

The Gardners in 1983: 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, Amy, and James.

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 and James.

Cheryl and Joseph Shutt had Christina, Linda, and Joseph.

Phillip and Janet Shrader had Susannah, Phillip, and Deborah.

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 Daryl Paschall had Patti.

Cheryl was married to Tom West; they had Jessica.

Vicki was married to David Averbach.

Patti marries Timothy Summers.

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

Marie and Robert White had Gregory and Brenda.

Mary marries Ronald Keller.

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.

Christopher marries Catherine Olson.

Dalene marries Russell Riggs.

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; see Schaffers below

Charles (1884-1965) and Ida "Meda" Robins (1888-1957) had William Roswell.

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 Cottrell (Meda's niece) and Frank Gonseth had Jon and Debra.

The Schaffers in 1983: George (1868-1934) and Alice Lewis (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, Jordanna, and Keysto.

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; Steven is married to Linda Knapp.

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.

Lela and Gene Yates had Nancy and Robert.

Nancy and Gerald Weekman had Thomas and James.

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

### Highlights of 1983

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#### WORLD EVENTS

- South Korean Boeing 747 jetliner bound for Seoul apparently strays into Soviet airspace and is shot down by a Soviet S-15 fighter after it had tracked the airliner for two hours; all 269 aboard are killed.
- Terrorist explosion kills 237 US Marines in Beirut.
- US invades Grenada.

## U.S. EVENTS

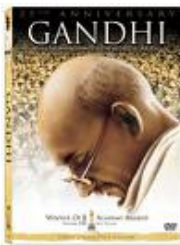
- Second space shuttle, Challenger, makes successful maiden voyage, which includes the first US spacewalk in nine years.
- US Supreme Court declares many local abortion restrictions unconstitutional.
- Sally K. Ride, 32, first US woman astronaut in space as a crew member aboard space shuttle Challenger.
- US admits shielding former Nazi Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie, 69, the “butcher of Lyon,” wanted in France for war crimes.

## SPORTS

- Super Bowl: Washington defeats Miami (27-17)
- World Series: Baltimore defeats Philadelphia Phillies (4-1)
- NBA Championship: Philadelphia 76ers defeat Los Angeles Lakers (4-0)
- NCAA Basketball Championship: North Carolina State defeats Houston (54-52)
- NCAA Football Champions: Miami FL (11-1-0)

## ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

- Academy Award, Best Picture: *Gandhi* (Columbia)
- Academy Award, Best Actor: Ben Kingsley, *Gandhi*
- Academy Award, Best Actress: Meryl Streep, *Sophie's Choice*



- Emmy Award, Best Drama Series: *Hill Street Blues* (NBC)
- Emmy Award, Best Comedy Series: *Cheers* (NBC)
- Tony Award, Best Musical: *Cats*
- Grammy Award, Record of the Year: “Rosanna,” Toto
- Grammy Award, Song of the Year: “Always on My Mind,” Johnny Christopher, Mark James and Wayne Carson, songwriters

## ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- With the introduction of noise-free compact discs, the vinyl record begins a steep decline.
- Harvey Fierstein's *Torch Song Trilogy* wins the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award and Tony Award for best play, marking the acceptance of gay theater.
- Singer Karen Carpenter dies of complications from anorexia nervosa at age 32.
- More than 125 million viewers tune in to the last episode of *M\*A\*S\*H*.

## MOVIES

- *The Right Stuff*, *A Christmas Story*, *Scarface*, *The King of Comedy*, *Risky Business*
- *Return of the Jedi*, *Trading Places*, *Terms of Endearment*, *War Games*, *The Big Chill*

## SCIENCE

- “Crack” cocaine is developed in the Bahamas, and soon appears in the United States.
- The FCC authorizes Motorola to begin testing cellular phone service in Chicago.
- The El Niño phenomenon disrupts global weather patterns.

## DEATHS

- Tennessee Williams, playwright; Karen Carpenter, singer and drummer; Buckminster Fuller, architect, inventor; Joan Miró, Spanish painter; Jack Dempsey, heavyweight boxer



### Diary of Dale Gardner 1983

*As this diary from 1983 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 Wheaton, IL, and works at Xerox Computer Services. Dale is 73 years old, Helen is 71, and they drive a 1980 Pontiac LeMans.*

*Dale writes that Lela is engaged, but he says nothing further about that. His legs continue to bother him. The big events of the year are weddings: Dalene's marriage to Russell Riggs; Mary Gardner's marriage to Ron Keller; and Chris Gardner's marriage to Cathy Olson. Dale and Helen ride the Amtrak, with Judy, Jerry, Ginny, and Matt, to Los Angeles for Dalene's wedding, while Nancy and Stan fly out. Late in the year, Dale stops eating chocolate and he notes that his legs quit hurting.*

*Unemployment rises in the U.S. to 12 million, the highest figure since 1941. China's population reaches 1 billion people. Civil war breaks out in Zimbabwe. President Ronald Reagan proposes the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), which became known as Star Wars. The ARPANET officially changes to use the Internet Protocol, creating the Internet. Spreadsheet program Lotus 1-2-3 is released; IBM introduces the IBM PC/XT, its first personal computer with a hard drive. Swatch introduces their first watches, and Cabbage Patch dolls are sold in stores and become a success. Notable births this year include Kim Clijsters, Nicky Hilton, Carrie Underwood, and Amy Winehouse.*

*Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Lela Yates; Marie and Ralph Kimmel; Susan Granner; Wilma and Mac McFarland; Mary and Ron Keller; Dorothy and Earl Schaffer; Ledell and Lester Schaffer; Louise and Jack Wilson; Ann Smith; Leona and Bill Van Sant; Irene and Larry Casey; and Margie and Jack Nish.*

Sat Jan 1 – Stayed home all day, watched bowl games & parades.

Sun Jan 2 – Watched a lot of pro football on TV all afternoon. Stan phoned, Lela phoned.

Mon Jan 3 – Went to the Des Moines airport after Lela, plane was late. Watched the last quarter Vikings beat Dallas.

Thu Jan 6 – I walked 12 blocks, to the bakery & back.

Sun Jan 9 – Watched pro football all afternoon. Ralph in the hospital.

Tue Jan 11 – Marie took Ralph to the Creston hospital this morning. I phoned Susan to find out.

Wed Jan 12 – Lela is engaged. Visited Marie & Susan at Marie's.

Sun Jan 16 – Watched a lot of pro football & college basketball all afternoon.

Thu Jan 20 – Took tax figures to Gary Kiner today for computation. Sent both returns in the mail today.

Sat Jan 22 – Watched Redskins beat Cowboys 33 to 17. Iowa basketball team got beat by last place Wisconsin.

Sun Jan 23 – Watched Miami beat NY Jets in pro football. Visited Mac & Wilma in the evening.

Tue Jan 25 – Stan phoned, will be here February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Wed Jan 26 – 2 inches of snow last night. Shoveled Ralph's walks & driveway.

Fri Jan 28 – Looked at new cars with Mac & Wilma. Watched Alabama upset UCLA in basketball at night.

Sat Jan 29 – Dorothea phoned in the morning to ask about Ralph. Watched a lot of basketball on TV. Iowa beat Indiana.

Sun Jan 30 – Watched the Super Bowl in late afternoon. Washington Redskins beat Miami Dolphins 27 to 17. Good game.

Mon Jan 31 – Went with Mac & Wilma to buy their new Chrysler New Yorker at Oliver's.

Fri Feb 4 – Looked at Wilma's new Chrysler New Yorker. Stans came about 11 PM.

Sat Feb 5 – Stans here. Dinner at Family Table, supper at home. Watched Purdue beat Iowa in college basketball at night.



*Amy and Jill Raymond with birthday cakes in Osceola*

Sun Feb 6 – Stans left about 3 PM.

Fri Feb 11 – Visited with Mac at Oliver's while he had a side strip put on the New Yorker. Helen talked to Ginny.

Sat Feb 12 – Took Lela some groceries in the morning. Watched basketball all afternoon. Saw Iowa beat Illinois by 2 points at night.

Sun Feb 13 – Nice day. Rode with Macs in their new New Yorker to supper at Family Table. Talked to Dalene at night.

Fri Feb 18 – Beautiful day. I took a walk to the square & back. Dalene phoned about good news on income tax refund.

Sun Feb 20 – Helen & I took a 6 block walk. Helen talked to Judy in the evening.

Wed Feb 23 – I walked uptown & back. Watched Purdue beat Illinois 56 to 54 on the last 3 second shot. Purdue was 20 points behind once.

Thu Feb 24 – Watched Iowa beat Wisconsin in college basketball at night by 30 points.

Fri Feb 25 – Called the telephone company for 2 phone jacks & 1 new phone. Jerry Weekman very sick with cancer.

Sat Feb 26 – Walked to Marie's & rode to the store with her. Watched college basketball in the afternoon. Watched replay of Ohio vs. Michigan. Received Federal income tax refund.

Sun Feb 27 – Watched Minnesota beat Iowa in college basketball by 2 points.

Mon Feb 28 – Went to Des Moines shopping. Watched the last episode of M-A-S-H at night.

Wed Mar 2 – Fantastic day. GTE man installed a phone jack near Helen's chair. Borrowed a phone from Mac till we can get one. Lela here.

Thu Mar 3 – Married 51 years ago today. Mac & Wilma paid for our dinner. Lela, Eliza Burkett, Grace Likes, & Marie & us were there at Family Table. Dalene; & Stan & Nancy phoned at night. Temperature today was 80°!



*Helen and Dale on their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary*

Sat Mar 5 – Ate lunch at Family Table with Lela. Watched college basketball in the afternoon.

Sun Mar 6 – Helen & I walked around the square. Lunch at Family Table, supper at home.

Tue Mar 8 – Helen baked some nice Polish muffins. Bought a telephone with a plug-in jack for Helen. Took Wilma's back to her.

Fri Mar 11 – Stan, Nancy & girls came about 5 PM. Supper at Family Table. Watched the high school girls' tourney at night.



*Stan, Jill, Nancy, Amy in Osceola*

Sat Mar 12 – Stans here, they went to Des Moines for the day. Fairfield girls won state high school basketball championship. Iowa beat Michigan State in college basketball at night.

Sun Mar 13 – Fine day. Stans left at 6 AM. Ate supper with Ralph & Marie at Family Table. Took Lela to the hospital at 11 PM, she fell & turned an ankle & cut her right eyebrow. Took 9 stitches.

Mon Mar 14 – I washed Lela's car. She is still in the hospital. Helen phoned Bob about her.

Wed Mar 16 – Took Lela home from the hospital in the afternoon. Arthur Godfrey died at age 79. We used to listen to him in Washington DC in 1936 to 1938 when we lived there.



*Arthur Godfrey*

Sat Mar 19 – Jerry Weekman died at 10 AM. Watched the finals of boys' high school basketball all afternoon & evening.

Sun Mar 20 – Took Lela to the Des Moines airport in the morning. Lunch at Denny's. Watched Iowa beat Missouri in the NCAA tourney.

Sat Mar 26 – Dalene phoned. Lela phoned from North Carolina. Ate supper at home.

Sun Mar 27 – Phoned Lela, she is coming home tomorrow. I watched 2 NCAA basketball games.

Mon Mar 28 – Went to the Des Moines airport for Lela.

Sat Apr 2 – Watched Houston beat Louisville, & North Carolina beat Georgia in the NCAA basketball semi finals.

Sun Apr 3 – Went with Lela to dinner at Family Table. Phoned Stans, & Dalene at night.

Mon Apr 4 – Wilma is 78 today, we all ate at Family Table. North Carolina beat Houston for the NCAA basketball title.

Sun Apr 17 – Went to Mary Gardner and Ron Keller's wedding reception.

Mon Apr 18 – Dalene phoned at night; about to buy a house in Wheaton, Illinois.

Sat Apr 23 – Went to Mrs. Nish's funeral, Jack's mother.

Tue Apr 26 – Earl & Dorothy, Lester & Lee here for birthday lunch at Family Table. Earl is 88 years old.

Wed Apr 27 – Went to Dr. Brown in Des Moines for eye. Allergic conjunctivitis.

Thu Apr 28 – Took Lester & Lee to the Des Moines airport in the afternoon.

Sat Apr 30 – Got some books from Margie. Talked to Dalene in the evening.

Sun May 1 – Stayed home for supper. Dalene phoned in the evening to visit. Marie is 65.

Mon May 2 – Had a birthday dinner at Family Table for Marie. 65 years old yesterday.

Fri May 6 – Took a ride in McHarg's new Chevy, nice. Phoned Stan about a musical Mother's Day card to Helen, plays "Home Sweet Home."

Sun May 8 – Beautiful day. Lela ate at Family Table with us at noon, Mac & Wilma with us in the evening. I worked in the back yard in the afternoon. Took a blackbird nest out of the poplars.

Mon May 9 – Mowed the lawn. Jack & Louise Wilson here in the evening, with Lela.

Thu May 19 – Had a car door key made to carry in my billfold. Marie here to show us some travel literature from AAA.

Tue May 24 – Took Lela to Des Moines for new glasses. Ate at Denny's.

Thu May 26 – Stan phoned, be here Saturday afternoon.

Fri May 27 – Looked at Margaret Mitchell's new Buick Century at Querrey's.

Sat May 28 – Put awnings & furniture on the patio & flowers in the flower box & light box. Stans came in the afternoon for all night.

Sun May 29 – Stans here. Talked to Judy in the evening.

Mon May 30 – Stans left at 6:15 AM for Cleveland, arrived at 10 PM our time.

Fri Jun 3 – Breakfast roll & coffee at Whiteway. Looked at Margaret Mitchell's new Buick Century again.

Mon Jun 6 – Left here at 5 AM to take Mac & Wilma to a tour bus in Des Moines by 5:45 AM. Visited Wayne & Vivian awhile in the morning.

Tue Jun 7 – Took Lela to a doctor in Des Moines in the afternoon. Got books from Margie.

Thu Jun 9 – Air conditioning on the first time this year. Dalene phoned; she is getting married this fall to Russ Riggs.

Sat Jun 11 – Visited with T. J. Laing. Helen phoned Stan; & Judy about Dalene's marriage.

Wed Jun 15 – Took Lela to her Des Moines doctor for tests at Methodist Hospital. Dalene phoned, will be married August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sat Jun 18 – I went to Des Moines after Mac & Wilma & friends & took the friends to Chariton. Phoned Bernice in Des Moines. Mac took us to supper.

Tue Jun 21 – Wrote a letter to Stan about picking up things of ours at Dalene's.

Thu Jun 23 – Talked to Harold Blaine about the Leslie school re-union in September. Air conditioning on all day.

Sun Jun 26 – Phoned Stan; & Dalene. Ate too much today.

Wed Jun 29 – Mac bought our supper - me an \$8 steak. Judy phoned, they're coming Saturday.

Sat Jul 2 – Stan, Nancy, Jill; Jerry, Judy, Ginny & Matt arrived in the afternoon.

Sun Jul 3 – Stans & Jerrys here. Ate lunch at Family Table, supper at home. Drove to Lela's at night for a dress.



*Dale and Helen at Mac and Wilma's house*

Mon Jul 4 – Beautiful day. All here except Dalene. We all watched the Fourth of July parade. Lunch at Whiteway. Jerry & Judy left about 5 PM.

Tue Jul 5 – Stans left at 5:30 AM. Quiet day of rest. Stan phoned at 10 PM. Home OK. Judy lost a bracelet but found it at home.

Wed Jul 6 – Dalene phoned in the evening about addresses. I watched the baseball All-Star game at night.

Fri Jul 8 – Mowed the lawn in forenoon. Received an announcement of Dalene's wedding.

Mon Jul 11 – Helen talked to Travelport & Jerry about the California trip on Amtrak.

Wed Jul 13 – Had a birthday dinner for me at Family Table. Jerry & Judy phoned at night for my birthday.

Wed Jul 20 – Helen is 72 today. Lunch at Family Table for her. Dalene phoned at night; so did Jerry & Judy. They are both going to L.A. with us on Amtrak.

Thu Jul 21 – Helen phoned Dalene, & Rose Riggs, Russ's mother, at night.

Mon Jul 25 – Had a letter from Russ Riggs, a nice one. We answered it. Visited T. J. Laing in the evening. Phoned Dalene at night.

Tue Jul 26 – Mac & Wilma, Helen & I went to visit Earl in the hospital in Ottumwa in the afternoon.

Thu Jul 28 – Lunch at Family Table, supper at home. Helen phoned Stan; they will be here tomorrow.

Fri Jul 29 – Stan, Nancy, Ginny, Matt, & Amy came for all night.

Sat Jul 30 – Stans left at 7:30 AM for Mpls. Helen talked to Judy.

Mon Aug 1 – Walked over to the County Fair in early morning. Dalene phoned at night from L.A. Judy phoned, will be here tomorrow.

Tue Aug 2 – Bought traveler's checks & got cash for the trip tomorrow. Jerry, Judy, Ginny & Matt came.

Wed Aug 3 – Helen & I; Jerry, Judy, Ginny, & Matt boarded Amtrak at 10:35 PM. Way over into Nebraska at midnight.

Thu Aug 4 – On board the westbound Amtrak all day. Went through 45 railroad tunnels across Colorado, 17 tunnels across Utah. Into Salt Lake City by midnight.

Fri Aug 5 – Rode Amtrak from Salt Lake City to Pomona, California, by 3:15 PM. 3 tunnels in California. Ate supper with Bill & Leona at Denny's. 105° in L.A.

Sat Aug 6 – In Hacienda Heights, California, Motel 6. Lunch & supper at Denny's. Stan & Nancy here too, & Jerrys. Went to Russ's after supper for an evening of get acquainted. 105° here today.



*At Russ's: Dalene and Judy*



*Dalene preps Matt and Ginny*



*Rose Riggs, Ginny, Nancy, Judy*

Sun Aug 7 – In Hacienda Heights. Went to Dalene & Russ's wedding in Tarzana. Wore us out but a beautiful wedding.



*Father and daughter are ready*



*St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Tarzana, California*



*Rose, Dalene, Russ, Helen, Dale*



*Mr. and Mrs. Russell Riggs*

Mon Aug 8 – In Hacienda Heights. Helen & I stayed at motel & rested all day. Bill & Leona ate lunch with us at Denny's. Kids all went to Disneyland.



*Judy, Matt, Ginny, Jerry at Disneyland*

Tue Aug 9 – In Hacienda Heights, Motel 6. Stan & Nancy took us to the Amtrak railroad station in Pomona. I got train sick, Judy got some Dramamine at Las Vegas. They helped.

Wed Aug 10 – On the train all day coming home from Pomona. Through the Colorado mountains. Dramamine sure helps me. Rugged mountain scenery.

Thu Aug 11 – Came home from L.A. on the train 3½ hours late. Mac & Wilma & Marie met us. Rough ride on Amtrak. Took Jerrys to supper. Saw Irene Casey there.

Fri Aug 12 – HOME SWEET HOME. Never again a train ride like that. Jerrys left about 1 PM.



*Judy, Matt, Ginny, Jerry leaving Osceola*

Sun Aug 14 – Ate at Whiteway, paid for Mac & Wilma's dinner. Dalene phoned at 11 PM from California, coming here soon.

Wed Aug 17 – HOT. 103°. Got trip pictures back from Robinson's. Most all good.

Tue Aug 23 – Dalene phoned from Cedar Falls about getting her car fixed Friday, here.

Thu Aug 25 – I went to Gary Liggitt's in Des Moines to borrow a video tape recorder. Russ & Dalene came about 8:25 PM.

Fri Aug 26 – Got Dalene's car fixed at Querrey's in the morning. Showed the wedding tape on our TV in the afternoon, twice, & also at Lela's.

Sat Aug 27 – Dalene & Russ here, didn't go out of the house. Looked at pictures at night.

Sun Aug 28 – Russ & Dalene left at 10:40 AM for New York. I took the video tape recorder to Gary Liggitt at Eddie Liggitt's house. We went to Irene's parents' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party at the Country Club in the afternoon.

Thu Sep 1 – Dalene phoned late from White Plains, N.Y.

Mon Sep 5 – Talked to Stan & Nancy in late afternoon. Cowboys beat Redskins on TV.

Sun Sep 11 – Went to Don & Virginia Cole's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. David phoned. Virginia phoned. Jeff phoned. Grandparents Day.

Mon Sep 12 – Fine day. Bought a new Toro lawn cart (4 wheel) at Pamida. Letter from Dalene, from Yonkers, N.Y.

Tue Sep 13 – Assembled the new Toro lawn cart in the afternoon. Took the awnings off the patio & stored them in the garage.

Fri Sep 16 – "Slats" Simpson died last night, old time friend. Went to a high school football game at night.

Tue Sep 20 – Dalene phoned from N.Y. Sent Russ's shaving holder to him.

Thu Sep 22 – Visited the local radio station for an address. Went to Jack & Margie's in the afternoon.

Mon Sep 26 – Visited Larry & Irene at Mac's.

Tue Sep 27 – Helen phoned Judy but she was out. Lela here in the afternoon.

Wed Oct 5 – Wilma had the metal brace removed from her hip in Des Moines. We went to Methodist Hospital at 9 AM, Lela went with us. Legs hurt all the way home.

Sat Oct 8 – Stan, Nancy, Amy, & Jill came about 1:30 PM. We paid for their supper at Family Table.

Sun Oct 9 – Stans here. They went shopping in Des Moines in afternoon. I watched pro football.

Mon Oct 10 – Stan & Nancy left at 6 AM for Cleveland.

Sun Oct 16 – Nice day. Wrote a letter to Dalene & Russ. Watched Baltimore win the World Series.

Sat Oct 22 – Drizzle all day. Watched a lot of college football. Michigan beat Iowa 16 to 13.

Sun Oct 23 – Clear & beautiful fall day. Watched a lot of pro football.

Tue Oct 25 – Clear & beautiful fall day. Dalene phoned, they are finally in their apartment in N.Y.

Mon Oct 31 – I had back X-rays at the local hospital for back pain. Helen went to Dr. Wilken.

Tue Nov 1 – Very quiet day, trying to get rid of back pain.

Sun Nov 6 – Took Motrin after lunch & sick at stomach all afternoon & evening. Stanley phoned.

Wed Nov 9 – We phoned Dalene & Russ. Jay Wolfe died last night, our next door neighbor on the south.

Mon Nov 14 – Birthday dinner for Eliza Burchett at Family Table. Judy phoned, they will be here Thanksgiving.

Tue Nov 22 – I hurt my back again, moving furniture. Helen talked to Stan.

Wed Nov 23 – About 4 inches of snow & windy. Helen & I bought about \$40 worth of turkey etc. for tomorrow. Judy phoned, they're not coming on account of a storm.

Thu Nov 24 – Stan, Nancy, Jill & Amy came at 1 PM for Thanksgiving. Turkey dinner here. Talked to Dalene in the evening. Judy phoned.

Fri Nov 25 – Stans went to Des Moines shopping. Chris came at 11 PM.

Sat Nov 26 – Stans & Chris here for dinner. They all left at 1 PM.

Sun Nov 27 – Watched pro football. Back doesn't hurt so bad today. Stan phoned from Cleveland.

Mon Nov 28 – Snow most all day. Mac & Wilma here in the morning. Stayed home all day. Watched Miami beat Cincinnati in pro football at night. 23° at bedtime. Winter is here.

Fri Dec 2 – Went to Dr. Wilken, prostate exam; no enlargement. No leg trouble since I quit eating chocolate on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. No cold feet.

Sun Dec 4 – Filled more stamp books, makes 32. Watched a lot of pro football.

Mon Dec 5 – Ordered things from the S&H redemption center at Hy-Vee in the afternoon.

Sat Dec 10 – I went shopping for a present for Helen. Phoned Dalene in the evening. Freezing drizzle at night. Everything is a glare of ice.

Sun Dec 11 – Freezing rain today. Stayed home all day. Watched pro football.

Mon Dec 12 – Letter from Dalene & Russ. Called UPS for a pickup tomorrow for package for Dinny & Russ.

Tue Dec 13 – Sent packages to Dalene. Bought some Christmas cards.

Wed Dec 14 – Mailed a package to Jerry & Judy. Back didn't hurt so much today. Stan phoned.

Fri Dec 16 – Put our Christmas lights up with the music attachment. Lela flew to North Carolina.

Sat Dec 17 – Christmas lights quit working, Helen put another string on & they work. Wrote a Christmas card to Jack Owens.

Wed Dec 21 – 4 or 5 inches of new snow last night. Stan phoned, staying in South Bend, Indiana, tonight. We phoned Dalene.

Thu Dec 22 – Clear & 20° below at 7 AM. Stans came in the afternoon. Supper here.

Fri Dec 23 – Stans went to Mpls.

Sat Dec 24 – Christmas Eve day. 20° below at 7 AM, 16° below at 11 PM. About 5° below for the high. Stans stranded in Albert Lea, ground blizzard. Cold!

Sun Dec 25 – Stan & Nancy came in the afternoon for all night. Phoned Dalene & Russ. Had a roast pork dinner at home. Very good.

Tue Dec 27 – Stans left after lunch at Family Table.

Wed Dec 28 – Back didn't hurt much today. Stan phoned in the evening, they're home in Cleveland.

Thu Dec 29 – Clear & cold. Watched Iowa beat USC in college basketball at night.

Fri Dec 30 – Watched a lot of college basketball & football.

Sat Dec 31 – Cloudy, finally warmer, 30°. Watched the old year out with football etc.