

The Gardners in 1988: Isaac N. Gardner (1851-1909) and Nancy Williams (1856-1887) had Gilham, Elsie, Williams, Lena, 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.

Carol and Kevin Snider had Clayton.

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

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

Ricky and Mary Jo Cronin had Molly.

Denise was married to Kent Barbee.

Donald and Phyllis Reynolds had Donald and Ray.

Ray and Carole had Leslie and Kelly.

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

James and Mary Kinsey had Jamie and James.

Kendal married Kimberly Prestridge.

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

Brian and Trena Wymore had April and Timothy.

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

David and Martha Roman had Julie, Seth, and Ginger; David was married to Barbara Moore.

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 and Tom West had Jessica.

Vicki was married to David Averbach.

Patti and Timothy Summers had Justin and Alisha.

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

Cynthia and Kelly Brimmer had Tyler.

Marie and Robert White had Gregory and Brenda.

Mary was married to Ronald Keller.

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

Stanley and Judy MacDonald had Jeffrey, David, Christopher, Virginia and Matthew; Stanley was married to Sondra Lindley.

Jeffrey and Mary Jane Hall had Jessica, Rachel, and Joshua.

Christopher and Catherine Olson had Jacob and Adam.

David was married to Roxanne Arrunategui.

Dalene was married to Russell Riggs.

Marie and Ralph Kimmel had Susan.

Susan and Albert Sales had Nathan; Susan marries Terry Engle.

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 and raised Meda's niece, Annadell "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 and Frank Gonseth had Jon and Debra.

The Schaffers in 1988: 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.
 Dawn and Mike Monaham had Ryan.
 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.
 Norman was married to Ellen.
 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 was married to Dorothy Elliott.
 Lester and Ledell "Lee" Mitchell had Jennifer and Lance.
 Lance was married to Terrie Bond.
 Francis and Lemuel Holmes had Connie and Ann.
 Connie and John West had John.
 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, Brooke, and Laci.
 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.
 Susan was married to John Knoke.
 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 Ressa Bishop had Juanita, Carole, Judith, and Alice.
 Juanita and Donald Bemis had Tonya, Jeffrey, Charles, Lisa, and David.
 Carole and James Martin had Steven, Anthony, and Kathleen. Carole is married to Robert Leisinger.
 Steven and Cindy Clayton had Chad; Steven is married to Linda Knapp.
 Kathleen was married to Thomas Brandhorst.
 Judith and Leland Muhlenbruck had Kirk, Thomas, and Trent.
 Kirk was married to Lora Winter.
 Alice and Jack Miller had Joshua and Jacob.

Wilma and George Casey had Larry; Wilma had married "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 1988

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WORLD EVENTS

- US and Canada reach a free trade agreement (NAFTA).
- Terrorists kill nine tourists on an Aegean cruise.
- Benazir Bhutto, the first Islamic prime minister, is chosen to lead Pakistan.
- Pan-Am 747 explodes from a terrorist bomb and crashes in Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 aboard and 11 on the ground.

U.S. EVENTS

- Robert C. McFarlane, former National Security Adviser, pleads guilty in Iran-Contra case.
- US Navy ship shoots down Iranian airliner in the Persian Gulf, mistaking it for a jet fighter; 290 killed.
- The Democratic convention nominates Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts for President and Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen for Vice President.
- The Republican convention nominates George Bush for President and Indiana Senator Dan Quayle for Vice President.
- Republicans sweep 40 states in the election, and Bush beats Dukakis.

SPORTS

- Super Bowl: Washington defeats Denver (42-10)
- World Series: Los Angeles Dodgers defeat Oakland A's (4-1)
- NBA Championship: Los Angeles Lakers defeat Detroit Pistons (4-3)
- NCAA Basketball Championship: Kansas defeats Oklahoma (83-79)
- NCAA Football Champions: Notre Dame (12-0-0)

ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

- Academy Award, Best Picture: *The Last Emperor* (Columbia)
- Academy Award, Best Actor: Michael Douglas, *Wall Street*
- Academy Award, Best Actress: Cher, *Moonstruck*



- Emmy Award, Best Drama Series: *thirtysomething* (ABC)
- Emmy Award, Best Comedy Series: *The Wonder Years* (ABC)
- Tony Award, Best Musical: *The Phantom of the Opera*
- Grammy Award, Record of the Year: "Graceland," Paul Simon
- Grammy Award, Song of the Year: "Somewhere Out There," James Horner, Barry Mann, and Cynthia Weil, songwriters

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- Ninety-eight percent of U.S. households have at least one television set.
- CDs outsell vinyl records for the first time.
- Ted Turner starts Turner Network Television (TNT) and buys MGM's film library.



MOVIES

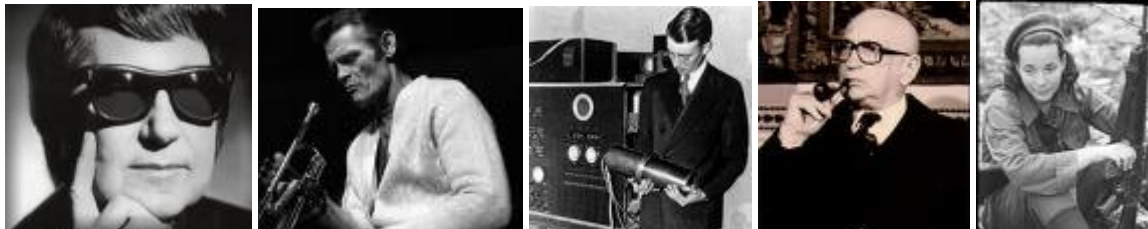
- *Rain Man*, *Mississippi Burning*, *A Fish Called Wanda*, *Big*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *The Accidental Tourist*
- *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *Bull Durham*, *Biloxi Blues*, *Working Girl*, *The Land Before Time*, *Die Hard*

SCIENCE

- France and China permit use of "morning-after" birth-control drug RU486 (Mifepristone).
- NASA scientist James Hansen warns congress of the dangers of the global warming and the greenhouse effect.

DEATHS

- Roy Orbison, American singer-songwriter and musician; Chet Baker, American jazz trumpeter; Luis Alvarez, American physicist, Nobel Prize in 1968; Edgar Jean Faure, Prime Minister of France; Nora Astorga, Nicaraguan guerilla fighter, Sandanista hero, U.N. delegate



Diary of Dale Gardner 1988

As this diary from 1988 begins, Dale and Helen live at 624 North State Street, Osceola, IA. Their neighbors are Don and Virginia Cole to the north, Tina Wolfe to the south, and "T. J." and Lois Laing across the street. "Querrey" is Osceola's GM dealer. Stan and Sondra live in Cleveland Heights, OH, and Stan works at Standard Oil of Ohio in Cleveland. Dalene and Russ live in New York state and Dalene works at Buck Consultants. Dale is 78 years old, Helen is 76, and they drive a 1980 Pontiac LeMans.

Neighbors across the street, T. J. and Lois Laing, move to Des Moines, and Dale later meets the new neighbor, Harold Frey. Bill Van Sant dies in early March. Grandson David drops in to visit late in April. Dalene and Russ visit in June. During the Fourth of July, Helen and Dale are visited by Stan and Sondra, Chris and Cathy, and Ginny and Pierce. A week later, Dave, Matt, and Dave's friend Kathleen drop in. In November, Dale sells their pool table to Mary and Ron Keller. Visitors over Thanksgiving weekend are Sondra and Stan, Chris and Cathy, Matt, and Ginny. In early December, Earl Schaffer dies, leaving only Gerald, Lela, and Helen as the surviving Schaffer siblings out of nine. Dale and Helen spend their first Christmas alone in many years, and Dale quits smoking (again), "for the final time."

After eight years and 1.5 million dead, the Iran-Iraq war ends. Iraq carries out poison gas attacks on Kurds. A new drug, Crack (a derivative of cocaine), appears and is increasingly found in U.S. cities. Ben Johnson wins the 100 meter gold at the Seoul Olympics and is then disqualified for taking an anabolic steroid. The Soviet Red Army withdraws from Afghanistan. Over one-third of Yellowstone National Park is destroyed by a series of more than 250 small different fires. Stephen Hawking publishes "A Brief History of Time." The first major computer virus infects computers connected to the Internet. The Hubble space telescope is put into operation, and the U.S. stealth bomber is unveiled. Notable births this year include Michael Cera, Robyn Rihanna Fenty, Tatiana Golovin, Rupert Grint, Vanessa Hudgens, Katie Leung, Nikke Reed, and Emma Stone.

Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Lela Yates; Margie and Jack Nish; Marie and Ralph Kimmel; Opal and Don Schaffer; Louise Wilson; Cathy Adair; Mary and Tom Trisler; Keith Schaffer; and Mary and Ron Keller.

Fri Jan 1 – Cold today. Roof leaked above the north end of the living room. Phoned Devore to come & look at it tomorrow.

Sat Jan 2 – Steve Devore broke some ice in the roof valley to stop leak into the living room.

Wed Jan 6 – Lela here in the afternoon.

Fri Jan 8 – Wrote to Dalene & sent yearly papers for income tax purposes.

Sat Jan 9 – Vikings beat 49ers in pro football. Iowa State beat University of Dayton in college basketball.

Sun Jan 10 – Dorothea Kerr phoned in the afternoon. Lazy day.

Mon Jan 11 – Steve Devore put heat wire on the roof valley in the afternoon. Lela here in the afternoon. Phoned Dalene in the evening.

Wed Jan 13 – Gerald's birthday, Helen phoned him & we talked with him. Helen received new batteries from Medtronics.

Fri Jan 15 – Worked on State & Federal income tax forms.

Mon Jan 18 – Holiday for M. L. King. I went to the library. Watched TV till 12:30 tomorrow.

Tue Jan 19 – Worked some more on income tax, gave up; phoned Joan McCann to do it.

Wed Jan 20 – Took tax materials to Joan McCann at 3 PM for preparation - 1 hour. Phoned Dalene in the evening.

Fri Jan 22 – Signed our State & Federal tax returns at Joan McCann's. Made an appointment to see a foot doctor on Monday.

Mon Jan 25 – Went to Dr. Spencer for foot problems. Dalene phoned at night.

Sat Jan 30 – Watched some college basketball. Feet didn't hurt much today.

Sun Jan 31 – Watched the Super Bowl - Washington beat Denver.

Mon Feb 1 – I went to the foot doctor. X-rays show middle arches worn down. Blood pressure 156/100. Phoned Dalene at night.

Tue Feb 2 – To get arch support fit at 10 AM Friday. Had blood pressure taken by county health nurse, it was 150/110. She phoned Dr. Wilken's office.

Sun Feb 7 – Blood test tomorrow & can't eat for 12 hours.

Mon Feb 8 – Had blood test for cholesterol at the hospital, also blood pressure: 142/92, was 150/110 on February 2nd. Letter & pictures from Stan. Phoned Dalene about massage cushion.

Wed Feb 10 – I used the snow blower on the driveway. Didn't have the car out all day. Ate at home.

Fri Feb 12 – Clear, 14° above. Left roof heat wires on all night last night. Neighbors T. J. & Lois Laing moved out today, to Des Moines.

Sun Feb 14 – Ground blizzard in the evening & at night. I cooked bacon & eggs about 8:45 PM for me.

Mon Feb 15 – Holiday, no mail. I put a tin overflow over the gutter, at the end of the roof valley, to prevent melted snow from the roof heating wire from freezing in the gutter.

Tue Feb 16 – T. J. & Lois Laing here a minute, loading up to leave.



Snow outside the dining room windows

Wed Feb 17 – Fine day. Ate lunch with Norman Marose & wife at Family Table. I used to work with him.

Thu Feb 18 – Phoned Stan in the evening, he sent us a massage cushion.

Sat Feb 20 – Helen fried a chicken. Ate supper at home.

Sun Feb 21 – Dorothy phoned from Ottumwa. Played some pool.

Thu Feb 25 – Had one tooth filled. Lela here in the afternoon.

Sat Feb 27 – My cholesterol is 205. Consistent with normal risk. Saw Charlie & Leota at Family Table, she has cancer of the pancreas, looks bad.

Mon Feb 29 – Took Helen to Leon to the doctor for medication renewal. Ate at Family Table.

Tue Mar 1 – Looked at 1930's pictures. Wrote Stan a letter about a record player for our Panasonic radio.

Wed Mar 2 – Ordered a turntable for our radio from Cedar Rapids.

Thu Mar 3 – Married 56 years ago tonight. Lela bought our lunch at Family Table; Jack & Margie there too. Dalene phoned in the evening.



Helen and Dale arrive at Family Table



Jack, Dale, Margie, Helen, Lela

Fri Mar 4 – Marie here in the afternoon. Took a walk.

Sat Mar 5 – I washed windows, raked the lawn south of the house. Bill Van Sant died tonight.

Sun Mar 6 – Phoned Leona in the evening.

Tue Mar 8 – Took a Mr. & Mrs. Roy Gardner to Greenbay Cemetery to look for relatives. Received the turntable but it doesn't work, took it to Pennick for repair.

Wed Mar 9 – Brought the turntable home from Pennick but it wouldn't work, phoned Cedar Rapids Ace Electric Co. & they didn't help either. Took it back to Pennick. Helen went to a coffee at Margaret's.

Fri Mar 11 – Beautiful day. Finally got the turntable to work beautifully. Phoned Dalene at night.

Tue Mar 15 – Helen cleaned kitchen cupboards. I took a walk around the football field in 29° weather.

Wed Mar 16 – Helen worked cleaning the kitchen. Listened to records at night.

Sun Mar 20 – Took a walk. Watched Iowa beat UCLA in the evening.

Mon Mar 21 – Helen & I looked all over town for a chair cover, no luck. Lela here. Don Cole gave me a chamois made in Mexico.

Thu Mar 24 – Watched college basketball tourney at night.

Sun Mar 27 – Put marble chips around the bush outside the dining room. Dinner at Nelson's Corners.

Thu Mar 31 – Went to see Leota at the hospital, Clayton & Doris there too. Dalene phoned at night.

Wed Apr 13 – Helen & I cleaned the bedroom. I moved some winter things to the little house in the back yard. Spread Turf-Builder + 2 outside the back yard fence.

Thu Apr 14 – Marie showed us some indoor-outdoor carpet samples for the patio, too high.

Sat Apr 16 – I mowed the lawn 1st time this year.

Thu Apr 21 – I seeded where the poplars used to be, in the morning. Helen talked to David.

Fri Apr 22 – Waited up until 1:30 tomorrow for David but he phoned & will be late, so we went to bed.

Sat Apr 23 – David came about 3 AM.

Sun Apr 24 – Bought 18 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ records for \$1 at a household sale. David left at 5 PM.



Dale and Helen; Dale with David; David with Helen - just before David left

Mon Apr 25 – I didn't do anything except pull a few dandelions. Helen washed, etc.

Tue Apr 26 – Took Helen to Leon to Dr. Sullivan for more medicine.

Wed Apr 27 – Hired Kathy Phillips yesterday to help clean house every 2 weeks beginning May 11th.

Thu Apr 28 – Looked at Don & Opal's new car. Had pictures taken at church. Got portable typewriter package ready to send to David.

Fri Apr 29 – Dalene phoned in the evening.

Sat Apr 30 – Shook hands with Harold Frey, new neighbor. David called from New Jersey.

Sun May 1 – Marie is 70 today.

Tue May 3 – Lela & Louise here in the afternoon. Bought caulking for patio & roof.

Wed May 4 – I caulked in the patio; got up on the roof & caulked the shingles in the valley.

Sat May 7 – Charlie Johnson is 92 today.

Sun May 8 – Stan called, Dalene called, Mother's Day. David called. Went to the basement awhile in the evening, stormy.

Tue May 10 – I mowed the lawn. Larry phoned about pictures of Mac & Wilma.

Fri May 13 – Helen is using Energizer batteries in her TENS unit. Ate lunch with Charlie Johnson at Whiteway.

Sat May 14 – Bought 3 sets Energizer batteries for Helen, 2nd day using this type now. Put up awnings on the patio.

Mon May 16 – Attorney's girl came for Mac & Wilma's information. Margie came & brought a blender.

Wed May 18 – I painted the flowers for the window box & the street light. Kathy Phillips mowed the lawn. I'm dead tired tonight, almost sick.

Thu May 19 – Dr. Fotiadis put me on Desyrel, 50 mg, for anti-depressant.

Fri May 20 – Best evening I've had for weeks after taking only 3 Desyrel. Helen had a good day too.

Sun May 22 – Mary & Tom brought records. Talked to Stan about Virginia's address.

Tue May 24 – Did some caulking on the patio. Mowed the grass north of the garage. Took the 10th Desyrel. Still too weak.

Wed May 25 – Dr. Fotiadis says I have bursitis in my left hip. Gave me Anaprox for it. Margie will take us to Des Moines tomorrow.

Thu May 26 – Margie took us to Des Moines for eye exams.

Fri May 27 – I mowed the front lawn in the morning. Broke a tooth & Dr. Harris came to his office about 8:15 PM to file the sharp broken edges.

Sat May 28 – I mowed the back yard, walked it. Tom & Mary here a little while in the afternoon.

Sun May 29 – I put flowers on Mac's grave at Greenbay Cemetery in the morning.

Thu Jun 2 – Went to Dr. Fotiadis, he put me on Orudis instead of Anaprox for arthritis. Dalene phoned in the evening, they will be here tomorrow.

Fri Jun 3 – I got my appetite back this evening. Russ & Dalene came about 5:15 PM.

Sat Jun 4 – Russ & Dalene here, on the patio all day. Watched L.A. beat Dallas in pro basketball.

Mon Jun 6 – Dalene & Russ here. Russ took Helen to Leon to Dr. McMillan in the afternoon. I had a pretty good day. Got my new glasses from Dr. Neilson.

Tue Jun 7 – I went to the hospital for X-rays on my back.

Wed Jun 8 – Went to Mike Schingel for therapy at 10 AM. Put cold ice on my back each hour, have sprained ligaments in lower back.

Thu Jun 9 – Had another treatment by Mike Schingel, it helped my back.

Sat Jun 11 – Mary & Tom here; Margie here; Russ & Dalene here. Family dinner at Family Table at noon.

Sun Jun 12 – Russ & Dalene here. Very quiet day. Went out to lunch but I got sick & ate at home.

Mon Jun 13 – Russ & Dalene left at 6:30 AM for home. I had a treatment by Mike. David phoned in the evening, will be here July 10th.

Wed Jun 15 – Stayed home all day. Had 3 moist heat applications. Lela here in the afternoon.

Fri Jun 17 – Kathy here to dust & run the sweeper in the afternoon.

Sun Jun 19 – Clear, 100°. Too hot. Stan phoned; Dalene phoned; Father's Day. Had a good afternoon.

Tue Jun 21 – Clear, 102°. Still too hot. Helen & I took a morning walk. I got my driver's license renewed for 2 years, no glasses required.

Thu Jun 23 – Had 8th therapy treatment. Walked outdoors in the morning.

Fri Jun 24 – Went to Dr. Wilken for check-up. To have scan on Tuesday. Phoned Dalene & Russ; also Stan in the evening.

Sun Jun 26 – Marie here in the afternoon. Chris phoned at night.

Tue Jun 28 – I went to hospital at 8:00 AM for cat scan for my hips & back. Quite an ordeal.

Wed Jun 29 – Had 9th therapy treatment. Back is a little better today.

Thu Jun 30 – Nice day. Took 2 walks. Helen phoned Medicare & Medtronic. Sally brought shortcake.

Fri Jul 1 – Chris & family came about 12:30 tomorrow.

Sat Jul 2 – Took a walk. Stans came at 5 PM. Jeff phoned twice. Had a fairly good day with my back.

Sun Jul 3 – Hot again. Helen & I ate at Family Table. Stan's crowd celebrated uptown in afternoon & evening.

Mon Jul 4 – Kids all went to the Fourth of July celebration. Helen & I ate at Gus & Tom's. Helen sprained her ankle.



Fourth of July: Ginny and Pierce; Adam, Chris, Cathy, Jacob; four generations: Dale, Stan, Chris, boys

Tue Jul 5 – Kids all went home before 6 AM. Dr. Wilken says cat-scan of June 28th showed no defects, just normal degeneration, no tumor, no slipped disk. Stan phoned. We phoned Dalene.

Wed Jul 6 – Had 10th therapy treatment. Ate at Family Table. Kathy cleaned our house.

Fri Jul 8 – Opal took Helen to the Leon doctor. Don stayed with me.

Sat Jul 9 – Ate at Family Table. I took 2 walks. Phoned Dalene about mortgage insurance.

Sun Jul 10 – David, Kathleen, & Matt came in the evening for all night.



Matt, Kathleen (?), David

Mon Jul 11 – David, Kathleen, & Matt went home about noon. Cards from Dalene & Russ; & Lela.

Tue Jul 12 – I'm 79 today. Started taking vitamins B, E, C, potassium & zinc. Dalene & Russ phoned.

Fri Jul 15 – 100°. Had 11th therapy treatment. Marie phoned.

Sat Jul 16 – Took 2 walks. Ate lunch at Family Table. Don Schaffer is 72 today.

Mon Jul 18 – Took 2 walks & 3 moist heat applications. Cut some low branches off the maples.

Tue Jul 19 – I went to see Dr. Wilken. Ate lunch at Family Table.

Wed Jul 20 – Took 2 walks & 3 moist heat. I drove to Leon to look at a Chevette.

Thu Jul 21 – Listened to the Democratic Convention at night.

Mon Jul 25 – Mowed part of the lawn. Legs & back better today. Received letter & pictures from Stan.

Tue Jul 26 – Sent a 4 generation picture to Dalene & Russ.

Wed Jul 27 – Had 12th therapy treatment by Mike. Feeling better today. Lela here in the afternoon.

Sat Jul 30 – Jason mowed the back yard. Tom & Mary here in the afternoon.

Mon Aug 8 – 100° in the daytime. Lela stayed here while a new air conditioner was installed.

Wed Aug 10 – Took the 13th & last therapy treatment today. Phoned Dalene in the evening.

Thu Aug 11 – Keith came in the evening for applesauce. Helen's TENS unit quit working.

Tue Aug 16 – Clear & hot, 104°. Helen & I to Judy Kendall to straighten out some insurance papers.

Wed Aug 17 – Lunch at Gus & Tom's, not very good. Too expensive.

Thu Aug 18 – Took Helen to Leon doctor for medicine & sprained ankle.

Sun Aug 21 – I won \$25 on Iowa Lotto at Casey's.

Fri Aug 26 – Don Schaffer came in the morning & sprayed the maple trees. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Sat Aug 27 – We went to Don & Opal's for dinner. I mowed the lawn.

Sun Aug 28 – Tina Wolfe asked for permission to use our south lawn while she has a new sidewalk put in on the north side of her house.

Fri Sep 2 – Filled a crack in the sidewalk with cement; caulked alongside the house; filled dirt against the east house wall.

Sat Sep 3 – I winterized the north garage window, & mowed the lawn north of the driveway. Talked to Dalene & Russ.

Sun Sep 4 – I went to Ardith Elliot's sale in the country (Dad & Mother used to live there) & stayed only a few minutes.

Tue Sep 6 – Helen phoned Chris for Virginia's address. I retired 20 years ago today.

Wed Sep 7 – Helen phoned Steve Devore about the neighbor's sidewalk. Talked to Don about helping me put on storm windows later, OK with him.

Thu Sep 8 – Devore tore up Tina's sidewalk. Visited Marvin McHarg, he borrowed our trimmer. We phoned Dalene & Russ in the evening.

Mon Sep 12 – I mowed the lawn. Ray Nickolay, my old supervisor, & his wife stopped to visit a while.

Tue Sep 13 – I didn't do anything today. Sally brought shortcake. This would have been Lloyd's birthday.

Wed Sep 14 – I brought lunch home & we ate here. Rev. Clayton here in the evening.

Thu Sep 15 – Kathy mowed the back lawn. We phoned Stan at night.

Tue Sep 20 – I removed the artificial flowers in the front window box & also the light standard.

Thu Sep 22 – I washed 4 storm windows. We ate old fashioned fried chicken at the Lunch Box today. Good chicken.

Tue Sep 27 – Don helped put on 4 storm windows & carried studded tires from the basement. Kathy cleaned house & mowed the back yard.

Sun Oct 2 – Sent for a radon test kit.

Wed Oct 5 – I had an eye test by Dr. Neilson. Sarno made a mistake on the prescription.

Thu Oct 6 – Bought an air mattress at Sears. Visited Don & Opal in the afternoon. Letter from Dalene & Russ. Phoned Dalene in the evening.



Pictures from Russ and Dalene; Russ on their front steps, Dalene and Russ at their mailbox

Mon Oct 10 – Took the air mattress back for a refund, it leaked. Kathy mowed the lawn.

Wed Oct 12 – Ordered another air mattress from Sears.

Fri Oct 14 – Got another air mattress & put it on my bed.

Sat Oct 15 – Greased the windmill. Put the riding mower away for the winter, ran the carburetor dry.

Tue Oct 18 – Took Helen to Dr. Sullivan, she has an infection. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Thu Oct 20 – Helen home all day. I watched the Dodgers beat Oakland for the World Series baseball championship. Dalene phoned at night.

Sat Oct 22 – Mary Gardner & Ron here over 3 hours in the evening.

Sun Oct 23 – Ate lunch at Nelsons Corners, good.

Mon Oct 24 – Mary phoned in the evening to buy our pool table.

Wed Nov 2 – I greased the garage overhead door. Helen had an eye test by Dr. Neilson for new glasses.

Thu Nov 3 – I sent a letter to Dr. Sarno about prescription error.

Sat Nov 5 – Ron & Mary took the pool table. Mary paid us for it.

Sun Nov 6 – Stan phoned, will be here the 23rd.

Tue Nov 8 – Lela gave us a pheasant. Earl is in the hospital with a broken hip. Bush elected president. Voters must be crazy.

Wed Nov 9 – Stayed home all day. David phoned at night.

Thu Nov 10 – Marie & Ralph married 51 years ago today.

Sun Nov 13 – Greased the windmill. Gerald phoned.

Mon Nov 14 – I raked the leaves from Tina's driveway to beyond the sewer dirt pile in the morning. In the afternoon, I carried them to Jackson Street & burned them.

Tue Nov 15 – I raked & bagged front lawn leaves in the afternoon.

Wed Nov 16 – Russ & Dalene phoned in the evening.

Thu Nov 17 – Ate at home, chicken from Lunchbox Café.

Fri Nov 18 – Nice day. Got a statement from Dr. Neilson for Dr. Sarno.

Sat Nov 19 – Had 2 turkey dinners delivered by Eagles Lodge. Wrote a letter to Dr. Sarno.

Sun Nov 20 – Sally brought shortcake.

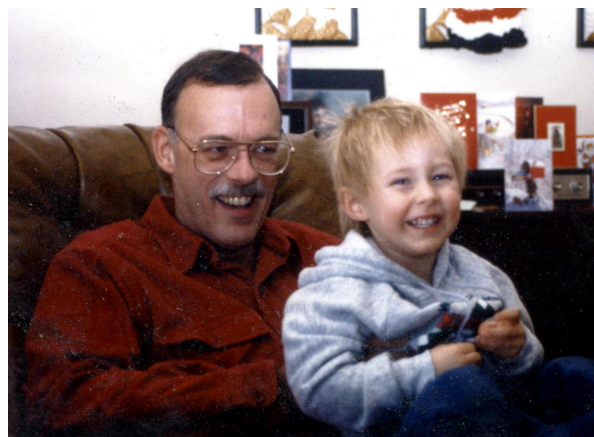
Tue Nov 22 – Nice day. Took Helen to Dr. Sullivan in Leon in the afternoon.

Wed Nov 23 – Stan & Sondra came a little after midnight.

Thu Nov 24 – Fine day. Stan & Sondra here. We ate at Nelson's Corners for Thanksgiving.

Fri Nov 25 – Chris & family came, also Matt.

Sat Nov 26 – Stans & Chris's & Matt & Virginia here. Stan & Chris pulled refrigerator out for cleaning & moved a planter to install an additional extension cord.



Stan and grandson Jacob in Osceola

Sun Nov 27 – Stans; Chris & family went home at 10 AM. Dalene phoned at night. Chris phoned.

Tue Nov 29 – Helen got her new glasses. I ordered a new transmitter for the garage door opener, for the car, from the local Sears catalog store.

Sun Dec 4 – Sally brought short cake. We stayed home all day.

Mon Dec 5 – Earl Schaffer, Helen's brother, died this morning. Kathy cleaned the basement. Phoned Dalene.

Tue Dec 6 – Ate at Family Table. Watched an Irving Berlin 1¼ hour show at night. Excellent. Couldn't balance the checkbook.



Wed Dec 7 – Earl Schaffer's graveside funeral today at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Fri Dec 9 – Ate at home. Helen phoned Gerald about Earl's flowers.

Sat Dec 10 – Lunch at Family Table. Sears girl phoned about the garage door opener.

Sun Dec 11 – Ate at home. Watched some pro football in the afternoon. No snow on the ground.

Mon Dec 12 – Stayed home all day. Phoned Stan in the evening.

Tue Dec 13 – I went to Dr. Wilken; arthritis & strained ligaments. Ate lunch at Family Table with Margie.

Fri Dec 16 – Ordered a Sears garage door opener from Des Moines.

Sat Dec 17 – Lunch at Family Table. Wrote a Christmas card to Dorotha.

Tue Dec 20 – I went shopping. Ate at home, roast pork.

Wed Dec 21 – Both garage door openers came today. They both work fine.

Thu Dec 22 – New garage door opener opens the door from ½ block away. Elma German brought an apple pie to Helen. Bless her.

Fri Dec 23 – To Dr. Sullivan in Leon for Helen in the afternoon. Spent a lot for prescription medicine for Helen at Osceola Drug; most we ever spent at once. Helen talked to Jean Roath at night.

Sun Dec 25 – First Christmas Helen & I spent alone for many years. Stayed home all day. Phoned Dalene & Russ.

Mon Dec 26 – Light snow last night, ground is white. Stayed home to eat. I quit smoking, again. Never started again.

Sat Dec 31 – Ate lunch at Family Table. Mary & Tom here in the evening to see the year out with us.