

The Gardners in 1981 – Isaac Newton Gardner (1851-1909) and Nancy Ellen Williams (1856-1887) had Gilham, Elsie, Williams, Lena, and Charles.

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 and Amy.

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

Denny and Rosemary Foust had Melissa, Michael, and Jill.

Donald and Phyllis Reynolds had Donald and Ray.

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

James and Mary Kinsey had Jamie.

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, Stephen, and Rebecca.

Gary and Cynthia Algood had Brian and Rebekah.

Randy and Mary Thompson had Katie.

Elsie (1877-1960) and Fred Matheny (1870-1945) had Gilbert, Charles, Donovan, Anna Lois, 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 second husband 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;

Stanley is married to Nancy Raymond.

Jeffrey and Mary Jane Hall had Jessica and Rachel.

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 was married to Lela Schaffer; they 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.

Robert and Brenda Coppick had Tony and Angela.

Beverly and Steven Romano had Benjamin.

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 in 1981 – George (1868-1934) and Alice (1873-1930) had Lloyd, Earl, Pearl, Harley, Louie, Gerald, Wilma, Lela, and Helen.

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 “Lee” 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.

Anita and Joe Reynolds had Laura.

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

Michael and Kathryn Blair had Gabriel, Cade, and Jordanna.

Michele and Mark Zaragoza had Neeli and Brooke.

Melanie and Kenneth Smith had Natalie.

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 and Cory.

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. Carole is married to Robert Leisinger.

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 1981**

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#### **WORLD EVENTS**

- US-Iran agreement frees 52 hostages held in Teheran since 1979.
- Pope John Paul II wounded by gunman.
- Israel annexes the disputed Golan Heights territory.
- Egyptian president Anwar el-Sadat is assassinated by Islamic extremists during a military parade in Cairo.
- President Hilla Limann is overthrown in Ghana as Jerry J. Rawlings seizes power.

## U.S. EVENTS

- Ronald Reagan takes oath as 40<sup>th</sup> President.
- President Reagan wounded by gunman with press secretary and two law-enforcement officers.
- US Supreme Court rules, 4-4, that former President Nixon and three top aides may be required to pay damages for wiretap of home telephone of former national security aide.
- Reagan nominates judge Sandra Day O'Connor, 51, of Arizona, as first woman on US Supreme Court.
- Air controllers strike, disrupting flights; government dismisses strikers.

## SPORTS

- Super Bowl: Oakland defeats Philadelphia (27-10)
- World Series: Los Angeles Dodgers defeat New York Yankees (4-2)
- NBA Championship: Boston defeats Houston (4-2)
- NCAA Basketball Championship: Indiana defeats North Carolina (63-50)
- NCAA Football Champions: Clemson (12-0-0)

## ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

- Academy Award, Best Picture: *Ordinary People* (Paramount)
- Academy Award, Best Actor: Robert De Niro, *Raging Bull*
- Academy Award, Best Actress: Sissy Spacek, *Coal Miner's Daughter*
- Emmy Award, Best Drama Series: *Hill Street Blues* (NBC)
- Emmy Award, Best Comedy Series: *Taxi* (ABC)
- Tony Award, Best Musical: *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*
- Grammy Award, Record of the Year: "Sailing," Christopher Cross
- Grammy Award, Song of the Year: "Sailing," Christopher Cross, songwriter

## ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- MTV goes on the air running around the clock music videos, debuting with "Video Killed the Radio Star."
- The Supreme Court rules to allow television cameras in the courtroom.
- Pac-Man mania sweeps the country.



## MOVIES

- *Raiders of the Lost Ark, Time Bandits, Reds, On Golden Pond, Chariots of Fire*
- *Body Heat, An American Werewolf in London, Excalibur, Escape From New York, The Howling*

## SCIENCE

- AIDS is first identified.
- IBM introduces its first personal computer, running the Microsoft Disk Operating System (MS-DOS).



- The 236-mph TGV, Europe's first high-speed passenger train, begins operating out of Lyons, France.
- The FDA approves the use of the artificial sweetener aspartame (NutraSweet).

## DEATHS

- Joe Louis, American boxer; Anwar Sadat, President of Egypt; Bobby Sands, Irish political activist; Bill Haley, American rock & roll singer



## Diary of Dale Gardner 1981

*As this diary from 1981 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 Nancy live in Aurora, OH, and Stan works at Standard Oil of Ohio in Cleveland. Dalene lives in Redondo Beach, CA, and works at Xerox Computer Services. Dale is 71 years old, Helen is 69, and they drive a 1978 Chevette.*

*Dalene starts the year with successful surgery to remove a tumor. Xerox Computer Services transfers Dalene to their Chicago-area office, and she moves into a house in Wheaton, Illinois, and buys a 1981 Buick Skylark. Dale and Helen drive to Minneapolis, where Dale has a glucose tolerance test (for diabetes) and an electromyogram (for unexplained muscle weakness or pain). A month later, further tests by a neurologist assert that Dale is normal. Subsequently, Helen and Dale drive to Wheaton to visit Dalene and her roommate Beth. They repeat this trip in June to see grandson Chris graduate from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Wilma has bypass surgery in Des Moines. In December, Dale and Helen make their fifth trip of the year to Minneapolis for Helen to have a colon resection, and they spend Christmas and the rest of the year with Jerry and Judy.*

*Solidarity-inspired popular protests and a general strike lead to imposition of martial law and eventual outlawing of the Solidarity Party in Poland. Governments in the UK and elsewhere start the process of privatization of nationalized industries. Mohammed Ali finally retires with a career record of 55 wins and 5 defeats. Rupert Murdoch shuts down the Sunday Times due to an industrial dispute. Lady Diana Spencer marries Charles, Prince of Wales, in a televised event that captures worldwide attention. The term "Internet" is first mentioned. Post It Notes are launched by 3M Corporation. Notable births this year include Jessica Alba, Barbara and Jenna Bush, Hayden Christensen, Roger Federer, Josh Groban, Paris Hilton, Beyoncé Knowles, Anna Kournikova, Natalie Portman, Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake, and Serena Williams.*

*Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Lela Yates; Wilma and Mac McFarland; Bernice and Chuck Delmage; Vivian and Wayne Hanson and Don Hanson; Marie and Ralph Kimmel; Ruth Schaffer; Keith Schaffer; Bob Schaffer; Dorothy and Earl Schaffer; Opal and Don Schaffer; Nancy Weekman; and Leona and Bill Van Sant.*

Thu Jan 1 – Lunch at Manley's, supper at home. Watched bowl games & parades all afternoon & evening.

Fri Jan 2 – Finished nailing strips on the basement ceiling. Got my 32<sup>nd</sup> treatment at Dr. Andlehelm & legs hurt all evening. Lela came home, Mac & Wilma got her.

Sat Jan 3 – Phoned Dalene in the morning. Went to Lela's in the afternoon to visit. Helen phoned Stan & Nancy at night.

Mon Jan 5 – Dalene went into a hospital in L.A. We went to Des Moines for a prescription, etc.

Tue Jan 6 – Dalene operated on successfully for a tumor. She phoned us in the evening.

Sat Jan 10 – Dalene phoned, she is home from her operation. Worked on income tax.

Wed Jan 14 – Made a phone appointment for January 26 at 10 AM at Dr. Smith in Collins, Iowa.

Sat Jan 17 – Lela took us to lunch at Family Table. Judy phoned in the evening, talked 1 hour, nice visit with Helen.

Tue Jan 20 – Hostages freed from Iran. Reagan's 40<sup>th</sup> U.S. President inauguration today. Watched TV all day regarding hostages & Reagan. Dalene phoned in the evening, she is fine.

Fri Jan 23 – Helen & I to Des Moines shopping. Visited Chuck & Bernice; Wayne & Vivian. Phoned Dalene at night.

Sun Jan 25 – Oakland beat Philadelphia in the Super Bowl.

Mon Jan 26 – Drove to Collins, Iowa, for 1<sup>st</sup> acupuncture treatment by Dr. Smith. It helped my legs.

Thu Jan 29 – Took Lela to the eye doctor in Des Moines. Cruise control installed on 1978 Chevette today.

Fri Jan 30 – Mac & Wilma ate lunch with us at Family Table. Tried out the new cruise control, works fine. Stan, Nancy, Amy & Jill here all night.

Sat Jan 31 – Stans started home but roads too slick & muffler blew out too. Stayed all night here.



*Dale and Helen at home*



*Stan, Nancy, Jill, Amy were visiting*

Sun Feb 1 – Stormy, blizzard in the afternoon. Breakfast for us all at Family Table & stayed home the rest of the day. Stans left about 10 AM for Cleveland.

Tue Feb 3 – Stan & Dalene phoned in the evening about Dalene moving to Chicago.

Thu Feb 5 – Helen & I to Des Moines shopping. First trip with the new cruise control, works fine.

Sat Feb 7 – Watched Iowa beat Illinois in college basketball.

Tue Feb 10 – Stormy, blizzard all day & 6 inches of snow. High winds. Lunch at Family Table with Lela. Talked to Dalene on the phone. COLD. 8° below at midnight with a strong wind.

Thu Feb 12 – Dalene moved from Redondo Beach, California, to Wheaton, Illinois today. She phoned us at 10:30 PM from Wheaton.

Fri Feb 13 – Dalene phoned in the evening, from Chicago. Legs hurt all evening.

Sat Feb 14 – Supper at Family Table with Leota & Charlie Johnson.

Mon Feb 16 – Visited Marie awhile in the afternoon. Legs felt pretty good all day.

Thu Feb 19 – Mrs. Cochran died yesterday. Funeral tomorrow. Legs hurt in evening.

Fri Feb 20 – We went to Mrs. Cochran's funeral.

Mon Feb 23 – Helen & I to Dr. Smith in Collins for 2<sup>nd</sup> acupuncture treatment. Legs pretty good all evening.

Tue Feb 24 – Sent letters to Dalene, Stans, & Judy - with pictures. Legs hurt all evening.

Wed Feb 25 – Went to Dr. Sullivan in Leon, blood sugar count is 161 - should be 120. Blood pressure is 132/82. Legs good all day.

Thu Feb 26 – Went to Dr. P. Sullivan for tests. Have sugar diabetes (mild case). Took 5 hours, in the clinic mostly. Phoned Dalene at night. Helen canceled the acupuncture treatments.

Fri Feb 27 – Worked on a diabetes diet with the county nurse. Phoned Judy at night, she is going to set up a date for me for diabetes test in Mpls.

Sun Mar 1 –Dalene phoned twice about a Mpls doctor & her new car (Skylark).



*Dalene's Buick Skylark*



Mon Mar 2 – Mac & Wilma, Marie, & Ruth took us to lunch for our 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Tue Mar 3 – Married 49 years ago today. Mac & Wilma, Helen & I to Collins for acupuncture. Judy phoned at night, doctor appointment in Mpls 2:30 PM Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> for me.

Sat Mar 7 – Getting ready to go to Mpls tomorrow. Watched Ohio beat Iowa in basketball.

Sun Mar 8 – Helen & I drove from Osceola to Mpls. Staying at Jerry & Judy's. Legs didn't hurt all day or evening. I don't understand that.

Mon Mar 9 – In Mpls at Judy's & Jerry's. Talked to Nickolay & Carlson on phone.

Tue Mar 10 – Clear in Mpls. Helen, Judy, & I to Dr. Canfield about my legs. Prescribed Motrin & quinine. Talked to Carlson on the phone; & Rose Malingier too.

Thu Mar 12 – In Mpls. Helen & I went to Dr. Canfield's office for my glucose tolerance test.

Fri Mar 13 – In Mpls. Fine day. Helen & I went to Denny's for lunch near 35W South. I went to EPS in the afternoon. Saw Jerry Villela, Stan Small, Stan Senko, & several of the B. line girls I know.

Sat Mar 14 – In Mpls. Helen & I met Teri Lee for lunch at the Big Boy café in Columbia Heights. Took Dave to supper at Jerry's café. Legs hurt all evening.

Mon Mar 16 – In Mpls. Went to Southdale Fairview Hospital for Electromyogram in forenoon.

Tue Mar 17 – In Mpls. Helen & I & Judy to Dr. Canfield to learn I do NOT have sugar diabetes. Phoned Dalene & Wilma.

Wed Mar 18 – Drove from Mpls to Osceola. Lunch at a Country Kitchen in Owatonna, Minnesota. Helen phoned Stan.

Thu Mar 19 – Went to the library in the afternoon. Judy phoned, my Electromyogram was normal.

Fri Mar 20 – Walked once around the track at the football field. Had a treatment at Dr. Andlehelm & legs hurt all afternoon & evening.

Tue Mar 24 – Phoned Judy, Dr. Galbraith out of town. Legs hurt all day till evening after applying chloroform liniment.

Thu Mar 26 – Letter from Nancy with picture of Stan in 10 inches of snow on March 21<sup>st</sup> in Cleveland.



*Stan making a snow man in Ohio*

Mon Mar 30 – Judy phoned, I have an appointment at 3 PM April 13<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Galbraith in Mpls.

Tue Mar 31 – Phoned Dalene at night about the Mpls trip to the doctor.

Thu Apr 2 – Beautiful day. Marie here. Took the middle living room storm window off, also put a screen in the door from the stairs to the garage. Sent Judy a letter about my ailment for the doctor.

Sat Apr 4 – Wilma is 76 today, birthday lunch for her at Family Table.

Sat Apr 11 – Getting ready to go to Mpls tomorrow. Helen phoned Judy.

Sun Apr 12 – Drove from Osceola to Mpls to Jerry & Judy's . Nice day for driving. Legs bothered some driving but very little in the evening.

Mon Apr 13 – In Mpls. Went to Dr. Galbraith, neurologist, for exam, etc. Everything normal. He gave me prescriptions for Elavil and Prolixin to be taken together. My pain is "intractable pain." Talked to Lana, Carlson, & Nickolay.

Tue Apr 14 – Drove home from Mpls by 4 PM. Right leg bothered from Clear Lake on home but quiet all evening. Lunch at Faribault, supper at Family Table in Osceola. Helen phoned Judy in the evening.

Fri Apr 17 – Fine day. Stan & Nancy & girls here for overnight.

Sat Apr 18 – Stan, Nancy & girls here till evening then they took the girls home and Stan & Nancy stayed here all night.

Sun Apr 19 – Stan & Nancy left at 6:15 AM for Cleveland.

Thu Apr 23 – Took Mac & Wilma to the Des Moines bus station in early morning.



*Dale in his back yard*

Fri Apr 24 – Mowed the lawn. Lela drove to Estherville.

Sat Apr 25 – To Des Moines shopping. Visited Wayne & Vivian. Helen phoned Judy in the evening but Judy in Duluth, talked to Jerry.

Wed Apr 29 – Phoned Stans, Dalene, & Judy.

Thu Apr 30 – Talked to Marie on the phone.



Fri May 1 – Marie is 62 today. Took her to dinner at Family Table. Bought a used Sears air conditioner for Dalene. Keith here in the evening. Lela came home. Wilma phoned from N.Y.



*Dale and Helen on opposite sides of their dining room table*

Sun May 10 – Went to Des Moines after Mac & Wilma in the afternoon. Helen & I drove to Muscatine from 4 to 8 PM, staying at the Muskie Motel.

Mon May 11 – Drove from Muscatine to Wheaton, Illinois, by 3:30 PM. Staying with Dalene & Beth at their house on Ellis Avenue. Took them to supper. Had a fire in the fireplace in the evening.



*Dalene's house in Wheaton, Illinois, front and back - - Dale rocking by the fire*



*Helen, Dalene, and Beth each get a turn rocking by the fire*

Tue May 12 – In Wheaton. Lunch at County Seat, supper at home. Helen & Dalene talked to Bob Schaffer in the evening about a used TV.

Thu May 14 – In Wheaton. Supper at Grandma's Café in Glen Ellen, Illinois.

Sat May 16 – In Wheaton at Dalene's. Went to see Bob Schaffer in the afternoon. Dalene & Beth took us to supper at night to Ki's in Glen Ellen. Good food etc., expensive too.

Sun May 17 – In Wheaton at Dalene's. Put an air conditioner in Dalene's bedroom window. Loaded part of things in the car for the trip home tomorrow.

Mon May 18 – Drove from Wheaton, Illinois, to Osceola, 345 miles, by 3 PM. Helen phoned Stan & Dalene in the evening.

Wed May 20 – Put furniture on the patio, also awnings, in the afternoon. Cleaned old golf clubs. Stan phoned, we phoned Dalene about a violin. Marie here awhile in the evening.

Sun May 24 – Stan, Nancy & girls, David, girl friend, Chris, Ginny & Matt here for dinner. Marie here too. Stans stayed all night.

Mon May 25 – Stan & Nancy & girls here last night & today. Spent a lot of time on the patio.

Tue May 26 – Stan & Nancy left at 6:20 AM for home.

Wed May 27 – Loafed all day, went uptown in the morning & walked around the square. Lela to the hospital yesterday with a sprained ankle.

Fri May 29 – Went to Des Moines shopping. Visited Wayne & Vivian awhile in the afternoon.

Sat May 30 – I cemented Grandmother's < *Aurora Howard* > & Helen's mother's < *Alice Lewis* > headstones at the graveyard.

Tue Jun 2 – Took Helen to Dr. Sullivan, she has a flu virus. He will give me a prescription for Prolixin & Elavil.

Wed Jun 3 – Clear, 80°. Took it easy all day. Barbecued in the evening, steak & pork chops, for supper at home. Boy! It was good.



*Dale and Helen took each other's picture at home*

Sun Jun 7 – High wind & sultry, 84°. Tornados at night destroyed the Osceola airport & damaged the Woodburn furniture store, etc. No damage here at our house. One limb blown off a maple tree.

Mon Jun 8 – Lots of wind damage last night, but not at our house except one limb of leaves blown off. Cookout for supper, hamburgers.



Tue Jun 9 – I drove out to the home place & walked around. It's a mess, not like it was when we lived there 1921-1932.

Sun Jun 14 – Stormy. Tornados in Mpls & St. Paul, Helen phoned Judy, all OK.

Tue Jun 16 – Took Helen to Dr. Sullivan & he gave her different pills. Phoned Nancy at night, Stan is in Baltimore.

Wed Jun 17 – Beautiful day, windy. Don & Opal here in the evening.

Sun Jun 21 – Father's Day. Lunch at Family Table, supper at home. Judy phoned; Dalene phoned.

Sat Jun 27 – Phoned Dalene at night. Judy phoned in the evening.

Sun Jun 28 – Drove 160 miles to Muscatine in 3½ hours by 5 PM. Stayed at the Muskie Motel.

Mon Jun 29 – Visited Del Snyder in Muscatine. Drove to the alcohol plant. Drove from Muscatine to Wheaton. All night at Dalene's in Wheaton.

Tue Jun 30 – With Dalene in Wheaton. Lunch at Denny's. Beth cooked chicken for supper.

Wed Jul 1 – At Dalene's. Helen & I ate lunch at Wag's. I mowed the lawn. Jerry & Judy, Ginny & Matt arrived 4 PM. Cookout supper. Nice day.

Thu Jul 2 – We all went to Chris's boot camp training graduation at Great Lakes. Very impressive. All night at Dalene's.



*Great Lakes Naval Training Center*



*Dale and Helen congratulate Chris*



*Stan and Chris*

Fri Jul 3 – Drove home from Wheaton. Stan & Nancy bought me a Grass-Wip & Helen a necklace.

Sat Jul 4 – Lunch & supper at Whiteway. Walked around the park in the evening (Fourth of July). Stan & Nancy & girls here all night.

Sun Jul 5 – Stan & Nancy left about 6:20 AM. I mowed the lawn in the afternoon. Used the new Grass-Wip, works fine.

Tue Jul 7 – Looked at & drove a 1981 Malibu Classic, a beauty. Bought Lela's Sno-Pup for Dalene.

Thu Jul 9 – Took Mac & Wilma to their wedding anniversary dinner.

Sat Jul 11 – T. J. came over to visit a little while. Birthday dinner for me at Family Table.

Sun Jul 12 – I'm 72 today. Dalene phoned at night to wish me happy birthday.

Thu Jul 16 – Went to Dr. Benson in Des Moines for Helen's new teeth, had impressions made.

Mon Jul 20 – Judy & Jerry sent flowers to Helen for her birthday. Helen is 70 today. Dalene phoned from L.A.

Tue Jul 21 – Went to Des Moines to Dr. Benson regarding Helen's teeth. Helen had a treatment by Dr. Andlehelm.

Fri Jul 24 – Went to the dentist in Des Moines.

Sat Jul 25 – Went to 2 household sales. Stan phoned about coming this week-end.

Mon Jul 27 – Birthday dinner for Lela. Went to Des Moines for Helen's new teeth. Hurt her mouth & made her sick, had to take them out. Phoned Dalene in the evening.

Wed Jul 29 – Nice day. I got up at 2:30 AM to watch the royal marriage in London.

Thu Jul 30 – Took Lela after Nancy at the Des Moines airport. Bill & Leona & Marie here at night.

Fri Jul 31 – Had a dinner at Family Table for Bill & Leona then to Marie's for ice cream & cake. I sat in the park in the afternoon.

Sat Aug 1 – Went to Aunt Minnie's funeral in the morning < *Minnie Schaffer was Helen's aunt, married to Bert Chandler* >. Stan & Nancy & 4 kids came in a new Dodge van, beautiful thing.



*Stan and Nancy's van; Dave and Matt broad-jumping in the athletic field near Dale and Helen's house*

Sun Aug 2 – Stan etc. left before 5 AM for St. Louis in the new van.

Mon Aug 3 – Took Helen's teeth back to Dr. Benson.

Tue Aug 4 – Judy phoned at night, coming Thursday.

Wed Aug 5 – Marie here in the evening.

Thu Aug 6 – Jerry, Judy, & Chris came in the evening for a few days. Chris & I played 11 games of pool.

Fri Aug 7 – Fine day. Jerry, Judy, & Chris here; they went to Des Moines in the evening.

Sat Aug 8 – We all went out to Jack & Margie's in the afternoon. Looked at Jack's old car at Oliver's.

Sun Aug 9 – Jerry, Judy, Chris & I went to an auction in Van Wert. I bought an old farm lantern.



*Jerry and Judy, Dale and Helen in front of the garage*

Mon Aug 10 – Jerry & Judy went to Des Moines. Chris & I looked at cars.

Tue Aug 11 – Jerry, Judy & Chris still here.

Wed Aug 12 – Jerry, Judy, & Chris to Margie's for dinner. Jerry went to Mpls in the evening, Chris too. Judy stayed here.

Thu Aug 13 – Jerry came back from Mpls about 7 PM. Judy gave Helen a permanent wave.

Fri Aug 14 – Jerry & Judy still here. Took them a ride over the city. Ate a Muscatine watermelon.

Sat Aug 15 – Jerry & Judy still here, Jack & Margie came at night. Watched Rams beat Cowboys at night.

Sun Aug 16 – Stopped taking Prolixin & Elavil. Jerry & Judy left at 12:15 PM.

Mon Aug 17 – Called Stan in the evening, they're coming this week-end.

Fri Aug 21 – Mowed the back yard in the afternoon. Talked to T. J. Laing. Ate supper with Mac & Wilma. Talked to Dalene.

Sat Aug 22 – Stan, Nancy, Ginny, & Matt came in the evening for all night. Watched Cowboys beat Steelers 24-14 at night.

Sun Aug 23 – Stans left about 9:30 AM for Mpls.

Fri Aug 28 – Marie & Ralph came home, drove over 6200 miles. Phoned Vera Gardner.

Sat Aug 29 – Took Mac & Wilma to Mac's birthday dinner at Family Table. Card from Dorothea.

Thu Sep 3 – Bought a 22 inch self-propelled mower for Dalene. Phoned her at work.

Sat Sep 12 – Watched college football in the afternoon. Went to see Marie in the hospital in the evening.

Sun Sep 13 – Merle Osterquist here in the afternoon. Ginny phoned in the afternoon for Grandparents Day. Helen phoned Dalene at Stan & Nancy's at night.

Thu Sep 17 – Drove to Mpls to Judy's. Watched Eagles beat Buffalo in pro football.

Sat Sep 19 – Had a spasm at 5 AM in my right foot at Judy's, decided to come home. Drove from Mpls to Osceola by 3:15 PM.

Tue Sep 22 – Clear. 78°. Windy. I put 3 wooden frame storms on the bedrooms, over the metal combinations. Changed Lela's furnace filter. I weigh 172.

Wed Sep 23 – Ate at Family Table, with Lela.

Fri Sep 25 – Talked to Dalene at night - she is coming Monday or Tuesday.

Sun Sep 27 – Called Stan & Nancy; & Matt. Watched pro football in the afternoon.

Tue Sep 29 – Dalene drove in about 3:45 PM to stay a few days.

Thu Oct 1 – I put splash guards on Dalene's front wheel wells. Marie here in the afternoon.

Fri Oct 2 – Took Dalene to Jack & Margie's in the afternoon. Got packed to go to Mpls tomorrow.

Sat Oct 3 – Drove from home to Mpls by 4 PM. Dalene drove also, in her car. Nice evening at Jerry & Judy's.



*Ginny and a cat by the fire*

Sun Oct 4 – In Mpls. I watched pro football all afternoon. Stayed in the house all day, very quiet. Jerry made a delicious dinner at 6 PM.

Mon Oct 5 – In Mpls. Showed Dalene the way out of the Twin Cities. Visited Nickolay from 9 to 10 AM. Helen & I to Wards for lunch, then to EPS & Columbia Heights. Home to Jerry & Judy's about 4 PM.

Tue Oct 6 – Drove home from Mpls.



Wed Oct 7 – Mac took Wilma to the hospital at 2 AM. Heart trouble, better by evening.

Thu Oct 8 – Wilma taken to Methodist Hospital in Des Moines for further check.

Fri Oct 9 – Wilma had another bad spell in the morning.

Sat Oct 10 – Helen & I to Des Moines. Wilma operated on for by-pass at 2 PM. Visited with Wayne & Vivian.

Mon Oct 12 – To Des Moines to see Wilma in the hospital.

Thu Oct 15 – Went to Des Moines to see Wilma in the hospital.

Sat Oct 17 – Watched football on TV. Wilma had a blood transfusion.

Sun Oct 18 – Watched a lot of pro football in the afternoon & evening. Wilma is better.

Wed Oct 21 – Went to Des Moines to see Wilma in the hospital.

Thu Oct 22 – Don Schaffer & us went to Des Moines to bring Wilma home from the hospital.

Fri Oct 23 – Stan & Nancy came about 8:30 AM.

Sat Oct 24 – Stan & Nancy & girls here, girls till evening, Stan & Nancy all night.

Sun Oct 25 – Stan & Nancy left for Cleveland at 6 AM. Went to see Wilma at noon. Watched pro football all afternoon.

Wed Oct 28 – Cloudy. Windy. Very quiet day. Watched Dodgers win the World Series.

Fri Oct 30 – Visited Wilma. Went to a high school home football game.

Tue Nov 3 – Helen talked to Dalene, & Judy at night about Christmas.

Thu Nov 12 – Topped one poplar tree & legs hurt all evening. Read old letters written in 1936 & 1937 etc. by us to the folks. Very interesting.

Fri Nov 13 – Hired Bob Waters to trim the poplars. All done by 3 PM.

Sun Nov 15 – Took a walk around the football field in the morning. Watched pro football in the afternoon. Judy phoned about Thanksgiving.

Tue Nov 17 – Fine day. I walked 1½ miles downtown & back in the afternoon.

Wed Nov 18 – Dalene phoned at night, coming for Christmas on the train.

Thu Nov 19 – Stan phoned at night about Thanksgiving dinner here.

Mon Nov 23 – Judy phoned in evening about coming Thanksgiving. Atlanta beat Vikings in pro football.

Thu Nov 26 – Jerry, Judy, Ginny, Matt; Stan, Nancy, Lela, Dale & Helen here for Thanksgiving.



*Thanksgiving: Stan, Ginny, Nancy, Judy, Jerry*



*Jerry carves the turkey*



*Judy, Nancy, Ginny, Stan, Lela, Jerry, Helen, and Matt ready for dinner*

Fri Nov 27 – Family still here, except Dalene. We all ate breakfast at Whiteway at 10 AM. Watched college football in the afternoon on TV. Supper at home.

Sat Nov 28 – Breakfast at Family Table. Jerry & Judy & 2 kids went home about 1 PM. Watched Bear Bryant win his 315<sup>th</sup> college football game with Alabama. Stan & Nancy here all night.

Sun Nov 29 – Sunny part of the time. Stan & Nancy left at 7 AM for Cleveland, Stan phoned at night: all OK. Watched pro football all afternoon.

Tue Dec 1 – Looked at a 1978 Aspen in the morning. Judy phoned in the evening, made a doctor appointment on December 11<sup>th</sup> for Helen at 4 PM.

Wed Dec 2 – Nice day. Bought a new 7 foot artificial Christmas tree at Robinson's.

Thu Dec 3 – Bought a Christmas music box for the Christmas tree lights < see *December 7* >. Watched Oilers beat Cleveland on night pro football. Put up the new Christmas tree.

Sat Dec 5 – Finished decorating our Christmas tree, 120 lights & everything. Watched Iowa beat Marquette 68 to 65 in overtime, at night.

Mon Dec 7 – Helen found out how to make the Christmas tree lights keep time to the music box. Visited Mac & Wilma in the evening.

Tue Dec 8 – Mac & Wilma here in the evening to see our Christmas tree.

Wed Dec 9 – Drove to Mpls by 3 PM. Supper at Judy's.

Fri Dec 11 – In Mpls. Took Helen to Dr. Canfield for examination & tests. Go tomorrow for more tests.

Sat Dec 12 – In Mpls. Helen to the hospital for kidney X-ray, colon X-ray (barium enema).

Sun Dec 13 – In Mpls at Jerry & Judy's. Helen feels better today.

Mon Dec 14 – Clear & cold in Mpls. Helen, Judy, & I to Dr. Canfield's office in the afternoon for a conference. Helen to the hospital tomorrow for tests, some obstruction in the lower bowel. Phoned Dalene, Stan, Wilma, & Lela the news.

Tue Dec 15 – In Mpls. Took Helen to Southdale-Fairview Hospital by noon for admittance. Stayed with her till 8 PM, Judy & Jerry there in the evening. Helen will be operated on at 7:30 AM Thursday for a bowel obstruction. Phoned Dalene & Stan. I'm at Jerry's all night.

Wed Dec 16 – Cold in Mpls, zero to 6° all day. Helen had a colonoscopy about noon, no sign of a tumor. Operation set for tomorrow to remove a portion of the bowel. Dalene came on plane at 5 PM, I met her.

Thu Dec 17 – In Mpls. Helen operated on for removal of 9 inches of her lower bowel at Southdale-Fairview Hospital. Slowly waking up by 5 PM but still groggy.

Fri Dec 18 – In Mpls. Visited Helen at the hospital, she sat up in a chair; & also walked a little in the evening. Called Wilma at night.

Sat Dec 19 – In Mpls. Went to the hospital in the morning & afternoon to see Helen. She is better every day. Went with Judy shopping for a Christmas present for Helen in the Eden Prairie shopping center.

Sun Dec 20 – In Mpls. Helen was moved out of the ICU to a regular room. Stan phoned at night.

Mon Dec 21 – In Mpls. With Helen from 11 AM to 7:40 PM at the hospital. Her operation was a colon resection. Watched pro football on TV at night.

Tue Dec 22 – I drove from Mpls to Osceola by 1:15 PM. Came after presents & to pay some bills. Visited Mac & Wilma, talked to Marie by phone.

Wed Dec 23 – Drove from Osceola to Mpls. Went to the hospital to see Helen. She is much better today. Wrapped 11 presents. Chris came home on leave from the Navy.



*Chris on leave at Judy and Jerry's*

Thu Dec 24 – In Mpls. Brought Helen home to Judy's from the hospital, been there since the 15<sup>th</sup>. Everybody here, including Stan & Dalene.

Fri Dec 25 – Christmas in Mpls, Helen & I; Jerry & Judy; David, Chris, Virginia, & Matt; Stan & Nancy; Mrs. Conn; Jerry's two children, & Dalene. Nice dinner at Judy's.

Sat Dec 26 – In Mpls. Light snow all day. I showed Jerry how to operate the snow blower. Stan & Nancy brought Amy & Jill in the afternoon. Ate my first tacos. Dalene went to a party at night.

Sun Dec 27 – In Mpls. I had lunch at Jerry's restaurant. Helen is slowly better. Stan & Nancy & girls here, Dalene, Jerry & Judy & Chris, Virginia, & Matt. I went grocery shopping in the afternoon. Several went ice skating on the pond behind Judy and Jerry's house.

Mon Dec 28 – Clear & cold in Mpls. Helen dressed for the first time in 2 weeks & went to Dr. Larson's office. I had lunch at Jerry's restaurant. Dalene & Chris left for home; Stan, Nancy & girls for Iowa.

Tue Dec 29 – In Mpls. I drove to the St. Paul Federal Building & then to Phillips & to Columbia Heights. Helen changed her incision dressing herself.

Wed Dec 30 – Snowy in Minneapolis. Helen & I to lunch at Jerry's restaurant. Talked to Nickolay & Larson on the phone.

Thu Dec 31 – In Mpls. Ate lunch at Jerry's restaurant. Sent a letter to Jack Owens. New Year's Eve at Jerry & Judy's.