

The Gardners (Gilham, Elsie, Williams, Lena, and Charles) in 1979:

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.

Larry and Susan Eves had Elizabeth.

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.

James married Mary Kinsey.

Cheryl and Joseph Shutt had Christina and Linda.

Phillip and Janet Shrader had Susannah and Phillip.

David and Martha Roman had Julie, Seth, and Ginger.

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 and Stephen.

Gary and Cynthia Algood had Brian.

Randy and Mary Thompson had Katie.

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

Cheryl and Tom West had Jessica

Vicki was married to David Averbach.

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 and Matthew; Judy was married to Jerry Conn; Stanley married Nancy Raymond.

Jeffrey married Mary Jane Hall.

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 1979:

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 Donavan.

Donavan 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. Earl is married to Dorothy Elliott.

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 Akes had Anita.

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

Michael and Kathryn Blair had Gabriel and Cade.

Michele and Mark Zaragoza had Neeli.

Melanie was married to Kenneth Smith.

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 and Misty.

Cathy and John Adair had Nikki.

Gerald and Ressia 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.

Steven and Cindy Clayton had Chad.

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

Alice and Jack Miller had Joshua and Jacob.

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

Larry and Irene Vanderlinden had John.

Highlights of 1979

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WORLD EVENTS

- Vietnam and Vietnam-backed Cambodian insurgents announce fall of Cambodian capital Phnom Penh and collapse of the Pol Pot regime.
- The Shah leaves Iran after a year of turmoil; revolutionary forces under Muslim leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini take over. Iranian militants seize US embassy in Teheran and hold hostages.
- Conservatives win British election; Margaret Thatcher becomes Prime Minister.
- Carter and Brezhnev sign Salt II agreement.
- Nicaraguan President General Anastasio Somoza Debayle resigns and flees to Miami; Sandanistas form government.
- Soviet invasion of Afghanistan stirs world protests.

U.S. EVENTS

- Ohio agrees to pay \$675,000 to families of dead and injured in Kent State University shootings.
- Nuclear power plant accident at Three Mile Island, PA, releases radiation.

SPORTS

- Super Bowl: Pittsburgh defeats Dallas (35-31)
- World Series: Pittsburgh defeats Baltimore (4-3)
- NBA Championship: Seattle defeats Washington Bullets (4-1)
- NCAA Basketball Championship: Michigan State defeats Indiana State (75-64)
- NCAA Football Champions: Alabama (12-0-0)

ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

- Academy Award, Best Picture: *The Deer Hunter* (Universal)
- Academy Award, Best Actor: Jon Voight, *Coming Home*
- Academy Award, Best Actress: Jane Fonda, *Coming Home*
- Emmy Award, Best Drama Series: *Lou Grant* (CBS)
- Emmy Award, Best Comedy Series: *Taxi* (ABC)
- Tony Award, Best Musical: *Sweeney Todd*
- Grammy Award, Record of the Year: "Just the Way You Are," Billy Joel
- Grammy Award, Song of the Year: "Just the Way You Are," Billy Joel, songwriter

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- The Sugar Hill Gang releases the first commercial rap hit, "Rapper's Delight," bringing rap off the New York streets and into the popular music scene.

MOVIES

- *Alien*, *Manhattan*, *Apocalypse Now*, *The Muppet Movie*, *The Warriors*
- *Life of Brian*, *The Jerk*, *Breaking Away*, *Being There*, *Mad Max*

SCIENCE

- An overheated reactor at the Three Mile Island nuclear facility in Pennsylvania threatens to melt down. It does not, but 144,000 residents of nearby Middletown are evacuated.
- The first human-powered aircraft flies across the English Channel: Bryan Allen pilots the *Gossamer Albatross* from Folkestone, England, to Cap Griz-Nez, France.
- The accidental release of anthrax spores at a Soviet bioweapons facility in Sverdlovsk kills several hundred.

DEATHS

- Arthur Fiedler, Boston Pops conductor; John Wayne (Marion Morrison), actor; Charles Mingus, American jazz musician; Jean Renoir, French-U.S. film director; Nelson Rockefeller, 41st U.S. Vice President



Update on Osceola Restaurants

Andy's was mentioned only in 1971 and was (probably) Andy Gwinn's restaurant (see Simmerman's).

A & W – in Osceola in the 1950s; a drive-in on the north side of highway 34, about the 600 block of West McLane. In the late 1970s, it was a short order restaurant with inside seating, operated by John and Jennie Jones. They had good chili. Jennie now works at the casino and John has vending machines around town. They had the Jones Café before (see below).

B & H Café – in Osceola in the 1950s; north of the Whiteway Café, same side of the street. It had a horseshoe counter with 11 stools and 5 booths; Carol Gardner worked there in high school. The joke was that B and H stood for Belch and Heave, but those were the initials of the owners.

Beeman's is first mentioned in 1975 - at one time Dick and Mary Beeman had a drug store on the NE corner of the east side of the square, then they bought and operated the Dairy Queen on Highway 69 North. In 1975 they sold it and moved into a building on the south side of the square where a dental office was and opened a small sandwich and ice cream restaurant.

Byer's Restaurant is first mentioned in 1965; it was on Highway 34 about a quarter-mile east of I-35. Bob Byers was the owner. It became Opal Smith's in 1974, and in 1977 it was renamed Chef II, then in 1979 it became The Family Table. Mr. Byers built a Best Western motel (still there with a different name) next door.

Chef II is first mentioned in 1977 (see Byer's above).

Country Platter is first mentioned in 1978, and Country Table is first mentioned in 1980; they may have been named interchangeably by Dale; they were probably successors to Warren's (see below).

Derby is first mentioned in 1969; a restaurant in the town of Derby where two or three older women served home cooked mashed potatoes, noodles, etc. People flocked there, especially on weekends, and would stand in line to get in for the wonderful food.

Family Table is first mentioned in 1979 (see Byer's above).

Gus and Tom's is first mentioned in 1982 (see Mallot's below).

Hard Water Inn is first mentioned in 1987; it was a restaurant on Highway 69 north of Osceola, just outside city limits, where you could pick out your own steak.

Hotel Café is first mentioned in 1970; it was in the Osceola Hotel at the southwest corner of the square at the intersection of Fillmore and Jefferson. It became the Uptown Café in 1975.

Jones Café is first mentioned in 1974 (see Simmerman's below). See also A & W; same Joneses.

Latchstring is mentioned only in 1971 and nothing else is known about it. It may have been in Leon or Creston.

Li'l Duffer is first mentioned in 1980; a fast food drive-in on highway 34, more toward the Interstate. Clarke County State drive-in bank is there now.

Lunchbox Cafe is first mentioned in 1976 and was in a small building just south of the railroad crossing on Main Street. People named McGrew operated it for years then the Potts family bought it and had it for many years, known for great home cooking. Madlyne Potts made the best noodles, she rolled them

out on newspapers on the top of the deep freeze in the back of the café; her husband Bill had a rough gravelly voice, they knew everyone and everything.

Mallot's is first mentioned in 1974 and was on Main Street in the middle of the east side of the square in the former JC Penney building. It became Gus and Tom's in 1982, and then Redman's restaurant.

Manley's is first mentioned in 1972 (see Warren's below).

Meal Site is first mentioned in 1978; it was for seniors, age 62 or older, on the west side of the square. Seniors without funds could wash dishes and /or set the table for their meal. For some, it was their one meal of the day.

Nelson's Corners is first mentioned in 1987 (see Warren's below).

Opal's is first mentioned in 1974 (see Byer's above).

Pleasant's is first mentioned in 1968 (see Warren's below).

Simmerman's is first mentioned in 1968; a restaurant on South Main across Jefferson from the east side of the square. It became Andy's in 1971 and was the Jones Café in 1974.

Warren's was the restaurant in the Champlain truck stop in the 1960s on the south side of Highway 34 about a quarter mile east of I-35, just west of Byer's. It was owned by Marshall Warren. The next owner was Ted Pleasant, and the restaurant became known as Pleasant's in 1968. Dale's diaries sometimes use the names "Warren's" and "Pleasant's" interchangeably. In 1972 it became Manley's (we think), then in about 1987 it was renamed "Nelson's Corners." The building is not there any more; a Casey's general store and gas station is there now. It is still often referred to as Champlain's or the truck stop.

Whiteway Café is first mentioned in 1970; on the east side of Main, a half-block north of the square.

Uptown Café is first mentioned in 1975 (see Hotel Café above).

Osceola Restaurant Name/Ownership Changes

Byer's	→	Opal's	→	Chef II	→	Family Table
1965		1974		1977		1979

Hotel Café	→	Uptown Café
1970		1975

J C Penney	→	Mallot's	→	Gus & Tom's	→	Redman's
1960s		1974		1982		???

Simmerman's	→	Andy's	→	Jones
1968		1971		1974

Warren's	→	Pleasant's	→	Manley's	→	Country Platter/Table	→	Nelson's Corners
1960s		1968		1972		1978-1980-1982		~1987

Diary of Dale Gardner 1979

As this diary from 1979 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 are divorced; Stan lives in Des Moines and works at Massey-Ferguson. Dalene lives in Manhattan Beach, CA, and works at Xerox Computer Services. Dale is 69 years old, Helen is 67, and they drive a 1978 Chevette.

Dale and Helen make an unplanned trip to Minneapolis to see Judy hospitalized for surgery for a brain aneurism; Dalene flies in too. Dalene also gets a one-year sabattical. State Street, in front of Dale and Helen's house, is paved. The circus comes to town and sets up in the empty field west of their house, behind the high school. The "Family Table" restaurant is mentioned in Dale's diaries for the first time. Stan marries Nancy Raymond in Dale and Helen's back yard - a marriage destined to be brief - and Stan leaves Massey Ferguson for a job in Cleveland, Ohio, with Standard Oil of Ohio. Dalene buys a 1973 VW "Bug," and Helen gets her first driver's license in 40 years. Jeff, still in the Navy, marries Mary Jane Hall in Memphis, Tennessee.

A mob attack destroys the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan; later, Pakistan's former Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, is executed. The Sahara Desert experiences snow for 30 minutes. The first black-led government of Rhodesia in 90 years takes power and the country's name is changed to Zimbabwe. Iraq's President Hasan al-Bakr resigns and Vice President Saddam Hussein replaces him. Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Israel's Menachim Begin sign the first peace treaty between an Arab nation and the Jewish state. China institutes the one child per family rule to help control its exploding population. The price of oil reaches a new record of \$24 per barrel. Notable births this year include Claire Danes, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Kate Hudson, Norah Jones, Heath Ledger, and Brandon Routh.

Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Wilma and Mac McFarland; Marie and Ralph Kimmel; Vivian and Wayne Hanson; Lela Yates; Cathy Adair and Nikki; Mary Gardner; Marie White; Nancy Weekman; Margie and Jack Nish; Dorothy and Earl Schaffer; Ruth Schaffer; Susan and Doug Granner and Nathan; Louise and Jack Wilson; and Keith Schaffer.

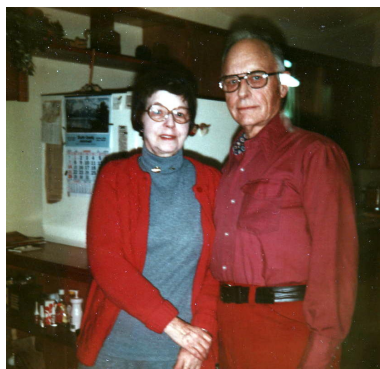
Mon Jan 1 – Clear & cold, high 3° above. Stayed home for meals. Watched bowl games.

Tue Jan 2 – Started Mac's cars. Went to the Des Moines airport at night after Mac & Wilma.

Fri Jan 5 – Lunch at Chef II, supper at Manley's. Marie here, Ralph sick. Stan phoned at 11 PM to visit.

Sat Jan 6 – Went to Des Moines shopping. Visited Wayne & Vivian in the afternoon.

Sun Jan 7 – Watched pro football in the afternoon. Jerry called, Judy in the hospital with brain trouble.



Helen and Dale at home

Tue Jan 9 – Lunch & supper at Manley's. Marie ate supper with us. Received 6 cups from Dalene, a Christmas present.

Thu Jan 11 – Snow most all day. Jerry phoned, Judy has to have surgery next week. Helen phoned Stan & Dalene about Judy.

Sat Jan 13 – Blizzard all day. 8 to 10 inches of new snow & drifted. Stayed home all day. Jerry phoned about Judy; will be operated on Friday.

Sun Jan 14 – Lots of snow on the ground. Snow drift 8 inches above the fence in the back yard.

Tue Jan 16 – Went to Des Moines for a treatment for Helen's back. Delivered cracked corn & eggs to Wayne & Vivian. Talked to Jerry; & Dalene.

Wed Jan 17 – Drove from Osceola to Owatonna, Minnesota. Supper at a Country Kitchen, all night in the Country Hearth motel.

Thu Jan 18 – Drove from Owatonna to Mpls. Went to see Judy at the hospital. Staying at Jerry & Judy's house.

Fri Jan 19 – In Mpls. Drove to the airport for Dalene in heavy snow. Judy operated on for a brain aneurism, resting OK by evening.

Sat Jan 20 – More snow, in Mpls. Judy had a good day. I talked to Nickolay by phone.

Sun Jan 21 – Mostly cloudy in Mpls. Watched the Super Bowl on TV. Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31. Diana Schmitt here in the evening.

Mon Jan 22 – Helen & I bought Dave a desk lamp & door mirror. Went to see Judy in the hospital.

Tue Jan 23 – Helen & I drove Judy's car to the hospital. Dalene staying with friends in Shoreview.

Wed Jan 24 – Drove home from Mpls by 6 PM. Stopped & shopped in Des Moines. Played pool at night. Good to be home.

Sat Jan 27 – Helen phoned Judy, she is home from her operation.

Sun Jan 28 – Dinner at home, Lela here for dinner. Lots of snow in the back yard. 14 inches (drift) above the 4 foot chain link fence.

Tue Jan 30 – Lunch at Chef II with Ralph & Marie. Worked on income tax in the afternoon.

Wed Jan 31 – Lunch at Whiteway, fried chicken. Supper at Manley's. Visited Mac & Wilma.

Sat Feb 3 – Mary took Marie to the hospital, we went to see her.

Sun Feb 4 – Stan & Nancy here at night, getting married in August.

Thu Feb 8 – Lunch at Chef II with Mac & Wilma. Watched Michigan beat Iowa 60 to 57 on TV.

Sat Feb 10 – Watched 2 hours of big band tunes, Tex Beneke, Helen O'Connell & Bob Eberly, 10:30 to 12:30 PM. Good. < Beneke played in the original Glenn Miller orchestra before World War II, and led it after the war. This performance was with former Jimmy Dorsey vocalists. >

Tue Feb 13 – Dalene phoned at night, she has a year off for other work.

Sat Feb 17 – Mac & Wilma, Lela, Helen & I to lunch at Chef II. Stan phoned about plans for marriage & apartment hunting, etc. Sent Dalene a letter.

Fri Feb 23 – To Des Moines for treatments & shopping. Visited Stan at work.

Thu Mar 1 – Nancy Weekman phoned from Indiana, will be here tomorrow.

Fri Mar 2 – Went to the Des Moines airport after Nancy, in Lela's car. Mac & Wilma took us to supper at Chef II for our 47th wedding anniversary.

Sat Mar 3 – Married 47 years ago tonight. Lunch at Chef II with Lela & Nancy, Mac & Wilma. Supper at Manley's with Stan & Nancy. Dalene phoned. Judy phoned.



Dale and Helen celebrate 47!



Lela and daughter Nancy Weekman were there



Stan and Nancy Raymond, too



Helen, Stan, Nancy, and Dale share a joke

Mon Mar 5 – Lunch at Chef II, supper at Manley's. Looked at carpeting at Redfern's. Card from Dalene for our 47th wedding anniversary.

Tue Mar 6 – Lela & Nancy here in the afternoon.

Thu Mar 8 – Took Nancy Weekman to the Des Moines airport.

Sun Mar 11 – Supper at Manley's with Stan, Nancy, & her 2 girls Jill & Amy. Stored furniture for Stan & Nancy, in the garage.

Mon Mar 12 – Went to Dr. Brown in Des Moines for eye tests, ordered glasses from Benson's. Stan & Nancy here for supper at Manley's. Showed movies at night.

Thu Mar 15 – Lunch at Chef II with Mac & Wilma & Lela. Watched Iowa high school boys' basketball tourney in the afternoon & evening.

Fri Mar 16 – Nice day. I watched boys' high school basketball afternoon & night.

Sat Mar 17 – Sent Dalene anniversary pictures. Watched some good college & high school basketball games in the afternoon & evening. Marie here; Wilma here.

Fri Mar 23 – Went to Des Moines for a treatment for Helen, & to pick up my new glasses. They are fine in every way. Drove home in a real blizzard, stopped at Manley's for supper. Blizzard all evening till about midnight. Wild day.

Mon Mar 26 – Dalene phoned in the afternoon. Watched Michigan State beat Indiana for title at night.

Tue Mar 27 – Helen & I ate lunch at Meal Site for 75¢ each. Good meal. Supper at Manley's.

Thu Mar 29 – Lunch at Whiteway with Mac & Wilma, & Lela. Stormy at night.

Sat Mar 31 – Went to Des Moines to visit Wayne & Vivian. Early supper with Stan & Nancy at Denny's on Fleur.

Mon Apr 2 – Helen & I to Des Moines shopping for carpet. Supper at Manley's with Mac & Wilma.

Tue Apr 3 – Looked at Osceola & Woodburn for carpeting, found it at Woodburn.

Wed Apr 4 – Bought 59.56 square yards of carpet of Iowa Furniture of Woodburn. Lela & us took Mac & Wilma out to Chef II for supper, Wilma is 74 today.

Thu Apr 5 – Phoned Dalene to tell her about the new carpet.

Fri Apr 6 – Took Lela to Des Moines to visit Jackie at a Ramada Inn.

Sat Apr 7 – Helped Stan & Nancy move to an apartment on Park Avenue in Des Moines. Hauled 3 loads in the Chevette; 3 in Stan's Magnum; & 2 in Nancy's Honda.

Sun Apr 8 – Helen & I took the living room carpet up & folded it, some job. Stan & Nancy came in the afternoon. Supper at Manley's with them.

Tue Apr 10 – Helen & I to Des Moines by 7:15 AM to transfer carpet to Stan's trunk & he took it to Mpls.

Wed Apr 11 – Stan phoned. Matt & Ginny are with him.

Fri Apr 13 – Nice day, windy. Stan, Ginny & Matt here for lunch & pool all afternoon. Lunch at Chef II with the family.

Sun Apr 15 – I laid carpet in both bathrooms in forenoon. Looks nice. Bill Eggleston died < *grandson of Aaron Lewis* >. Mac & Wilma here.

Wed Apr 18 – Helen & I to Des Moines to Bill Eggleston's funeral.

Sat Apr 21 – Phoned Stan to come tomorrow to help move furniture, etc.

Sun Apr 22 – Beautiful day. Moved everything out of the front room. Stan & Nancy helped. We all had supper at Manley's. Stopped to visit Mac & Wilma after supper.

Wed Apr 25 – New carpet installed. New RCA TV delivered at 5:45 PM. What a day. Mac & Wilma here. Dalene phoned at night.

Thu Apr 26 – Sawed 3 doors off to fit our new carpet. New carpet & TV are great.

Mon Apr 30 – Went to Des Moines shopping & to see Wilma in the hospital. Visited Wayne & Vivian.

Tue May 1 – Marie is 61 years old.

Wed May 2 – Took Mac & Wilma their mail to the Des Moines hospital. Visited Wayne & Vivian.

Fri May 4 – Went to Des Moines to see Wilma in the hospital. Watched pro basketball at night.

Sat May 5 – Dalene phoned, coming home July 28th for vacation.

Sun May 6 – Wilma came home from the hospital. Stan, Nancy, & Jeff here in the afternoon.

Wed May 9 – Helen & I went shopping in Des Moines for a chair for her. Bought a rust color swivel rocker at Woolco West. Beautiful thing. Helen had a treatment.

Thu May 10 – Rode out to Jack's & took pictures of farm machinery.

Fri May 11 – Dalene phoned, going to Mexico this weekend. Watched Phoenix beat Seattle in pro basketball

Sat May 12 – Went to a sale at the Casey farm. Bought Helen a jewel box for Mother's Day. Jerry & Judy, Ginny, Chris, & Matt here in the afternoon.



Judy and Jerry in Dale and Helen's front yard



Dale and Helen's front yard light-pole planter

Sun May 13 – Placed artificial geraniums in front windows & wheelbarrow in back yard. Stan, Nancy, & girls here, took us to supper for Mother's Day.

Fri May 18 – Jack & Louise & Lela here at night < *Louise Yates Wilson was Lela's sister-in-law* >.

Tue May 22 – Uptown in the morning. Earl & Dorothy here in the afternoon. City tearing up our street in preparation to paving.

Thu May 24 – Paving workers working on the street, grading etc. Lunch at Manley's, supper at home.

Sat May 26 – I bought a 22 inch power lawn mower, one year old, at a sale in the afternoon. Stan & Nancy came to stay all night. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Sun May 27 – Perfect day. Stan & Nancy here. Judy phoned. We barbecued steaks & pork chops. I cleaned up the power mower I bought yesterday.

Tue May 29 – Paving crew working all day on State Street, ready to pave tomorrow. Watched Seattle beat Washington DC in pro basketball at night, overtime.

Wed May 30 – STATE STREET WAS PAVED TODAY. Much better. I watched most of the time, & took pictures. I hauled 16 wheelbarrow loads of fine crushed rock to our driveway in the evening, from paving company leavings. I got permission from "the S&W man."

Mon Jun 4 – To Des Moines shopping. Saw Stan at work. Sat on the patio in the evening.



Helen and Dale enjoy their back yard in late afternoon

Thu Jun 7 – I'm the first State Street resident to use the new pavement. Used car ramps to get on the pavement. Dalene phoned at night to visit.

Fri Jun 8 – Don Cole hauled 2300 pounds crushed rock for our driveway & I shoveled it off the truck so we can use our driveway now.

Sat Jun 9 – Stan & Nancy here, we went to Chef II for lunch. Went to a household goods sale in the afternoon in the rain. Supper at Manley's.

Tue Jun 12 – To Des Moines for prescriptions. Stan & Matt, Nancy & Amy and Jill here at night.

Thu Jun 14 – Set out 2 tamarack trees in the back yard. Carpet man here to look at a carpet flaw. Maybe 35% off for us.

Fri Jun 15 – I picked almost 4 quarts of strawberries in Wilma's patch & helped clean them.

Mon Jun 18 – Stan & Nancy took us to supper at Chef II, for Father's Day. I typed a list of 1929 OHS graduating class with addresses.

Sat Jun 23 – Helen busy with her 50th 1929 class reunion tomorrow. Had sodas at Chef II about 9 PM.

Sun Jun 24 – Helen's class of 1929 had its 50th reunion at Chef II & the library. Stan & Nancy here in the evening. Also Katherine Coyne & her husband from Omaha.

Wed Jun 27 – Took Lela to Des Moines to Dr. Richards. Dalene phoned at night about air travel July 28th to here.

Fri Jun 29 – Dalene phoned, moving to Santa Monica July 14th, less rent.

Mon Jul 2 – Brought Helen lunch from Chef II. Mowed the back yard in the afternoon. Made ice cream in late afternoon, good. Stan, Nancy, & girls here all night for the circus tomorrow.

Tue Jul 3 – Watched the circus arrive & unload in an empty field by the high school, west of the house. Elephants helped stalled trucks, etc. Stan, Nancy & girls, Marie, & I took pictures. Lunch for Mac & Wilma's 11th wedding anniversary at Chef II, Ruth, Lela, Mac, Wilma, Helen & I.



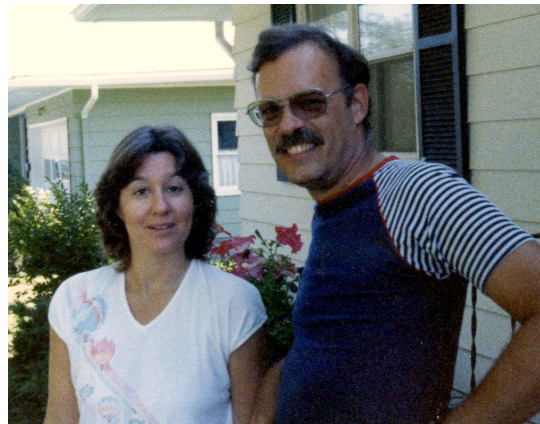
Barbara, left, was 9½ feet tall, weighed six tons



Elephants pull a truck through mud, Stan at the right



The Big Top is up!



Nancy and Stan ready for the circus

Wed Jul 4 – Fourth of July parade but Helen & I didn't go. Stan & Nancy did. Lunch at Manley's, supper at a church stand in the park. Stan put splash guards on his Magnum.

Sun Jul 8 – Marie & Ralph left on vacation. Doug, Susan, & Nathan went home about 7 PM.

Tue Jul 10 – Paving crew finished our street this afternoon.

Thu Jul 12 – I'm 70 years old today. Stan phoned in the evening.

Thu Jul 19 – Clear, 80° & beautiful. Bought a new hose reel cart. It's a dandy. Stan & Nancy here in the evening. Phoned Dalene later.

Fri Jul 20 – Helen is 68 today. Lunch at Chef II with Mac & Wilma, & Lela. Dalene phoned in the evening about insurance.

Sun Jul 22 – Dinner & supper at Manley's. Quiet day. Judy phoned at night to visit.

Wed Jul 25 – Marie & Ralph are home from vacation trip.

Thu Jul 26 – We all took Lela to her 70th birthday dinner at Chef II.

Sat Jul 28 – Phoned Dalene in the morning. She is coming today.

Sun Jul 29 – Stan & Nancy brought Dalene here in the evening to stay a week.

Mon Jul 30 – Dalene here. Lunch at Chef II; also supper there with Jack & Margie.

Tue Jul 31 – I drove Jack's car back to the farm from taking them to the Des Moines airport. Stan & Nancy here for supper at Chef II, Dalene too.

Thu Aug 2 – Drove Lela to her Des Moines eye doctor. Dalene took our car to visit Stan & Nancy. Drove Lela's car back here at night. Mac & Wilma here in the evening.

Fri Aug 3 – Mac & Wilma took us to supper at Chef II. Dalene here, stayed last night with Stan & Nancy in Des Moines.

Sat Aug 4 – Took Dalene, Stan & Nancy to Preservation Hall jazz concert at Des Moines Civic Center at night. Jeff & Mary Jane here all night < *they were engaged to be married in November* >, Dalene too.

Sun Aug 5 – Stan & Nancy married here on the back lawn at 5:30 PM; & dinner afterwards at Chef II, now Family Table. Big day all around.



Family gathered in Dale and Helen's back yard



Jeff, in Navy hat, was Best Man



Dalene, Ginny, Maid of Honor, Jill, Nancy, Amy, Stan



*Back: Dave, Jeff, Chris;
Front: Ginny, Matt, Jill, Amy*

Mon Aug 6 – Took Dalene to the Des Moines airport for L.A. at 2 PM. Home, rested in the afternoon. Supper at home.

Thu Aug 9 – Lunch at Family Table, also supper. I mowed the lawn with the riding mower in the evening. Card from Stan & Nancy, from Kearney, Nebraska. Received a desk pad from Sunset House.

Sat Aug 11 – Helen & I to Des Moines shopping. Visited Wayne & Vivian. Bought white rubber splash guards for the Chevette.

Sun Aug 12 – Stayed home for dinner, roast pork. Helen took a long nap in the afternoon, I watched pro football in the afternoon & evening.

Tue Aug 14 – Lunch at Family Table, supper at home. Phoned Dalene at night to visit.

Wed Aug 15 – Started on a 3 day diet. Card from Stan & Nancy from the Black Hills.

Fri Aug 17 – Lunch at Family Table, supper at Manley's. Earl & Dorothy, Mac & Wilma, Merle & Beulah, Stan & Nancy here, at different times. Stan & Nancy all night.

Sat Aug 18 – Lunch at Family Table with Mac & Wilma, Lela, Helen & I, Stan & Nancy.

Fri Aug 24 – Helen & I to Des Moines shopping & treatments. Ate lunch with Mac & Wilma at Bishop's at Merle Hay Mall. I bought a new Timex wrist watch. Took pictures & fruit to Stan at Massey Ferguson.

Sun Aug 26 – Wilma here in the afternoon. Marie here in the evening.

Tue Aug 28 – I mowed the parking & part of Moore's lawn in the afternoon. Lunch at Family Table, Helen drove there & home.

Wed Aug 29 – Took Mac to his birthday dinner at Family Table. Had ice cream & cake at Mac's.

Fri Aug 31 – To Des Moines to take Stan & Nancy some garden stuff. Lela in the hospital with bruises etc.; fell in her bedroom last night.

Sat Sep 1 – Lunch at Family Table, supper at Manley's. Judy phoned in the afternoon to visit.

Wed Sep 5 – Trimmed some evergreen hedge. Visited Lela at the hospital.

Sat Sep 8 – Stan & Nancy came about 11:30 to work on refinishing furniture & stayed all night. I drove John Adair's Omni & liked it better than the Chevette. Lunch at Family Table, supper at Manley's.

Wed Sep 12 – Dalene phoned, Beth is moving back to Illinois in November. Stan phoned about a job interview trip to Cleveland.

Thu Sep 13 – To Des Moines in the afternoon, took Lela to the doctor; Stan ate supper with us.

Sun Sep 16 – TV in the afternoon, pro football. In the hammock on the patio too.

Mon Sep 17 – Mac & Wilma here. Lunch & supper at Family Table. Stan phoned, coming down tomorrow.

Tue Sep 18 – Stan & Nancy here to pick up furniture. Lunch at Family Table. Helen & I to Stan's to help unload. Both had treatments at Dr. Richards.

Fri Sep 21 – Lunch at Family Table with Mac, Wilma, & Lela. Walked downtown in the afternoon.

Sat Sep 22 – To Des Moines for a treatment for Helen. Phoned Dalene in the evening. Judy phoned at night.

Thu Sep 27 – Jack & Louise < *Gene's sister* > here a little while on their way to Ankeny.

Fri Sep 28 – Stan & Nancy came to stay all night, moving to Cleveland.

Sat Sep 29 – Drove from Osceola to Joliet, Illinois with Stan & Nancy, our car and hers, about 350 miles. Stopping at a Holiday Inn. Had dinner there too.

Sun Sep 30 – Drove from Joliet to Cleveland, Ohio, by 6 PM Eastern time. Staying all night at the Shaker House Motel. Supper at Denny's. With Stan & Nancy all day.

Mon Oct 1 – Drove 470 miles from Cleveland to Farmer City, Illinois. All night at the Gateway Inn Motel. Supper at a Hen House restaurant.

Tue Oct 2 – Drove from Farmer City to Osceola, 311 miles. Lunch in Monmouth, Illinois. Supper at Manley's. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Thu Oct 4 – Lunch at Family Table with Pierce & Alice, Mac & Wilma, Lela, & us. Stan phoned, they bought a condominium in a Cleveland suburb.

Sat Oct 6 – Dalene phoned in the evening, she found a nice apartment in Palos Verdes, November 1st. She is happy with it.

Fri Oct 12 – Went to Des Moines to meet Stan & Nancy at the airport. Stan got his Magnum. Dalene bought a late 1973 reconditioned VW Bug today. Stan, Nancy & girls here all night.



A 1973 Volkswagen

Sat Oct 13 – Stans here till 6:40 PM, left for Cleveland.

Sun Oct 14 – Pro football all afternoon & evening. Stan phoned in the evening, from Cleveland.

Tue Oct 16 – Helen took the driver's test & got her driver's license, 1st one in 40 years. Sent Dalene a letter. We phoned her in the evening about Helen's driver's test.

Fri Oct 19 – I went to a high school football game at night. Osceola got beat by Winterset, 24 -16. Card from Jeff.

Thu Nov 1 – Took Lela to her eye doctor in Des Moines. Bought a new light grey vested suit at Woolco.

Fri Nov 2 – I wore my new suit to Fred Moore's funeral, I was a pall bearer. Went to a high school football game at night.

Sun Nov 4 – Stan & Nancy phoned from Cleveland, wants us to come for Thanksgiving; Dalene phoned from Redondo Beach. Watched pro football all afternoon. Supper at home.

Mon Nov 12 – Went to Des Moines after Mac & Wilma at the airport, back from Texas. Visited Wayne & Vivian.

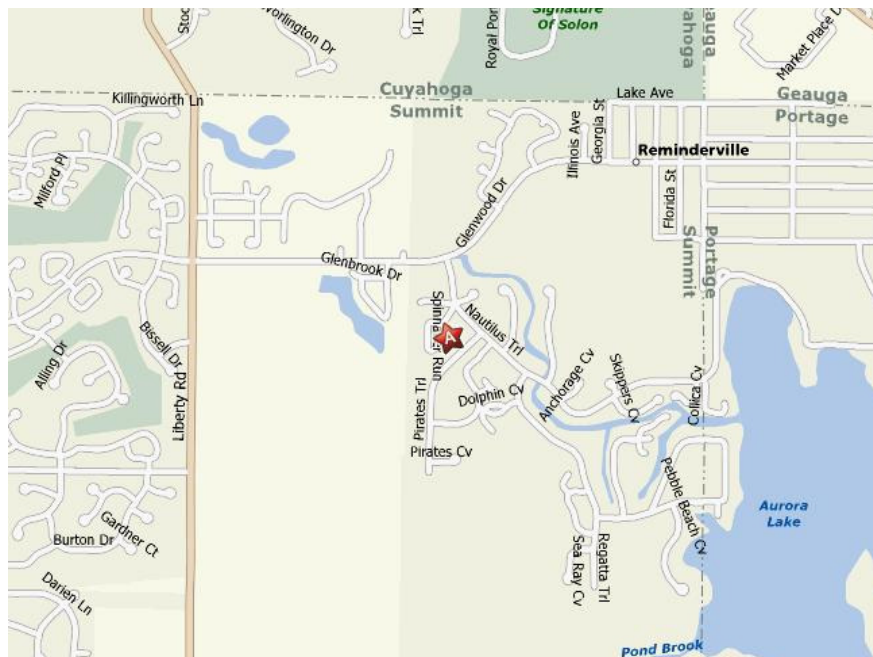
Wed Nov 14 – Mac & Wilma here, Mac drove the Chevette. Lela & us to lunch at Whiteway.

Sat Nov 17 – Watched football in the afternoon. Stan & Nancy phoned about our trip next week.

Mon Nov 19 – Greg Raymond brought Nancy's daughters here in the evening. Getting ready to drive to Cleveland tomorrow. Phoned Dalene in the evening. Stan & Nancy phoned.

Tue Nov 20 – Drove from Osceola to Crawfordsville, Indiana. Supper & room at a Holiday Inn.

Wed Nov 21 – Drove from Crawfordsville to Cleveland. Staying with Stan & Nancy. Amy & Jill with us on the trip.



Stan and Nancy's condo on Spinnaker Run, Aurora Shores, OH

Thu Nov 22 – Thanksgiving at Stan & Nancy's. Turkey etc. for a good dinner. Watched pro football all afternoon. Stan gave me an Instamatic Kodak camera, mine wore out. Judy phoned in the evening.

Fri Nov 23 – In Cleveland. Went downtown with Stan by car & rapid transit trolley. Lunch with Nancy, & looked around downtown Cleveland. Watched college football when we got home to Stan's.

Sat Nov 24 – In Cleveland. Stan went to Memphis to Jeff's wedding. Nancy & girls went shopping, Helen & I stayed home. I watched college football all afternoon. Stan got home about 11:45 PM.



Mary Jane Hall and Jeffrey Gardner married in Memphis, TN

Sun Nov 25 – In Cleveland. We all went to breakfast at Dutch Pantry. Watched pro football all afternoon at Stan's. Loaded the car at night for our trip home tomorrow.

Mon Nov 26 – Drove 735 miles from Cleveland to Osceola from 6:15 AM to midnight. Very strong head winds. Brought Amy & Jill home to their father in Norwalk. Big, big driving day.

Wed Nov 28 – Wrote a letter to Stan & Nancy. Supper at home. Dalene phoned at night.

Mon Dec 3 – Helen talked to Nancy by phone. Visited Ruth.

Thu Dec 6 – Helen & I to Des Moines shopping. Visited Wayne & Vivian.

Sat Dec 8 – Stayed home all day. Watched football in the afternoon & read a lot. Phoned Stan & Nancy.

Wed Dec 12 – Nancy got a position with Sohio starting in January. Helen phoned Mpls, talked to David.

Thu Dec 13 – Painted my new clock shelf. Phoned Dalene in the evening. Packed her clock shelf & 2 candle holders to send to her.

Sat Dec 15 – Took Lela to the Des Moines airport. Sent Dalene's package by United Parcel.

Tue Dec 18 – Supper at Manley's with Mac & Wilma. Phoned Stan & Nancy; & Dalene.

Fri Dec 21 – Went to Dr. Phillip Sullivan; I may have neuritis plus B-12 deficiency. To Des Moines for medicine. Now taking quinine and amitriptyline HCl, 100 mg. Dalene phoned at night.

Mon Dec 24 – Lunch at Family Table. Stan, Nancy, & girls here for supper & all night.

Tue Dec 25 – Stan & Nancy & girls here to exchange Christmas presents & dinner. Stan flew home in the afternoon. Nancy here all night.

Wed Dec 26 – Nancy here all night, she spent the day in Des Moines with her girls, home after midnight.

Thu Dec 27 – Lunch at Manley's, supper too with Nancy.

Fri Dec 28 – I went to the Des Moines airport to get Stan at 10 PM, home by 11:40 PM.

Sat Dec 29 – Stan & Nancy left at 9:30 AM for Cleveland. We had lunch at Family Table, supper at home. Quiet here.

Sun Dec 30 – Dinner at Manley's, supper at home. Watched pro football all afternoon.

Mon Dec 31 – Last day of 1979. Watched Bowl games. Mac & Wilma came home from Texas.