

The Gardners (Gilham, Elsie, Williams, Lena, and Charles) in 1976:

Gilham (1875-1954) and Verda Machlan (1881-1936) had Orville, Leona, Doyle, and Merle.

Orville and Vera Lee had Orville, Twyla, Donald, Kay, Phillip, and David.

Orville and Beverly Stevenson had Larry, Steven, and Carol.

Twyla and Norris Davis had Denny, Ricky, and Denise.

Denny and Rosemary Foust had Melissa and Michael.

Donald and Phyllis Reynolds had Donald and Ray.

Kay and James Johnson had James, Kendal, Cheryl, Brian, and Kyle.

Phillip and Janet Shrader had Susannah.

David and Martha Roman had Julie and Seth.

Leona and William Van Sant had Richard, Judith, and Lana.

Richard and JoAnn Davis had Richard, William, and Martin.

Judith and Richard Easley had Jeffrey and Shawn.

Lana and Gabriel Parodi had Aldina.

Doyle and Irene Wright had Terry.

Merle and Dorothy McCollister had Russell, Gary, and Randy.

Russell and Elizabeth Miller had Edward.

Elsie (1877-1960) and Fred Matheny (1870-1945) had Gilbert, Charles, Donovan, Anna, Dorothea.

Charles and Glen Ashby had Charles Jr., Jack, and Darlene.

Donovan and Ethel Filteau had Patricia and Nancy.

Anna was married to Howard Crate.

Dorothea and Art Kerr had Donna and Sandra.

Williams (1881-1950) and Jettie Short (1881-1973) had Lloyd, Dale, and Marie.

Lloyd and Clarice McGee had Carol, Nancy, Marie, and Mary.

Carol and James Green had Cheryl, Vicki, and Darwin;

Carol and second husband Daryl Paschall had Patti.

Cheryl and Tom West had Jessica.

Nancy and Stanley Saddoris had Cynthia, Craig, and Jeffrey.

Marie and Robert White had Gregory and Brenda.

Lawrence "Dale" and Helen Schaffer had Stanley and Dalene.

Stanley and Judy MacDonald had Jeffrey, David, Christopher, Virginia, Matthew.

Marie and Ralph Kimmel had Susan.

Susan and Albert Sales had Nathan; Susan is married to Douglas Granner.

Lena (1882-1968) and Pearl L. Yates (1883-1958) had Louise, Wayne, and Pearl Eugene.

Louise was married to John Wilson.

Wayne was married to Eula Neff.

Eugene and Lela Schaffer had Nancy and Robert.

Nancy and Gerald Weekman had Thomas and James.

Robert and Rachel Creel had Jeffrey, Megan, and Cara.

Charles (1884-1965) and Ida "Meda" Robins (1888-1957) had William Roswell and raised Meda's niece, Annadell Cottrell (daughter of Arline Robins Cottrell)

William "Roswell" and Tressie Woods had Selma, Raymond, Richard, Shirley, Thomas, and Jewell.

Selma and Robert Wallace had Patti, Robert, and Beverly.

Beverly was married to Steven Romano.

Robert and Brenda Coppick had Tony and Angela.

Raymond and Beverly DeVore had Michael and Gary.

Shirley was married to Mervin Briggs.

Thomas was married to Eloise Porter.

Jewell was married to Donald Midthun.

Annadell and Frank Gonseth had Jon and Debra.

The Schaffers (Lloyd, Earl, Pearl, Harley, Louie, Gerald, Wilma, Lela, and Helen) in 1976:

Lloyd (1893-1963) and Ethel "Chloe" Orr (1893-1972) had Burl, Donald, Vivian, Kenneth, Norman, Marian, and Robert.

Burl was married to Opal Mathis.

Donald and Opal Horton had Karen and Karyl.

Karen and Roger Stickler had Jan, Dawn, and Heather.

Karyl and Bradley Leeson had Shane and Chad.

Vivian and Wayne Hanson had Donovan.

Donovan and Sally Visser had David, Susan, and Daniel.

Kenneth and Doris Meyers had Larry, Linda, Roy, Jeffrey, and Steven.

Marian was married to Bob Mericle.

Robert and Dorothy Semenchuk had Craig, Lynn, Bruce, Judy, Peggy, and Drew.

Jonathan "Earl" (1895-1988) and Rouine Fleming (1897-1966) had Lester, Francis, and Max.

Lester and Ledell Mitchell had Jennifer and Lance.

Francis and Lemuel Holmes had Connie and Ann.

Max and Norma Stoen had Julie.

Pearl "China" (1896-1963) was married to Mercedes "Cedar" Sutton (1899-?).

Harley (1898-1967) and Doris "Dot" Mitchell (1898-1975) had Keith and Eva.

Keith and Betty Akers had Anita.

Eva and Jerry Kelly had Michael, Michele, and Melanie.

Michael was married to Kathryn Blair.

Michele married Mark Zaragoza.

Louie (1899-1975) and Ruth Cherington had Marvin and Margie.

Marvin and Fern Stevens had Susan, Tracy, and Scott.

Margie and John Nish had Ann and Cathy.

Ann and Jerry Smith had Jeremy.

Cathy married John Adair.

Gerald and Ressa Bishop had Juanita, Carole, Judith, and Alice.

Juanita and Donald Bemis had Tonya, Jeffrey, Charles, Lisa, and David.

Carole and James Martin had Steven, Anthony, and Kathleen.

Judith and Leland Muhlenbruck had Kirk, Thomas, and Trent.

Alice and Jack Miller had Joshua.

Wilma and George Casey had Larry; Wilma is married to "Mac" McFarland.

Larry and Irene Vanderlinden had John.

### Highlights of 1976

(Source: infoplease.com)

#### WORLD EVENTS

- Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot becomes prime minister (and virtual dictator) of Cambodia after Prince Sihanouk steps down.
- Israeli airborne commandos attack Uganda's Entebbe Airport and free 103 hostages held by pro-Palestinian hijackers of an Air France plane; one Israeli and several Ugandan soldiers killed in the raid.
- A 19-month civil war ends in Lebanon after threatening to escalate to global level.

## U.S. EVENTS

- US Supreme Court rules that blacks and other minorities are entitled to retroactive job seniority.
- President Gerald Ford signs the Federal Election Campaign Act.
- US Supreme Court rules that death penalty is not inherently cruel or unusual and is a constitutionally acceptable form of punishment.
- The nation celebrates its Bicentennial.
- A mysterious disease strikes an American Legion convention in Philadelphia, killing 29.
- Jimmy Carter elected US President.

## SPORTS

- Super Bowl: Pittsburgh defeats Dallas (21-17)
- World Series: Cincinnati defeats New York Yankees (4-0)
- NBA Championship: Boston defeats Phoenix (4-2)
- NCAA Basketball Championship: Indiana defeats Michigan (86-68)
- NCAA Football Champions: Pittsburgh (12-0-0)

## ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

- Academy Award, Best Picture: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
- Academy Award, Best Actor: Jack Nicholson, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
- Academy Award, Best Actress: Louise Fletcher, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*



- Emmy Award, Best Drama Series: *Police Story* (NBC)
- Emmy Award, Best Comedy Series: *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (CBS)
- Tony Award, Best Musical: *A Chorus Line*
- Grammy Award, Record of the Year: "Love Will Keep Us Together," Captain and Tennille
- Grammy Award, Song of the Year: "Send in the Clowns"

## ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- The steadycam is used for the first time in *Rocky*.
- NBC broadcasts *Gone with the Wind* and scores record-breaking ratings.

## MOVIES

- *Taxi Driver*, *Assault on Precinct 13*, *Rocky*, *Network*, *All the President's Men*
- *The Outlaw Josey Wales*, *Harlan County, USA*, *The Man Who Fell to Earth*, *The Shootist*, *Carrie*

## SCIENCE

- Air France and British Airways begin the first regularly scheduled commercial supersonic transport (SST) flights.
- *Viking I* lands on Mars.
- The U.S. Navy tests the Tomahawk cruise missile.
- Richard Leakey discovers a 1.5 million year old *Homo Erectus* skull in Kenya.
- Cosmic string theory first postulated by Thomas Kibble.

## DEATHS

- Agatha Christie, English crime writer
- Andre Malraux, French writer, statesman

## Diary of Dale Gardner 1976

*As this diary from 1976 begins, Dale and Helen live at 624 North State Street, Osceola, IA. Their neighbors are Don and Virginia Cole to the north, Jay and Tina Wolfe to the south, and "T. J." and Lois Laing across the street. Stan and Judy live in Des Moines, and Stan is a manager at Massey-Ferguson. Dalene lives in Manhattan Beach, CA, and works at Xerox Computer Services. Dale is 66 years old, Helen is 64, and they drive a 1973 Chevrolet. Dale continues working part time at the furniture store. He and Helen install acoustic tile on their basement ceiling, and do a lot of "fixing up" in their new home. Dale pays a price for his activities by spending some time in traction for back spasms. In the summer, he makes a sandbox in the back yard for grandchildren to play in and Helen turns 65.*

*Maria Peron is deposed by a military coup in Argentina. Nadia Comaneci wins three gold medals at the Montreal Olympics with seven perfect scores. Palestinian extremists hijack an Air France plane in Greece with 246 passengers and 12 crew, and take it to Entebbe, Uganda, where Israeli commandos storm the plane and free the hostages. Separately, a hijacked Sabena Boeing is stormed by Israeli soldiers releasing 100 hostages. Mao Tse-tung, the founder of the Chinese Communist Party, dies. Eccentric American billionaire Howard Hughes dies at the age of 70. In New York City, the "Son of Sam" pulls a gun and begins a series of attacks that terrorize the city for the next year. Apple Computer Company is formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, and the Cray-1, the first commercially developed supercomputer, is invented by Seymour Cray. NASA unveils Enterprise, the first space shuttle. Notable births this year include Jennifer Capriati, Colin Farrell, Taylor Hicks, Peyton Manning, Ryan Reynolds, Alicia Silverstone, Reese Witherspoon, and Sam Worthington.*

*Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Wilma and Mac McFarland; Vivian Hanson; Vera and Gene Marquis; Marie and Ralph Kimmel and Nathan Granner; Margie and Jack Nish and Cathy; Lela and Gene Yates; Earl Schaffer; Francis Holmes; Ruth Schaffer; Opal and Don Schaffer; Betty and Keith Schaffer; Bernice and Chuck Delmage; and Marie White.*

Thu Jan 1 – Dalene went home from Stan's in the afternoon. Watched parades & bowl games on TV.

Mon Jan 5 – To the Des Moines airport to pick up Mac & Wilma, supper at Bishop's. Phoned Dalene.

Sat Jan 10 – Worked for Vada in the afternoon. Went to see Wilma's plant arrangement in her planter.

Sun Jan 11 – Gene & Vera Marquis here in the afternoon. Helen phoned Lela. Supper at Manley's.

Wed Jan 14 – Worked at the store in the afternoon. Dalene phoned at night. Letter from Merle Osterquist in Mesa, Arizona.

Fri Jan 16 – Helen & I to Stan's. Took 2 pictures for Dalene of new bookshelves made by Stan.

Wed Jan 21 – I worked on the basement ceiling today. Helen phoned Judy.

Thu Jan 22 – Worked on the basement ceiling, have put 75 2 foot x 2 foot ceiling tiles in so far.

Fri Jan 23 – Beautiful day. Helen & I finished the basement family room ceiling. Put 110 2 foot x 2 foot ceiling tiles on. Mac & Wilma came up to look at it.

Sun Jan 25 – Took Polaroid pictures of the basement for Dalene. Good pictures. Supper at home.

Thu Feb 5 – Fixed some faucets, put washers in the bathtub, & kitchen. Mac & I played 3 games of pool.

Tue Feb 10 – Wayne Hanson is in hospital, not good. Saw Wilma's new refrigerator - Whirlpool.

Fri Feb 13 – Helen & I to Des Moines shopping & to Stan's. Went to see Vivian about Wayne.

Sun Feb 15 – Phoned Dalene. To Mac & Wilma's in the afternoon. Going to Estherville tomorrow.

Mon Feb 16 – Drove to Gene & Lela's in Estherville, 235 miles. Lunch at Sambo's in Des Moines. Supper at a hotel café in Estherville.

Tue Feb 17 – At Gene & Lela's in Estherville. Took some Polaroid pictures. Took them to supper.



*Dale and Helen in Estherville with Gene and Lela (crutch for her hip surgery)*

Wed Feb 18 – Helen & I drove home, 217 miles, by highway 169 & 141 & 35. Stopped at Judy's in Des Moines. Supper at Baker's.

Mon Feb 23 – Ate at home today. Judy phoned, she starts work Wednesday for 2 days a week.

Wed Feb 25 – Worked 1½ hours at the store. Judy's first day on her new job.

Thu Feb 26 – Helen & I to Des Moines, supper at Bishop's & to Stan & Judy's for the evening.

Sun Feb 29 – Mac & Wilma here 3 hours in the afternoon. Don Coles came home from Florida.

Wed Mar 3 – Mac & Wilma took us to lunch at Opal's. Dalene phoned & sent flowers. Married 44 years ago tonight.



*March 3: Helen and Dale's 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Wilma and Mac helped celebrate*

Sat Mar 6 – Helen & I to Des Moines shopping & to Stan's; & to see Wayne & Vivian.

Sun Mar 14 – Earl came up & Mac & Wilma, Ruth, Earl, & Helen & I to Opal's for dinner, then to Mac's for the afternoon.

Thu Mar 18 – Watched Iowa high school basketball most all afternoon & evening.

Fri Mar 19 – I watched a lot of the boys' high school basketball tourney.

Sat Mar 20 – Watched finals of the boys' basketball tourney. Ames won Class 3A. Don Schaffer showed us his new Buick. Went to see Jack's new International tractor. Marie here.

Tue Mar 23 – To the doctor in the afternoon, have back spasms.

Wed Mar 24 – Ambulance took me to Decatur to the hospital with muscle spasms in back.

Thu Mar 25 – In traction, not doing so good today, hurting & sweating. Mac brought Helen in the afternoon. Keith took her home about 5 PM. This is no quick recovery. Watched TV considerable.

Fri Mar 26 – In the Decatur hospital, in traction. Blood samples, X-rays, etc. Keith brought Helen in the afternoon. Had a shot at bedtime.

Sat Mar 27 – Still in the Decatur hospital, in traction. No visitors. Watched basketball all afternoon. Helen phoned about 8, Gene & Lela coming tomorrow.

Sun Mar 28 – In the hospital, better today. Gene & Lela brought Helen down in late afternoon.

Tue Mar 30 – In the hospital till afternoon. Gene & Helen took me home.

Wed Mar 31 – Took it easy at home. In bed all day. Gene & Lela, Mac & Wilma here.

Thu Apr 1 – At home in bed most all day. Gene & Lela took Helen to the store.

Fri Apr 2 – Genes & us to Mac & Wilma's for dinner. Helen & I to Des Moines to see Paul Eggleston, he gave me a treatment & it helped. To Stan & Judy's a little while.

Thu Apr 8 – Took some figures to the lumber yard for an estimate on a patio screen.

Sat Apr 10 – Went to a sale & bought Helen a rocker-recliner for \$105. She likes it. Mac helped me unload the chair. Received Federal income tax refund.

Tue Apr 13 – A treatment by Dr. Lundahl; on to Stan's a little while; supper at Bishop's in Merle Hay Mall.

Thu Apr 15 – I made a traction apparatus for myself & it works. Visited Mac & Wilma in the evening.

Fri Apr 16 – Another treatment by Dr. Lundahl & to Des Moines shopping. Bought a new sacroiliac belt at Wards. Supper at Baker's. Letter from Dalene, she is in Pacific Grove, California, on vacation. Gets a promotion & raise.

Sun Apr 18 – Set out lilac bushes, & a flowering small tree. To Stan's for Easter dinner.

Tue Apr 20 – Helen & I to Indianola for me a treatment & then to Des Moines shopping. Evening meal at Sambo's.



Thu Apr 22 – Helen & I mowed the back yard in the afternoon.



*April 22: Dale and Helen mowing the back yard (note the patio behind Helen is unfinished)*

Mon Apr 26 – Helen & I to Stan's; Chris, David, & I mowed Stan's lawn with our mower. They have a new 72 pound English sheep dog.

Tue Apr 27 – Ordered 100 feet of screen 4 feet wide at Sears. Ordered lumber for screen frames for the patio from Hawkeye Lumber.

Thu Apr 29 – Cleaned off the patio. Lumber delivered to make screen frames. Chas McCarthy here to estimate screening the patio, wants too much.

Fri Apr 30 – Helen & I to Des Moines to buy lumber, bolts, nails, & awnings for the patio. Don & Virginia Cole came over a little while in early evening to look at our house.

Sat May 1 – Mowed the back lawn, set out 36 petunias. Bought 100 feet of 4-foot screen for the patio at Sears. Marie is 58 today.

Tue May 4 – Started working on screening in the patio, worked on the triangles on the east side.

Wed May 5 – Worked 3 hours on triangles on the patio & finished; 82 total.

Thu May 6 – Sanded & scraped the iron patio supports, before painting in the afternoon. Lunch at Opal's; supper at Manley's. Visited Mac & Wilma in the evening. Judy phoned.

Fri May 7 – Helen & I painted the wrought-iron columns, 82 triangles & the privacy fence at the patio in the afternoon. Marie here.

Sat May 8 – Washed windows & took it easy. Supper at home. Pie at Mallot's later. Went after goat milk for Helen. Marie & Nathan here. Dalene sent a card & flowers.

Sun May 9 – Helen & I to Stan's for Mother's Day dinner. Dalene phoned Stans from L.A.

Mon May 10 – Beautiful day. Helen & I worked on 4 x 4s on the patio & painted them for the west side.

Tue May 11 – Mowed the lawn in the morning; Helen & I worked on screen frames for the patio in the afternoon. Mac & Wilma here in the evening.

Wed May 12 – Made 2 more screen frames for the patio. Helen & I painted in the afternoon on patio lumber. Bought 20 feet of gutter for the patio.

Thu May 13 – Helen & I worked on the patio, painting, etc. today. Got some lumber from Wilma's farm.

Fri May 14 – Worked on the patio an hour in the morning & all afternoon, Helen & I. Installed 20 feet of gutter on the patio & Helen painted. Wilma came up awhile.

Sun May 16 – Chuck & Bernice & a niece here; Marie too. Watched pro basketball in the afternoon.

Mon May 17 – I got some boards from Wilma's farm & from Highway Lumber, fixed the gutter downspout in the afternoon & painted some boards. Helen phoned Judy.

Tue May 18 – Worked on the patio all day. Ate at home. Wilma here in the afternoon.

Wed May 19 – Worked 9 hours on the south end of the patio. All done, except screens. Lunch at Manley's, supper there too. Leg cramps at night. Working too hard, up & down on the ladder.

Thu May 20 – Took it easy today after leg cramps last night. To Don & Opal's in the evening.

Fri May 21 – To Des Moines, bought a new riding mower at Woolco. Bought a nice coffee table too.

Sat May 22 – Gene & Lela came at 2:30 PM. Mac & Wilma; Ruth; Gene & Lela; & Helen & I to Opal's for supper. Gene & Lela here all night.

Sun May 23 – Gene & Lela left at 8:30 AM. We had dinner at Opal's, supper at Manley's. Sent a letter & pictures to Dalene.

Mon May 24 – Worked 3½ hours on the south side of the patio screens, finished them. Sent a letter to Dalene.

Tue May 25 – Worked 6 hours on the west side of the patio, screening it in.

Wed May 26 – Worked 7½ hours on the north end of the patio, screening.

Thu May 27 – Worked 9 hours on the north end of the patio, Helen & I both. Wilma here a little while.

Fri May 28 – Helen & I worked all day on the north end of the patio, almost finished. Jack & Margie here in the evening.

Sat May 29 – Worked 1½ hours on the patio screen door. Earl here. Used the new riding mower 1<sup>st</sup> time. Works fine. Decorated in the cemetery.

Sun May 30 – Watched Suns beat Celtics. Helen & I cleaned the patio & sat out there in the evening, a great sunset view.

Mon May 31 – Took Polaroid pictures of the screened-in patio. Phoned Dalene at night.

Tue Jun 1 – Worked 3 hours on the patio door etc. Rested in the afternoon. Mac & Wilma here in the evening.

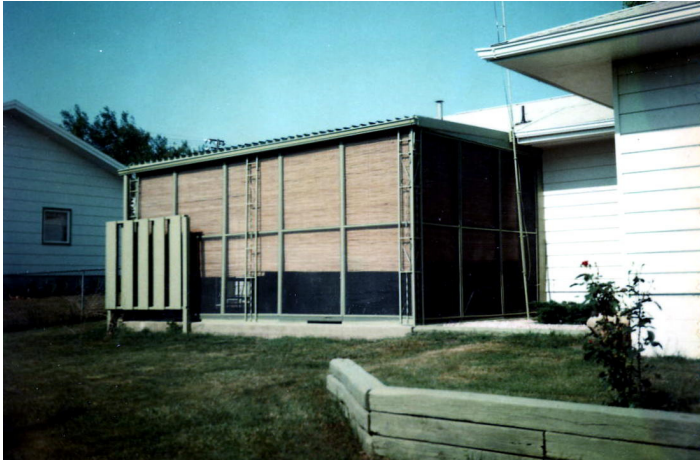
Wed Jun 2 – Helen & I worked on the patio, caulking etc. Highway Lumber serviced our air conditioner & fixed the basement lights. Wilma brought strawberries. Judy is in the hospital. Phoned Dalene.



Thu Jun 3 – To Stan's, Judy in the hospital. I visited Wayne & Vivian, bought 12 x 21 carpet for the patio at Carpetland. Lunch at Bishop's. Finished painting caulking in the evening. Mac & Wilma here.

Fri Jun 4 – To Des Moines to see Judy in Mercy Hospital. Visited Bernice at her house.

Sat Jun 5 – Put awnings on the patio; & laid the carpet there too. Beautiful now. Dalene phoned, also got a letter from her. Took pictures of the patio. Wilma here, with strawberries.



*The finished patio*



*Interior of the patio*

Sun Jun 6 – Supper on the patio. Mac & Wilma here in the evening. Celtics won basketball title.

Mon Jun 7 – Took the day off. Lunch at Opal's, supper at home. Mailed pictures of the patio to Dalene.

Tue Jun 8 – Helen & I fastened carpet on the patio & did some painting. Lunch at Manley's. Phoned Stan & Judy in the evening.

Fri Jun 11 – Helen & I to Des Moines. To the hospital to see Judy; saw Stan & kids at home.

Sat Jun 12 – Mac & I got 5 tubs of sand for a sand-box. Sat on Helen & Edris' front porch for a visit in the afternoon. Lunch at Opal's, supper at home.

Mon Jun 14 – Wild night, tornados north of us. Stan brought children to stay all night. Supper at home.

Tue Jun 15 – Boys & I mowed the lawn, they used the riding mower. Ginny & I went grocery shopping. Barbecue supper in the garage.

Wed Jun 16 – I made a cover for the sandbox. Took kids a ride in the afternoon. Judy phoned; Dalene phoned.



*Matt in the back-yard sandbox*

Thu Jun 17 – Kids went to Wilma's in the afternoon & we all went for supper there.

Fri Jun 18 – Took the kids a ride, by Emerson & they rode a pony. Barbecue steak supper at home. Put up bamboo shades in the garage to cover tool shelves.

Sat Jun 18 – Stan & Judy & Jerry came after the kids. Dinner here. All alone again after 6:30 PM.

Sun Jun 20 – Went to Gene & Vera Marquis' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary < *Vera Wilson Marquis was great-granddaughter of John McBain Gardner* >. To Des Moines to Stan's & shopping.

Tue Jun 22 – Got some dirt for the planter. Sent a birthday card to Clarice. Got goat milk for Helen.

Wed Jun 23 – Mowed the lawn in late afternoon, with the rider. Got the Tamarack tree from 300 N. Fillmore.

Mon Jun 28 – Lela phoned from Elkhart, Indiana. Mac & Wilma here. Marie here. Marie White got Mother's dress.

Tue Jun 29 – Beautiful, bright day but windy. Gene & Lela came in the evening to stay all night.

Wed Jun 30 – Mac & Wilma; Gene & Lela; & Helen & I to lunch at Manley's. Gene & Lela & Helen & I to Des Moines shopping.

Thu Jul 1 – Beautiful clear day. Gene & Lela here. We all went to Derby for supper, Mac & Wilma's treat. Vivian here for lunch & a visit.

Fri Jul 2 – Gene & Lela went to Wilma's. Helen & I to Des Moines for David & Chris.

Sat Jul 3 – Mac & Wilma's 8<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Mac & Wilma, Gene & Lela, Earl, Chris, David, Helen & I watched fireworks at night from our patio.



*Mac and Wilma's 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary, at their house*

Sun Jul 4 – Stans came & fixed breakfast here, Jerry too. Had home made ice cream. Gene & Lela, Earl, Marie, & Stan's family & us here, off & on. Very nice day & a cool evening.

Mon Jul 5 – 24 people here in the evening. Watched the fireworks. Stans here too, & Jerry; Don & Opal & their daughter Karyl & Brad & 2 kids. Home made ice cream, etc.

Tue Jul 6 – Gene & Lela went home. Mac, Don Cole, T. J. Laing, Tom Cartwright & I to City Council meeting about the approach to State Street. I took my pictures of it.

Thu Jul 8 – Clear, high 94° here. Took it easy in the basement, 75° down there without air conditioning.

Fri Jul 9 – Clear & 95° & HOT. Stayed in the basement to keep cool.

Sat Jul 10 – Clear & 97°. Air conditioning on all day. Phoned Stan in the evening about a rodeo here.

Sun Jul 11 – Took Mac & Wilma to dinner at Opal's, for their 8<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. In the basement most all afternoon, on the patio at night.

Mon Jul 12 – HOT. 102°. Air conditioning on all day. I'm 67 years old today. Stan phoned; Gene & Lela phoned; we phoned Dalene. Mac & Wilma gave me a nice tie.

Fri Jul 16 – Helen & I to Des Moines. Stan & Judy gave us two pictures of them - real good.

Tue Jul 20 – Helen is 65 today. Opal's for dinner. Wilma phoned; Gene & Lela phoned. Dalene phoned in the evening & sent roses.

Sat Jul 24 – Clear, hot. High around 90°. Stans came for lunch & to stay all night.

Sun Jul 25 – Hot. 95° & humid. Stans here till 10 PM. Barbecued steaks for 6 PM dinner. Air conditioning on all day. Showed 1900 feet of movies in the basement.

Mon Jul 26 – Sent a letter to Dalene with pictures of the Fourth & a sunset.

Sun Aug 1 – Fine day. Lunch at Opal's, supper at home. Keith here in the evening. Marie phoned from Montreal, Canada.

Tue Aug 3 – Beautiful day. Bought a historical book, set out the tamarack tree in the back yard, phoned Dalene. Mac & Wilma here.



*The tamarack tree*

Thu Aug 5 – Visited Earl at Mac & Wilma's in the afternoon. Got lumber from the bowling alley trash pile.

Fri Aug 6 – Painted the patio roof aluminum, painted the 9 foot stepladder, painted the little house in the back yard. Jack, Margie, & Ruth here in Ruth's new Dodge Charger.

Sat Aug 7 – Marie & Ralph came home. Laings came over to look at the patio.

Sun Aug 8 – Gene & Lela arrived at Mac & Wilma's about 6 PM. We went there for supper. They came here a little while in the evening.

Tue Aug 10 – Lela & Gene, Mac & Wilma, Helen & I to Opal's for supper.

Wed Aug 11 – Gene & Lela went home. Lunch at Opal's.

Fri Aug 13 – Helen phoned Judy, they go on vacation to Lake Okoboji on Sunday.

Sat Aug 14 – Pro football at night. Phoned Gene & Lela about going up there Monday; phoned Dalene for same reason.

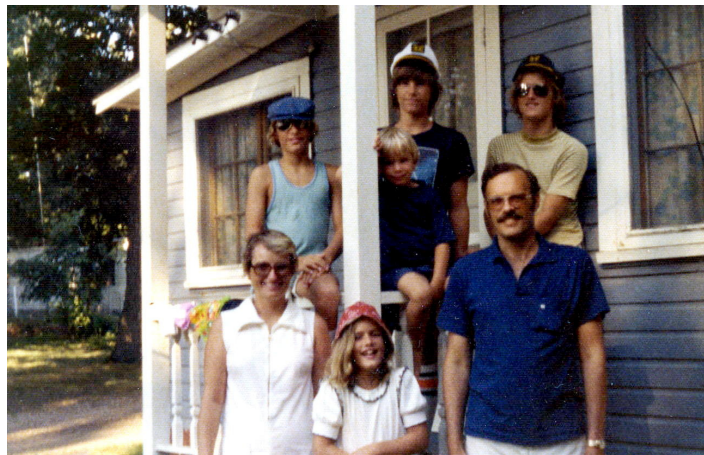
Sun Aug 15 – Lunch at Opal's with Gene & Vera Marquis & Mac & Wilma.

Mon Aug 16 – Drove to Estherville 10 AM to 4 PM. Drove to Lake Okoboji in the evening to see Stan & family.

Tue Aug 17 – At Estherville. Gene & I scraped, caulked, & shellacked their house today, ready to paint.

Wed Aug 18 – In Estherville. Gene & I painted 2 sides & the north end of their house.

Thu Aug 19 – In Estherville. Gene & I finished painting his house by 12:30 PM. Went to Lake Okoboji in the evening to see Stans. Watched President Ford accept the nomination at night.



*A rental cabin in Arnold's Park: Chris, Dave, Jeff in back;  
Matt in the middle; Judy, Ginny, Stan in front*

Fri Aug 20 – Drove home from Estherville. Visited Mac & Wilma. Glad to be home.

Sun Aug 22 – Ruth went to dinner with us at Manley's. In the basement all afternoon, cool, watched Vikings beat Bengals.

Mon Aug 23 – To Des Moines shopping, bought a "Mr. Coffee" coffee maker at Goldfine's. To see Stans. Dalene phoned - she is coming September 17<sup>th</sup> to Cathy's wedding.

Thu Aug 26 – Stans came for all day, they went home 11:30 PM. Put an aluminum awning up at the west bedroom window. Air conditioning on at 12:30 PM to 11:30 PM.

Fri Aug 27 – Fred King died at 10 AM, Jack Owens phoned us; we phoned Nettie. < *Fred King and Jack Owens were Alcohol Tax Unit co-workers of Dale's in Muscatine. Nettie was Fred's wife.* >



Sun Aug 29 – Took Mac & Wilma to lunch at Manley's. Mac is 67 today. Wilma took us to supper at Opal's.

Sat Sep 4 – Shopping in Des Moines. To Stan & Judy's a little while in the afternoon. Watched pro football in the evening.

Wed Sep 8 – To Des Moines shopping. Bought Dalene a brass letter-opener.

Fri Sep 10 – Went to Jessie Barnes' sale, bought a tub, & a chair for the patio. Osceola beat Corydon in high school football in the evening.

Mon Sep 13 – Lloyd would have been 69 today.

Thu Sep 16 – Stan & children came to the wedding rehearsal at night.

Fri Sep 17 – Stans & Dalene came for Cathy's wedding, we all went < *Margie's daughter Cathy married John Adair* >.



*Stan, Judy, Helen, Dalene after Cathy's wedding*

Sun Sep 19 – Mac & Wilma started to Texas. We got ready to go to Estherville tomorrow.

Mon Sep 20 – Helen, Dalene, & I drove to Estherville to visit Gene & Lela.



*Dalene, Lela, and Gene in Estherville*



*Must be good coffee; with Dale and Helen*

Wed Sep 22 – Drove home from Estherville via Gerald's, Helen, Dalene, & I. Lunch in Clear Lake, supper at Manley's.



*Helen, Gerald, Dalene in Latimer*

Fri Sep 24 – Took it easy today. Dalene here. Went to a high school football game at night; Davis County 18, Clarke 14.

Sat Sep 25 – Took Dalene to Stan's for the weekend. Lunch at Bishop's, supper at Manley's.

Mon Sep 27 – Dalene here. Lunch at Manley's, supper at home.

Wed Sep 29 – Letter from Jack Owens. Dalene has a cold. Judy phoned at night.

Thu Sep 30 – Took Dalene to Dr. Riley in the afternoon for her cold. Home to fried chicken supper.

Sat Oct 2 – Mac & Wilma came home, brought us a Gardner sign for over the garage door. I varnished it. Lunch at Manley's. Dalene still has a cold.



*Dale, Helen, Wilma, and Mac with the new "Gardners" sign*

Sun Oct 3 – Dalene here. To Stan's & shopping in Des Moines. Home by midnight.

Mon Oct 4 – Dalene visited Marie & Ralph. Supper at Mac & Wilma's.

Tue Oct 5 – Took Dalene to the Des Moines airport by 5:30 PM. Visited Stans a little while.

Wed Oct 6 – All quiet here again, we're alone. Don & Opal, Kenneth & Doris here.

Thu Oct 7 – Ernest Miller died, a neighbor of 1915 to 1920. He was 83.

Thu Oct 14 – Helen & I worked on the oak table, taking the paint off. Marie here. Went to Wilma's in the evening.

Fri Oct 15 – Helen & I finished the old oak table.

Sun Oct 17 – Dinner at Manley's, supper at home. Very quiet day. Watched pro football on TV.

Wed Oct 20 – Ate at home today. Mac & Wilma here about a house for Gene & Lela < *they planned to retire to Osceola next year* >.

Thu Oct 28 – Lela phoned, they're coming down tomorrow.

Fri Oct 29 – Gene & Lela came in the afternoon. Supper at Mallot's, Mac & Wilma, Gene & Lela, & us.

Sat Oct 30 – Gene & Lela here. To Des Moines shopping, lunch in Indianola, supper at Manley's. Stan & Judy bought a 1974 Plymouth 9 passenger wagon at a State auction.

Sun Oct 31 – Earl & Francis came up, we all went to Opal's for dinner, Ruth, Gene & Lela, Mac & Wilma. Called Dalene at night.

Mon Nov 1 – Stan, Judy, David, Chris, Ginny, & Matt came down at 10 PM to show us their 1974 Plymouth wagon. Beautiful 9 passenger, has everything.



*A 1974 Plymouth station wagon*

Tue Nov 2 – To Weldon for a church supper. Election day, Carter wins.

Sun Nov 14 – Dinner at a Whiteway benefit. Mac & Wilma here; Ruth here. Dalene phoned.

Sat Nov 20 – Football all afternoon. Marie here. Ruth here, brought me brownies. Phoned Nickolay in the evening to visit.

Tue Nov 23 – Visited Mac & Wilma. Visited Fords to get 2 chickens for Thanksgiving.

Wed Nov 24 – Nice day. Gene & Lela came at 3:30 PM in a new Pontiac. Manley's for supper, with Mac & Wilma. Judy phoned at night.

Thu Nov 25 – Gene & Lela; Stan & family; & us here for Thanksgiving dinner. Cold at night with a northwest wind. Gene & Lela here all night.



Fri Nov 26 – Snow in late afternoon & all evening, near blizzard conditions. Big family dinner at Wilma's. Watched college football in the afternoon & evening. Gene & Lela here all night.



*Five siblings again: Lela, Wilma, Helen in back; Earl and Gerald in front*

Sat Nov 27 – 2 inches of snow last night. Cold today. Wilma's for dinner. Gene & Lela here all night.

Sun Nov 28 – Gene & Lela, Mac & Wilma, Helen & I to Mallot's for dinner, then here for the afternoon. Pro football all afternoon. Gene & Lela here all night.

Fri Dec 3 – Helen has a sick stomach. Lunch at home for her. I had a hamburger at Mallot's.

Sat Dec 4 – I went to Des Moines, had a treatment of Dr. Richards. Brought dinner home to Helen. Judy phoned in the evening.

Mon Dec 6 – Judy flew to Mpls to her mother's funeral.

Thu Dec 9 – To Des Moines Christmas shopping. Helen talked to Stan on the phone at night.

Fri Dec 10 – Margie & Jeremy here in the afternoon. Addressed 18 Christmas cards in the evening.

Sat Dec 11 – Sent out the last of the Christmas cards. I got my swine flu & flu shots today at the Junior High. Merle Osterquist phoned, Bill Mast died.

Thu Dec 16 – Helen & I to Des Moines shopping & sent packages to Dalene & the Roaths. Went to see Judy a little while at their house.

Sat Dec 18 – Watched Vikings beat Redskins, & Oakland beat Patriots.

Mon Dec 20 – To Des Moines with Christmas presents; saw Wayne & Vivian off at the airport for Seattle.

Fri Dec 24 – Took Don & Opal to the Des Moines airport in the afternoon. Went to Stan's for all night.

Sat Dec 25 – Christmas in the morning at Stan's to open presents. Phoned Dalene in the afternoon.

Sun Dec 26 – Watched Vikings & Raiders win in pro football. Took Mac & Wilma to the bus station for the Rose Bowl.

Fri Dec 31 – To Des Moines for treatment & to pick up Don & Opal at the airport. Lunch at Bishop's, supper at Manley's. Happy New Year.