, 1997. Mostly cloudy. Andys here for breakfast. Paul & I to bank & pharmacy for medicine for Pete. We all met Ben's girlfriend at Denny's at 1:00. All went to Avanti's. Rons, Jon & Julie had dinner there. Paul, Ben & friend & Andys came here for ice cream & cookies. Paul took them to Rons. Ben's friend took Andys & Ben to Chicago. Andys fly to California this evening. Good to have them.

Saturday, December 27, 1997. Clear beautiful day. I had permanent at 8:00. Paul & we to *Rochs* (sp?) at Morton. Got some sausage. Ate lunch at Busy Corners. Paula cleaned windows & shades in kitchen. He helped me with some cleaning. It's good to have him.

Sunday, December 28, 1997. 34°. Some sunshine in morning, cloudy in evening. We went to church. Rons & we went to Hunan Restaurant. Paul paid. We took him to bus at Student Union at 3:30. His plane leaves Chicago at 7:30. It was good to have him. Appreciated he could stay nearly a week, but missed Marj. Had inch snow during night.

Monday, December 29, 1997. Cloudy, 32°, some flurries, colder in evening. We went to Rons at 9:00 for brunch. Martys there. Went to pharmacy. Went with Jo & Renée to College Hills Mall. Exchanged the skirt & sweater Rons gave me. Needed bigger size. Marty gave me a dark green sweater with red trim, also basket [with] nuts, syrup, meat, also deer meat. They give us too much. We appreciate it. Martys to Michigan. I did laundry between time.

Tuesday, December 30, 1997. Some sunshine, 34°. I made pot of vegetable soup. Baked 2 apple pies. Did some ironing. Went to Ina Sutter's at 2:00. She had some neighbors in for Christmas goodies. Steves home from Ohio. Allen called. They are coming tomorrow evening.

Wednesday, December 31, 1997. Clear, 11° – 24°. I went to [Stroink] Lab at 7:00. We went to Merle's pharmacy. Got rubber caps for Pete's walker & step stool. I coated pretzels. Mannie &

Bryan Oyer here, put in wiring to church, to [allow us to] receive services at church. Allens got here at 6:15. Good to see them. They went to Steves at 8:45. Deb called. They are coming tomorrow. Allens ate some soup, etc.