

The Gardners in 1991: Isaac N. Gardner (1851-1909) and Nancy 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, James, and Megan.

Carol and Kevin Snider had Clayton and Brett.

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 and Kevin.

Denise and Kent Barbee had Nate.

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 was married to 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, Ginger; David and Barbara Moore had Chelsea.

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, Alisha, and Joshua.

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.

David was single.

Christopher and Catherine Olson had Jacob, Adam, and Rebecca.

Dalene was married to Russell Riggs.

Marie and Ralph Kimmel had Susan.

Susan and Albert Sales had Nathan; Susan was married to 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 1991: George (1868-1934) and Alice Lewis (1873-1930), "Dad & Mother" Schaffer, were the parents of Lloyd, Earl, Pearl, Harley, Louie, Gerald, Wilma, Lela, and Helen. Alice's parents were Ezra Lewis and Susan Stiverson.

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.
 Jan was married to Kyong Cha Yi.
 Dawn and Mike Monaham had Ryan and Brandon.
 Karyl and Bradley Leeson had Shane and Chad.
 Chad and Molly Knudsen had Hunter.

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 and Jennifer.
 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; Ann was married to Frank Townsley.
 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.
 David was married to Tracy Summy.
 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 and Thomas Brandhorst had Thomas.

Judith and Leland Muhlenbruck had Kirk, Thomas, and Trent.
 Kirk was married to Lora Winter.
 Thomas and Anne Birdsell had Elizabeth.
 Trent was married to Amy Edson.

Alice and Jack Miller had Joshua and Jacob.

Wilma and George Casey had Larry; Wilma was 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.
 Megan was married to David Page.

Highlights of 1991

(Source: infoplease.com)

WORLD EVENTS

- Cease-fire ends the Persian Gulf War; UN forces are victorious.
- Europeans end sanctions on South Africa; South African Parliament repeals apartheid laws.
- Boris Yeltsin becomes first freely elected president of the Russian Republic.
- Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia win independence from USSR; US recognizes them.
- The Soviet Union breaks up; constituent republics form Commonwealth of Independent States.

U.S. EVENTS

- US Supreme Court limits death row appeals.
- William H. Webster retires as director of CIA; Robert H. Gates succeeds him.
- Professor Anita Hill accuses Judge Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment; the Senate confirms Thomas for US Supreme Court after stormy hearings.

SPORTS

- Super Bowl: New York Giants defeat Buffalo (20-19)
- World Series: Minnesota Twins defeat Atlanta Braves (4-3)
- NBA Championship: Chicago Bulls defeat Los Angeles Lakers (4-1)
- NCAA Basketball Championship: Duke defeats Kansas (72-65)
- NCAA Football Champions: Miami FL (AP) (12-0-0) & Washington (USA, NFF) (12-0-0)

ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

- Academy Award, Best Picture: *Dances With Wolves* (Orion)
- Academy Award, Best Actor: Jeremy Irons, *Reversal of Fortune*
- Academy Award, Best Actress: Kathy Bates, *Misery*



- Emmy Award, Best Drama Series: *L.A. Law* (NBC)
- Emmy Award, Best Comedy Series: *Cheers* (NBC)
- Tony Award, Best Musical: *The Will Rogers Follies*
- Grammy Award, Record of the Year: "Another Day in Paradise," Phil Collins
- Grammy Award, Song of the Year: "From a Distance," Julie Gold, songwriter

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- Fox Broadcasting is the first network to permit condom advertising on television.
- Seattle band Nirvana releases the song "Smells Like Teen Spirit" on the LP *Nevermind* and enjoys national success. With Nirvana's hit comes the grunge movement, which is characterized by distorted guitars, dispirited vocals and lots of flannel.
- Paul Reubens (aka Pee Wee Herman) is arrested in a Florida movie theater for indecent exposure.

MOVIES

- Beauty and the Beast, JFK, Terminator 2: Judgment Day, Barton Fink, Boyz N the Hood
- Thelma & Louise, Father of the Bride, The Silence of the Lambs, Hook, Beethoven

SCIENCE

- Gopher, the first user-friendly Internet interface, is created at the University of Minnesota and named after the school mascot. Gopher becomes the most popular interface for several years.
- In Japan's worst nuclear accident to date, a leak of radioactive water causes a nuclear plant 220 miles west of Tokyo to release about 8% of the plant's annual radioactive emissions in a single day.
- First transpacific hot-air balloon flight. Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand flew about 6,700 miles from Miyakonyo, Japan, to 150 miles west of Yellowknife, Canada.

DEATHS

- Miles Davis, American jazz musician; Theodor Seuss Geisel, "Dr. Seuss," American author; Frank Capra, award-winning film director; Leo Durocher, baseball manager; Graham Greene, English novelist and playwright.



Diary of Dale Gardner 1991

As this diary from 1991 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 (she moves out in July), and Harold Frey across the street. 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 81 years old, Helen is 79, and they drive a 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier.

Dale has his hernia surgery, and his weight drops 40 pounds to 130. Lela has an operation for her broken knee. During Dale's recovery, Helen services their furnace all by herself - a first. Dale orders and starts wearing hearing aids. He also has prostate surgery for an enlarged prostate, not cancer. Opal and Don Schaffer celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Neighbor to the south Tina Wolfe sells her house and moves out; new neighbors Beth and George Pederson move in. During the year, we lose these family members: Ruth Chandler (Glen Chandler's wife), Gene Marquis (Vera Wilson's husband), Juanita Bemis, and Jerry Kelly (Eva's husband).

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is assassinated. UN sanctions are imposed against Libya in response to alleged involvement in Lockerbie bombing. Slovenia and Croatia declare independence from Yugoslavia; the Balkan War begins. Jeffrey Dahmer is arrested after the remains of 11 men and boys are found in his Milwaukee, Wisconsin, apartment. Former U.S. postal worker Joseph Harris kills his former girlfriend and her fiancé and two former co-workers at the post office in Ridgewood, New Jersey, which result in the phrase "going postal." Lech Walesa, the Polish Workers President, is elected President of Poland. Terry Waite, the special envoy of the archbishop of Canterbury, is released after more than four years of captivity. The Internet is made available to unrestricted commercial use and the number of computers on the net reaches one million. Microsoft releases MS DOS 5.0.

Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Keith Schaffer; Louise Wilson; Margie and Jack Nish; Lela Yates; Marie and Ralph Kimmel; Gene Marquis; Glen Chandler; Mary and Tom Trisler; Marie White; Ann Townsley; Opal and Don Schaffer; Ruth Schaffer; Nancy Weekman; Dorothy and Bob Schaffer; and Vivian Hanson.

Tue Jan 1 – Bad upset stomach this morning. Keith took Helen to a café for food. Phoned Dalene.

Sat Jan 5 – 5 inches of snow last night. Ron Gray plowed the driveway. Helen and I balanced the checkbook. Marie was in the hospital for heart trouble Thursday and Friday.

Fri Jan 11 – More snow. Ron cleared the driveway, 2nd time. We phoned Dalene.

Tue Jan 15 – Went to doctor, he will set a date for hernia operation. Helen phoned Gerald.

Wed Jan 16 – Joan McCann figured our income tax. We owe State, will get refund from Federal.

Thu Jan 17 – Had an EKG test at hospital, also a blood test. Operation will be at 9:30 AM on Monday.

Sat Jan 19 – We ate at Family Table. Lela here, she brought an interview by Bob; it was very, very impressive to me. Bob Yates retired from the FBI.

Sun Jan 20 – Getting ready to go to the hospital tomorrow.

Mon Jan 21 – Operated on for the hernia at Clarke County Hospital by Dr. Zugaren.

Tue Jan 22 – In the hospital. Lost hearing in my left ear, also partly in my right ear.

Wed Jan 23 – Had a bad night, my back & legs hurt bad. Lela operated on for a broken knee in Des Moines.

Tue Jan 29 – Back home from the hospital. Blood pressure 116/72. I weigh 130 pounds. County health nurse here in the afternoon. Stan came at night.

Wed Jan 30 – County health nurse here. Stan bought a new Mr. Coffee for us.

Mon Feb 11 – Home from the hospital. Stan here.

Tue Feb 12 – County health nurse here in the afternoon. Stan here.

Wed Feb 13 – I walked ½ mile. Louise here. I have a 26 inch waist!

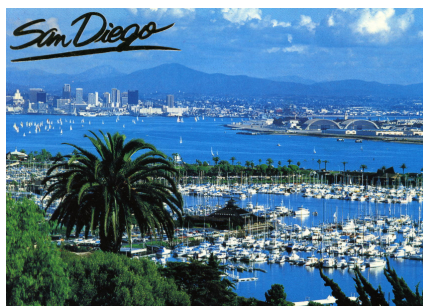
Thu Feb 14 – Stan went home at 7:15 AM. He phoned at 9:30 PM from home in Cleveland. We were sure relieved. County health nurse here in the afternoon, blood pressure 122/70.

Fri Feb 15 – Marie here. Wrote Dalene a letter with a picture.

Mon Feb 18 – Keith brought us groceries. Coles left for Arizona.

Tue Feb 19 – County health nurse here. I weigh 138 pounds, blood pressure 128/76.

Fri Feb 22 – Helen baked a chicken & a meat loaf.



February 22. Postcard of San Diego, where Matt Gardner was in college, from Stan and Sondra to Dale and Helen: "We're nearing the end of our week in San Diego. The weather has been very nice - sunny and warm every day. We've visited with Matt each day, gone birding and sightseeing, too. We went to the San Diego Zoo, to the top of Point Loma (where this picture was taken), took a drive into the desert; had a good time."

Sun Feb 24 – I drove us to grocery shopping. Marvin McHarg visited us. Dalene phoned.

Mon Feb 25 – We made some copies of checks to send to Dalene, etc. Phoned her in the evening.

Tue Feb 26 – County health nurse here. Larry & Irene phoned in the evening.

Wed Feb 27 – Stan phoned. Helen phoned Gerald.

Thu Feb 28 – Drove to the store & also to Family Table for supper. Phoned Dalene.

Fri Mar 1 – Helen cleaned the furnace filter, greased the fan bearings, & oiled the motor - by herself.

Sun Mar 3 – Married 59 years ago today. Dalene & Russ phoned. I weigh 145.

Mon Mar 4 – I weigh 146. January 29th I weighed 130 pounds. Had ear test by Greg Lamp & ordered 2 hearing aids. Went to the doctor & he gave me a clean bill of health.

Tue Mar 5 – In Methodist Hospital in Des Moines all afternoon, interviewing Dr. Hornaday & X-rays & lots of other tests from 1:30 to 5 PM. Keith took us. Phoned Stan & Dalene.

Wed Mar 6 – I talked to county health nurse, Kathie. Dalene phoned about the food she is sending.

Fri Mar 8 – Finally got the checkbook balanced with the bank so I can understand it.

Sat Mar 9 – Helen had a chiro treatment. Ate at Family Table.

Mon Mar 11 – I have to be at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines tomorrow by 6 AM for prostate surgery. Keith is going to take us.

Tue Mar 12 – I'm in Methodist Hospital. Had prostate surgery by Dr. Hornady, took 40 minutes. Spinal. *< He had BPH (benign prostate hyperplasia) or enlarged prostate, not cancer; this surgery removed part of the prostate through the urethra - he later said he "got reamed out" >.*

Wed Mar 13 – Long night. Got up & walked a little. Took medication & felt pretty good. Drank a lot.

Thu Mar 14 – In Methodist Hospital. Doctor took catheter out. What a relief. Minister took me to see Eugene Marquis on the same floor.

Fri Mar 15 – Home from the hospital. So glad to be home. Keith & Helen brought me home.

Sat Mar 16 – Ate at Family Table. Bought a new billfold. Helen baked a chicken & made a meat loaf.

Sun Mar 17 – Bought an apple pie at Family Table. Ate lunch there too.

Mon Mar 18 – I got 2 new hearing aids today. Phoned Dalene & Stan.

Tue Mar 19 – Keith here to visit awhile. Stan phoned about my hearing aids.

Fri Mar 22 – Ate lunch at Hy-Vee, didn't like it. I weigh 151 pounds.

Sat Mar 23 – Sally Phillips brought us an apple pie. Lunch at Family Table. We phoned Dalene & Russ.

Mon Mar 25 – I found some slacks in the basement I can wear - lost too much weight.

Wed Mar 27 – Record high yesterday 82° - high today 32° at 5 PM, 50 degree drop. Hearing aids making my head fuzzy? Snow flurries in the evening.

Mon Apr 1 – Fine day. Dr. Lamp adjusted my hearing aids, did no good. Took Helen to Dr. Rouse in Leon. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Tue Apr 2 – High 70° here today. Ate at Whiteway. Talked to Rick Eddy about yard work.

Wed Apr 3 – Went to the hospital to see Dr. Linquist about ear, nose, & throat. He prescribed a nose spray. I weigh 155 pounds stripped.

Sat Apr 6 – High 84° here today. Air conditioning on at 4 PM. Walked around the old football field. Straightened a couple of fences. Balanced the checkbook.

Mon Apr 8 – I greased the garage door & it hurt my legs; ladder work. Helen had a chiro treatment.

Sat Apr 13 – Rainy day. Phoned Dalene & Russ in the evening.

Sun Apr 14 – Stan phoned about 8:45 PM.

Mon Apr 15 – Florence Hawkins mowed our lawn, first time this year. Margie here in the afternoon.

Wed Apr 17 – Judy phoned, Dalene phoned offering to take us to Mpls for the wedding on May 25th.

*The Parents of
Miss Virginia Gardner
and
Mr. Pierce Coady Jr.
request the honour of your presence
at their marriage
on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of May
nineteen hundred and ninety-one
at four-thirty in the afternoon
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
690 Gleason Road
Edina, Minnesota*
An invitation to Ginny and Pierce's wedding

Sat Apr 20 – Sprayed Weed-Be-Gone on the lawn to kill the dandelions. Helen washed.

Tue Apr 23 – Keith took us to Des Moines to Dr. Hornaday. I'm OK now. Phoned Dalene & Stanley.

Wed Apr 24 – Kevin Vanderlinden topped the south half of the south maple. I mowed our yard myself, 1st time in a long time.

Thu Apr 25 – Helen & I put the top back on the windmill; took one storm window off the dining room & washed dining room windows. Talked to Dr. Fotiadis, don't have to see him till June sometime.

Mon Apr 29 – Took hearing aids back for a refund.

Tue Apr 30 – I had a chiropractic treatment for shoulder pain. It helped.

Wed May 1 – Lunch at Whiteway. I mowed the back lawn. Marie's birthday, born in 1918.

Thu May 2 – Mowed the front lawn & south of the house, caught the mower blade in chicken wire.

Fri May 3 – Balanced the checkbook. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Sun May 5 – Stan phoned in the evening.

Mon May 6 – Helen had another treatment by Dr. Andlehelm. Supper at Family Table. Ruth Chandler bad sick in a hospital in Des Moines < *Ruth was a cousin of Helen by marriage* >.

Tue May 7 – Charlie Johnson is 95 today, we sent a card. Sent a card to Stan for Virginia's wedding.

Wed May 8 – Mowed the front lawn. Ruth Chandler died.

Fri May 10 – Mowed the back lawn. Went to Ruth Chandler's wake in the evening.

Sat May 11 – Fine day. Helen & I went to Ruth Chandler's funeral.

Sun May 12 – Mother's Day. Stan & Dalene both phoned. Watched pro basketball in the afternoon.

Tue May 14 – Mowed the front lawn & west of the fence. Made an appointment with Dave Garvin in Indianola for hearing aid Friday 2 PM.

Fri May 17 – Went to Dave Garvin in Indianola to be fitted for a hearing aid. Got 32 miles per gallon with the 1989 Cavalier.

Sat May 18 – Mary & Tom here in the afternoon. Watched pro basketball. Phoned Dalene & Russ at night.

Wed May 22 – Stan phoned in the evening.

Thu May 23 – Matt & David here for all night, Matt from San Diego on Amtrak & David from New Jersey by car, on their way to Minneapolis for Ginny's wedding.

Fri May 24 – David & Matt left at 7:40 AM. I mowed the lawn.

Sat May 25 – Drove to Indianola to get my new hearing aid. It takes about 40 minutes to go the 30 miles to Indianola by highway 69. < *Ginny's wedding day.* >



Pierce Sr. & Charlene; Pierce & Ginny;
Stan & Sondra; Jerry & Judy



Matt, Chris, Judy, Ginny,
Stan, Dave, Jeff



Mrs. and Mr. Pierce Coady

Sun May 26 – We put flowers on graves. Had the car washed.

Mon May 27 – Memorial Day. Stan phoned, Chris too. They're coming for the Fourth of July. I weigh 160 pounds.

Thu May 30 – I mowed the lawn. Cut a broken branch from the south maple & Kevin Vanderlinden hauled it away. Teresa Kerr died today, a family friend.

Wed Jun 5 – Mowed the lawn. Mr. Jamison talked about snow fence at the bowling alley.

Fri Jun 7 – Helen did a washing, I did nothing. Watched Chicago beat the Lakers in pro basketball. Don & Opal's 50th wedding anniversary today.

Tue Jun 11 – Went to Lorimor to have cruise control installed on 1989 Chevy Cavalier by Merlyn Tucker. Talked to Stan in the evening. Gene Marquis died at 1 AM < *husband of Vera Wilson, who was the daughter of Mary Jane Gardner, a grand-daughter of John McBain Gardner* >.

Sun Jun 16 – Dalene & Russ phoned - Father's Day.

Mon Jun 17 – Took Helen to Dr. Rouse in Leon. Ate supper at Family Table with Marie & Ralph.

Wed Jun 19 – Lunch at Whiteway with Charlie Johnson.

Thu Jun 20 – Went to Dr. Fotiadis for a check-up. I'm OK. Blood pressure is 104/64. To go back in October or November. Helen phoned Stan.

Tue Jun 25 – Took Helen to the Leon hospital for a mammogram. I had a tooth filled by Dr. Harris. Voted regarding the new town swimming pool. Visited with Marie White.

Wed Jun 26 – Ate lunch with Charlie Johnson at Whiteway. Phoned M. Tucker about cruise control.

Sat Jun 29 – Cleaned the patio wall & floor. Merlyn Tucker phoned regarding cruise control, tap-up button, etc.

Mon Jul 1 – Wrote & sent a letter to M. Tucker regarding the cruise control. Talked to C. C. Dennis in Omaha. Stan came.

Tue Jul 2 – Dalene & Russ came about dusk. Stan locked himself out of his car.

Wed Jul 3 – Stan, Dalene & Russ here. Stan & I put new carpet on the patio. I put a new battery in my hearing aid. Sally brought shortcake & 3 fried chickens at night.

Thu Jul 4 – 15 people here today. We all watched the Fourth of July parade. Helen rode the merry-go-round with Stan.

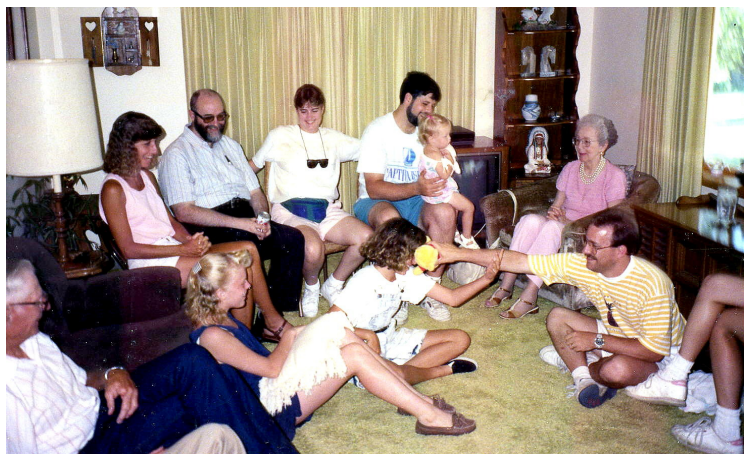


Helen and Stan on the merry-go-round



Russ and Dale watching

Sat Jul 6 – High 101° today. We all went to Jack & Margie's in the afternoon. Stan went home about 3 PM. 12 people here today.



Celebrating Helen's 80th birthday at Jack and Margie's house: Jack Nish, his daughter Ann Townsley, Russ, Ginny, Pierce, Rebecca, Lela Yates, Chris (unknown girls on floor)



Lela, Chris, Cathy, Helen, Opal and Don Schaffer



Cathy, Helen, Opal, Don, Ruth



Helen and Dale ready for food; Don, Lela, Ginny, Pierce

Sun Jul 7 – Stan phoned from Cleveland. Chris & family went home. I bought a new lawn chair at Pamida.

Mon Jul 8 – Russ & Dalene here. Getting 3 kittens to take home with them Wednesday. I weigh 163.

Tue Jul 9 – Jack raised a shelf & cut off a clothes rod in the middle bedroom. Dalene & Russ have 3 kittens here.

Wed Jul 10 – Dalene & Russ left at 1:30 PM for home.

Fri Jul 12 – I am 82 years old today. Don Schaffer phoned; Dorothea phoned from Seattle; Dalene & Russ phoned too.

Mon Jul 15 – Helen had a chiro treatment. I did a washing in the basement. Legs hurt awhile in the afternoon. Took a pain pill. Card from Marie from the west coast.

Wed Jul 17 – Helen & I went to the library. M. Ashby phoned about the washer-dryer. Lunch at Whiteway. Dalene phoned, they got home today.

Sat Jul 20 – Helen is 80 today. Saw Nancy at Family Table. Tina Wolfe's sale today.

Mon Jul 22 – Glen Chandler here 1½ hours visiting. I phoned Schrader.

Thu Jul 25 – Larry & Irene Casey phoned to wish us happy birthday.

Fri Jul 26 – Helen & I took the awnings down from the patio & stored them. Lela is 82 today.

Sat Jul 27 – Marion Ashby dropped by regarding the new washer & dryer.

Sun Jul 28 – Opal Schaffer's birthday.

Tue Jul 30 – All kinds of telephone trouble. Had to buy a new phone for Helen. New smoke alarm batteries. Phoned Stan, & Dalene.

Fri Aug 2 – Bought Don & Opal a 50th wedding present.

Sat Aug 3 – Visited Don & Opal. Watched pro football. Helen phoned Gerald.

Mon Aug 5 – Helen had a treatment by Dr. Andlehelm. Sent a wedding anniversary card to Dalene & Russ.

Tue Aug 6 – Schrader says 2 more weeks before he can do the plumbing for our new washer-dryer. I told Ashby.

Wed Aug 7 – Dalene & Russ married 8 years ago today. We phoned them in the evening.

Sat Aug 10 – Saw Bob & Dorothy & Vivian at Family Table.

Sun Aug 11 – We went to Don & Opal Schaffer's 50th wedding party at the Christian Church.

Thu Aug 15 – Opal broke her left ankle. Met new neighbors, George & Beth Pederson. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Thu Aug 22 – John Heilman did the plumbing for our new washer-dryer.

Sat Aug 24 – The new stack washer-dryer was delivered at 3:30 PM & placed in middle bedroom clothes closet. All completed now. Phoned Stan & Dalene. < *Dalene and I bought the stack laundry for them so they would not have to go up and down stairs for laundry, but they preferred the basement laundry.* >

Sun Aug 25 – We tried the new washer/dryer. Lela here.

Thu Aug 29 – I'm getting ready to write up an exhibit for the Leslie School re-union on September 22nd.

Fri Aug 30 – Wiped the rain off the car, 1989 Cavalier. I weigh 164.

Wed Sep 4 – Fine day. I assembled the materials to send for the September 22nd Leslie School reunion. Sprayed the grass & weeds in the fence row.

Thu Sep 5 – Balanced the checkbook, took me 1½ hours to find my error. Talked to the phone company, decided not to order a cordless phone.

Fri Sep 6 – Mailed the Leslie School information.

Sat Sep 7 – Watched college football on TV. Phoned Dalene & Russ. Retired 23 years ago today.

Sun Sep 8 – Phoned Stanley. Watched pro football on TV.

Tue Sep 10 – Helen & I did 2 wash loads in the new stack washer/dryer. I mowed the front lawn.

Thu Sep 12 – Letter from Beverly Wilson in Cedar Rapids about the Leslie reunion September 22nd.

Fri Sep 13 – Twyla Eddy brought Leslie School album for me to look at. Lloyd would have been 84 today.

Sat Sep 21 – Rested all day, watched college football on TV in the afternoon.

Sun Sep 22 – Leslie School reunion today. Phoned Dalene in the evening.

Mon Sep 23 – Visited with George Pederson, neighbor. Talked to Ashby.

Tue Sep 24 – Took Helen to Dr. Rouse in Leon.

Thu Sep 26 – Helen did one washload. Turned the water off on the new washer.

Sat Sep 28 – Jean & Teri Roath arrived at 2:30 PM. We all talked to Dalene in the evening.

Sun Sep 29 – Jean & Teri went home at 1:15 PM.

Thu Oct 3 – Letter & pictures yesterday from Stan. I weigh 166.

Sat Oct 5 – Visited historical buildings in the afternoon. Talked to Adrian Fuller there.

Sun Oct 6 – Watched pro football in the afternoon. Beautiful fall colors.

Tue Oct 8 – Querrey Auto Body installed a Caprice hood ornament on our Cavalier. OK.

Wed Oct 9 – Put the last of the storm windows on the dining room. Helen had a treatment.

Thu Oct 10 – Rested today. Letter with cat pictures from Dalene.



Dalene holding Christian, Roxanne, Cyrano



Russ with Christian and Cyrano

Sat Oct 12 – Watched football on TV. Rested. Helen phoned Gerald.

Tue Oct 15 – Put a new battery in the living room smoke alarm. Margie here in the afternoon.

Wed Oct 16 – Helen had a treatment. My legs hurt after supper.

Thu Oct 17 – I went to Dr. Fotiadis. He put me on Trazodone < *antidepressant/antianxiety drug* >. Phoned Dalene.

Fri Oct 18 – We went to Juanita (Schaffer) Bemis's funeral in Des Moines. She died last Tuesday.

Sat Oct 19 – I went to a sale but bought nothing. Had open heart surgery (5 bypasses) two years ago today.

Sun Oct 20 – Watched pro football in the afternoon. Helen phoned Gerald.

Wed Oct 23 – Looked at a pool table at Edith Thornton's. Ate lunch at Whiteway. T. J. & Lois Laing visited us a few minutes.

Sun Oct 27 – Went to Elizabeth Saylor's 58th birthday party at the Christian Church.

Tue Oct 29 – Visited with Allie McLaughlin in his car in the afternoon. Looked at a 1990 Ford Tempo. Too high.

Wed Oct 30 – Helen had a chiro treatment. We took a ride by our old home (1933-1934) north of Ottawa.

Thu Oct 31 – Talked to Ashby yesterday about the vibrating washer, he promised to fix it. Reading old diaries.

Fri Nov 1 – We went to lunch at Family Table. Blizzard all afternoon. Phoned Dalene & Russ at night.

Sun Nov 3 – Watched a lot of pro football. Snow flurries in the evening.

Tue Nov 5 – We read my diary of the 1950s. Balanced the checkbook.

Wed Nov 6 – Snow most all day, high 31°. We're reading old diaries of the 1950s. Blizzard.

Thu Nov 7 – We had 6 inches of snow the last 2 days. I blew the snow off our driveway at zero this morning, 1st time since 1988. Went to see Oscar Carson, 107 years old.

Fri Nov 8 – Reading my diaries of the 1960s.

Sat Nov 9 – No more snow. Helen talked to Jean Roath. We're reading a 1960s diary. Letter & pictures from Dalene.

Sun Nov 10 – Reading a diary of the late 1960s.

Mon Nov 11 – Reading my old diary of the early 1970s.

Tue Nov 12 – Fine day. I phoned Ron Gray to rake our leaves when they get dry.

Wed Nov 13 – Helen had a treatment by Dr. Andlehelm. Read some more old diaries of 1972, etc.

Thu Nov 14 – Still reading my old diaries of the 1970s. I weigh 166.

Sat Nov 16 – Still reading my old diaries. In 1973 & 1974 I made 80 trips from Osceola to Creston with Osceola papers to print.

Sun Nov 17 – I won \$10 on Iowa Lotto yesterday. Stayed home all day. Phoned Dalene in the evening.

Wed Nov 20 – Kevin Vanderlinden raked the leaves off the front lawn & hauled them away. Helen had a treatment. We went to Lela's in the afternoon.

Fri Nov 22 – Snow starting at 2:30 PM. A nurse who helped at my open heart 5 bypass surgery phoned to check on my health.

Sat Nov 23 – Ground blizzard all day, 4 inches of snow last night. We stayed home all day.

Sun Nov 24 – I used the snow blower on the driveway in the morning. Watched some pro football. Helen phoned Gerald. Tried to phone Stan, got answering service.

Wed Nov 27 – Ate at Family Table. Helen had a treatment at Dr. Andlehelm. Had pie at Family Table at 3 PM.

Thu Nov 28 – Watched Detroit beat Chicago in pro football. Dalene, & Stan phoned.

Fri Nov 29 – I got a flu shot today for A & B flu.

Sat Nov 30 – Snow is all gone. Ate at Family Table. Watched college football in the afternoon.

Sun Dec 1 – Dinner at Family Table. Watched pro football in the afternoon. Read from the 1988 & 1989 diary.

Tue Dec 3 – Reading from Mother's 1935 & 1936 diary.

Wed Dec 4 – Balanced the checkbook. Reading in Mother's 1937 & 1938 diary. Helen fell on the kitchen floor taking her boots off.

Thu Dec 5 – Brought Helen's lunch from Family Table. Trying to buy a 2nd hand pool table. Went to look at it.

Fri Dec 6 – Agreed to buy a pool table of Dennis White, probably next Monday. Did some shopping.

Sat Dec 7 – Borrowed a walker from Lela for Helen.

Sun Dec 8 – Brought Helen's lunch home to her. She doesn't feel good. Watched pro football.

Mon Dec 9 – Helen had a treatment. We bought a pool table (slate bed, Diplomat, Sears) of Dennis White. Kevin & a helper hauled it home.

Tue Dec 10 – I'm trying to find someone to put a new cloth on the pool table. Lanny Jones said he could put the cover on.

Wed Dec 11 – I ordered a pool table cover from the local Sears catalog store. Talked to Marie. Dalene phoned. Eva Schaffer's husband Jerry Kelly died about 7 PM.

Sat Dec 14 – We went to Jerry Kelly's funeral. Lunch at Family Table. Card from Larry & Irene.

Sun Dec 15 – We put our musical Christmas lights over the living room windows.

Mon Dec 16 – Bought a new Polaroid One-Step instant flash camera. Leveled the pool table. Mary Trisler here, brought us her old telephone book for Des Moines.

Tue Dec 17 – Took Helen to Leon doctor; he says concussion.

Thu Dec 19 – Lanny Jones put the wool cloth on the pool table bed. I went to the dentist, had my teeth cleaned, no bad ones. Sent letters to Stan & Dalene. Dalene phoned.

Fri Dec 20 – Letter from Jeff & family. Ran the sweeper in the basement & on the pool table. Keith phoned in the evening to visit.

Sat Dec 21 – Stayed home all day. Helen talked to Gerald, Jean Roath, Margie, & Marie White. I watched pro football.

Sun Dec 22 – Lunch at Family Table. Watched pro football all afternoon.

Mon Dec 23 – I worked on the pool table & cues in the morning & the afternoon. Put ends on the cues, waxing the woodwork, etc. Ate lunch at Family Table.

Tue Dec 24 – I went shopping, played some pool. Christmas card from Dalene & Russ.

Wed Dec 25 – Christmas. No snow. We're home all day. Watched pro football & basketball in the afternoon. Dalene & Russ phoned.

Thu Dec 26 – I went to the library. Ginny here in the afternoon. Letter from Gerald.

Tue Dec 31 – Watched some college football. Went to the store. Quiet day and evening for us.