

The Gardners in 1994: 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, James, Megan, and Tyler.

Carol and Kevin Snider had Clayton, Brett, and Ashley.

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

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

Melissa and Jerry Benton had Trenton.

Ricky and Mary Jo Cronin had Molly and Kevin.

Denise and Kent Barbee had Nate and Katie.

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 and Kimberly Prestridge had Matthew.

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, Alea.

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.

Craig was married to Mary Chambers.

Jeffrey was married to Karen Fitzgerald.

Marie and Robert White had Gregory and Brenda.

Brenda was married to Donald White.

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 is married to Sondra Lindley.

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

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 1994: 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 and Kyong Cha Yi had Nathaniel.
 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 Donovan.
 Donovan 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.

J. "Earl" (1895-1988) and Rouine Fleming (1897-1966) had Lester, Francis, and Max. Earl later married 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.
 Neeli and Michael Pyles II had Morgan.
 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 Ressa Bishop had Juanita, Carole, Judith, and Alice.
 Juanita and Donald Bemis had Tonya, Jeffrey, Charles, Lisa, and David.
 David and Tracy Summy had Benjamin.
 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 and Lora Winter had Jenna.
 Thomas and Anne Birdsell had Elizabeth and Madeline.
 Trent was married to Amy Edson.
 Alice and Jack Miller had Joshua and Jacob

Wilma and George Casey had Larry; Wilma later 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; Nancy was married to Don Fowler.
 Robert and Rachel Creel had Jeffrey, Megan, and Cara.
 Megan was married to David Page.

Highlights of 1994

(Source: infoplease.com)

WORLD EVENTS

- Thousands die in Rwanda massacre.
- South Africa holds first interracial national election; Nelson Mandela elected President.
- Israel signs accord with Palestinians, peace treaty with Jordan.
- IRA declares cease-fire in Northern Ireland; Ulster Protestants declare cease-fire.
- Russia attacks secessionist Republic of Chechnya.

U.S. EVENTS

- Olympic figure skater Nancy Kerrigan attacked.
- O. J. Simpson arrested in killings of wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and friend, Ronald Goldman.
- Major league baseball players strike.
- Newt Gingrich named House Speaker.

SPORTS

- Super Bowl: Dallas defeats Buffalo (30-13)
- World Series: Not held
- NBA Championship: Houston defeats New York (4-3)
- NCAA Basketball Championship: Arkansas defeats Duke (76-72)
- NCAA Football Champions: Nebraska (13-0-0)

ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

- Academy Award, Best Picture: *Schindler's List* (Universal)
- Academy Award, Best Actor: Tom Hanks, *Philadelphia*
- Academy Award, Best Actress: Holly Hunter, *The Piano*



- Emmy Award, Best Drama Series: *Picket Fences* (CBS)
- Emmy Award, Best Comedy Series: *Frasier* (NBC)
- Tony Award, Best Musical: *Passion*
- Grammy Award, Record of the Year: "I Will Always Love You," Whitney Houston
- Grammy Award, Song of the Year: "A Whole New World" (theme from Aladdin), Alan Menken and Tim Rice, songwriters

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- Ninety-five million viewers watch O. J. Simpson and Al Cowlings drive along Los Angeles freeways in history's most exciting low-speed chase.
- Kurt Cobain kills himself at the age of 27.
- Steven Spielberg wins his first directing Oscar for *Schindler's List*.
- *ER* and *Friends* debut on NBC, establishing NBC's dominance of the Thursday-night lineup.



MOVIES

- Forrest Gump, The Lion King, Four Weddings and a Funeral, The Mask, Pulp Fiction
- The Shawshank Redemption, Hoop Dreams, Speed, True Lies, Clear and Present Danger

SCIENCE

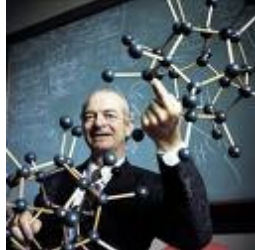
- White House launches Web page. Initial commerce sites are established and mass marketing campaigns are launched via email, introducing the term "spamming" to the Internet vocabulary.
- Dr. Ned First (US) clones calves from cells of early embryos.
- The FDA approves the Flavr Savr tomato, the first genetically-engineered food product.

DEATHS

- Cab Calloway, jazz singer and band leader; John Candy, film and television actor; Burt Lancaster, award-winning actor and director; Richard Milhous Nixon, 37th President of the United States; Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, first lady.



- Tip O'Neill, American politician and Speaker of the House; Linus Pauling, American chemist and multiple Nobel prize winner; Telly Savalas, American film and television actor; Jessica Tandy, English actress.



Diary of Dale Gardner 1994

As this diary from 1994 begins, Dale and Helen live at 624 North State Street, Osceola, IA. Their neighbors are Don and Virginia Cole to the north, Beth and George Pederson to the south, and Harold Frey across the street. Stan and Sondra live in Cleveland Heights, OH, and Stan does free-lance software consulting and development. Dalene and Russ move to Chestnut Ridge, NY, and Dalene works at Buck Consultants. Dale is 84 years old, Helen is 82, and they trade in their 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier for a 1994 Oldsmobile Ciera.

In mid-January, Ginny brings belated Christmas presents to Dale and Helen from Jeff, Chris, and herself. Dalene and Russ are now living in Chestnut Ridge, NY. Stan drops in for a brief visit in May. Helen and Dale trade their 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier for a 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera. Matt Gardner makes a brief visit in September. Stan starts working at Summit County Children Services in Akron, OH. Right after Thanksgiving, Ginny and Pierce visit Dale and Helen. Near yearend, Helen and Dale have Christmas dinner at Opal and Don Schaffer's house. We lose more family members this year: Bernice Welcher Delmage, daughter of Ina Short Welcher; Glen McFarland, older brother of C. A. "Mac" McFarland; and Eula Neff Yates, daughter-in-law of Lena Gardner Yates.

The Channel Tunnel, which took 15,000 workers over seven years to complete, and is 31 miles long joining France and England, opens. The Northridge earthquake, magnitude 6.7, hits the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. PLO leader Yasser Arafat returns to Palestine after 27 years in exile. The Whitewater scandal investigation begins. The North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico, creates the largest trading bloc of countries in the world. Netscape Navigator is released, quickly becoming the market leader for browsing the web. Lisa Marie Presley marries Michael Jackson. Notable births this year include Dakota Fanning and Nat Wolff.

Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Opal and Don Schaffer; Marie and Ralph Kimmel; Nancy and Stan Saddoris; Betty and Keith Schaffer; Mary and Tom Trisler; Marie White; Wayne Yates; Louise Wilson; Leona Van Sant; Lana Parodi; Judy Easley; Ruth Schaffer; Mary Keller; Doris and Ken Schaffer; and Margie and Jack Nish.

Sat Jan 1 – 19,030 miles on 1989 Chevy. Drove 3561 miles in 1993. Quiet day, watched some football. Lunch at Family Table.

Sun Jan 2 – Lunch at Family Table. Snow all afternoon. Watched some football.

Mon Jan 3 – Elmer Cameron removed driveway & sidewalk snow, about 4 inches. Stayed home all day.

Wed Jan 5 – Helen fell about 9 AM on the dining room floor. I borrowed a walker from the health department in the court house. We phoned Dalene. I weigh 167.

Thu Jan 6 – We went to Dr. Fotiadis for prescriptions for coughs. Talked to Marie, she has the flu too.

Wed Jan 12 – Talked to Marie. Ralph in bed with arthritis.

Thu Jan 13 – I shoveled the snow off the slab & sidewalk, etc. Updated the file cabinet in the basement. Went to the pharmacy 3 times. Talked to Ardith Elliot.

Fri Jan 14 – Received Iowa tax refund. Went to Joan for tax preparation. Phoned Dalene.

Sat Jan 15 – 17° below zero at 7 AM. Not above zero all day. We stayed in the house all day, too cold to go out.

Sun Jan 16 – Started snowing at 4:30 PM. Home all day. Quiet & peaceful here. Watched some TV.

Mon Jan 17 – Virginia brought Christmas presents from Jeff; Chris; & Virginia. Big 6.6 earthquake in L.A.

Thu Jan 20 – Went to the doctor; 104/66 & 168 pounds dressed. I'm OK. Next appointment March 3.

Sun Jan 23 – Foggy in the morning, clear in the afternoon. Stayed home all day. Watched pro football.

Mon Jan 24 – Joan McCann did our State & Federal income tax returns, we'll get them tomorrow.

Tue Jan 25 – We finished our State & Federal 1993 tax returns & signed them. Joan McCann prepared them. Letter from Dalene with their new address in Chestnut Ridge, NY.

Wed Jan 26 – Home all day. Dalene phoned at 7 PM with their new phone number.

Sat Jan 29 – Don & Opal here to help me with checkbook, etc. Lunch at Family Table. Three years ago I weighed 130 pounds.

Sun Jan 30 – Stayed home all day. My cousin Bernice Delmage bad sick in Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. Margie phoned.

Fri Feb 4 – Home all day. Serviced the furnace. Marie told me that our cousin Bernice Delmage died yesterday < *Charles Delmage's wife, Bernice, was the daughter of Roy Welcher and Ina Short, Jettie's sister* >.

Sun Feb 6 – Lunch at Family Table. Watched basketball on TV.

Fri Feb 11 – Don Schaffer said they go to Arizona tomorrow. We phoned Dalene.

Sat Feb 12 – Stayed home all day. Cameron plowed the snow. Phoned Stan.

Wed Feb 16 – Fine day. We cleaned house. Talked to Marie. Phoned Dalene & Russ.

Mon Feb 21 – Holiday. Margie called; Jack fell, Ruth had a small stroke.

Thu Feb 24 – 8 inches of snow. Don helped me move the snow. Phoned Dalene. Virginia phoned.

Sat Feb 26 – Lots of snow on the ground. Ground blizzard yesterday. Received Federal tax refund.

Thu Mar 3 – Married 62 years ago today. We went to Dr. Fotiadis. My blood pressure is 132/80, I weigh 166 pounds stripped, 170 dressed. Marie phoned.

Fri Mar 4 – Letter, card, & house picture from Dalene. Phoned Mike Crittenden and Steve Devore about a cement driveway.

Sat Mar 5 – Stan phoned. I spread crushed rock on the driveway in the morning.

Mon Mar 7 – I raked more rocks back to the driveway. Stan called about our family tree.

Wed Mar 9 – Steve Devore told us what the cement driveway will cost.

Sun Mar 13 – Home all day. Helen phoned Gerald.

Fri Mar 18 – I weigh only 158 pounds. I spread Turf Builder + Halts on the front lawn. Phoned Dalene.

Mon Mar 21 – Went shopping for a lawn spreader but couldn't find one. Meals on Wheels came at noon.

Wed Mar 23 – Margie phoned. Marie phoned, Leona & Lana coming for the July reunion.

Fri Mar 25 – Received a heavy-duty vibrator I had ordered on February 26th. Easter card from Chris.

Tue Mar 29 – I balanced the checkbook. Used our new heavy-duty vibrator & it helps.

Wed Mar 30 – Home all day. Talked to Mary Gardner & Marie White.

Fri Apr 1 – Reinforced the wood above the patio door. Spread some black dirt. Did some touch-up painting. Phoned Dalene.

Sun Apr 3 – Lunch at Family Table. Tested all 3 smoke alarms. Nancy & Stan Saddoris here in late afternoon, in their Cadillac.

Wed Apr 6 – We went to the Corner Café for coffee in the afternoon. Dalene phoned.

Thu Apr 7 – We went to Payless in Des Moines & bought a cordless grass trimmer (Toro). Supper at Corner Café.

Fri Apr 8 – Ordered a mulcher at Butch's. We took a ride north of Ottawa & Woodburn & Weldon. I put my new Toro cordless trimmer together. Phoned Don Schaffer.

Sun Apr 10 – Beautiful day. Finished charging the new Toro cordless trimmer (24 hours).

Mon Apr 11 – Ralph is in the Osceola hospital, he fell in his garage. Marie White called us, I phoned Marie, in the hospital.

Wed Apr 13 – We went to see Ralph in the hospital, Marie was there too. Took the storm off the front room window.

Thu Apr 14 – Took the storms off the dining room windows. Marie brought Ralph home from the hospital.

Mon Apr 18 – Beautiful day. I painted the tool shed in the back yard with oil base primer in the morning. Mowed the back lawn in the afternoon, 1st time this season.

Tue Apr 19 – I painted the tool shed the 2nd coat. I had my eyes examined, bought new lenses & frame.

Wed Apr 20 – Looked at my new mulcher kit. Bought it for the riding Snapper. Keith will take me to Des Moines on May 2nd for eyes.

Fri Apr 22 – Fine day. I attached the new mulcher kit to our Snapper riding mower. Took me 4 hours & it works fine. Does a beautiful job. Phoned Dalene.

Thu Apr 28 – To the doctor for check-ups. I weigh 173 pounds, blood pressure 126/64. Helen weighs 121 pounds, blood pressure 132/70.

Fri Apr 29 – Joel Erickson cut one trunk of the north maple off. I mowed the front lawn. Took the last 2 storm windows off. Got my new glasses. Talked to Keith.

Mon May 2 – Keith drove us to Des Moines to see Dr. Blodi about my eyes.

Sat May 7 – I spread Turf Builder + 2 on the front lawn and west of the fence. Helen received a nice card from Stan for Mother's Day.

Sun May 8 – Mowed the whole lawn in the afternoon. Couldn't get the electric trimmer to work, wore myself out trying to. Dalene phoned.

Mon May 9 – Did some grass trimming. Cleaned the garage & patio. Stan phoned for Mother's Day. Leona fell & has a concussion.

Tue May 10 – Mary & Tom here. Glen McFarland died last Saturday.

Fri May 13 – I mowed the whole yard. Stan came about 8:10 PM.

Sat May 14 – Stan went to Ames to visit Ginny and Pierce, came home about 9 PM.

Sun May 15 – Stan here today. Nice on the patio. I washed the car.

Mon May 16 – Stan left for home about 6:30 AM. I painted the house side of the patio.

Thu May 19 – Carried grass clippings to Jackson Street & burned it. Sent Dalene a letter & phoned her.

Fri May 20 – Trimmed the yard grass. Don Cole took the mower to get it started. Helen washed 3 loads. We bought a new clutch at Butch's.

Sat May 21 – Don Cole put a new clutch on our Snapper. Lunch at Hy-Vee. Lela phoned to visit.

Mon May 23 – Mowed the lawn in the morning. Both of us to the doctor in the afternoon. I weighed 166 pounds, blood pressure 135/64. Helen weighed 120 pounds, blood pressure 130/60.

Thu May 26 – The bowling alley was torn down today. I put a new switch in Helen's floor lamp.

Fri May 27 – I mowed the lawn & trimmed too. Old bowling alley most all gone. Loaned Marvin McHarg the pruner.

Sat May 28 – Marvin & I worked most of the afternoon on our riding mower, no luck, it won't run. Phoned Dalene.

Mon May 30 – Holiday. Ate lunch at Hy-Vee. Rested today.

Tue May 31 – Don Cole took our Snapper to T&H Tires to fix the transmission. Left it overnight.

Wed Jun 1 – Took the Snapper operating manual to Troy. Balanced the checkbook in the afternoon.

Thu Jun 2 – Troy Updike fixed our Snapper rider, a plastic fitting had slipped near the transmission linkage. Someone ran into Don Cole's truck while I was with him.

Fri Jun 3 – Hired Gerald Siefer to put in our cement driveway before July 4th. Mowed the lawn. Sent Dalene a letter, & phoned her.

Sat Jun 4 – Got black dirt from the old bowling alley & filled in some bare spots in our lawn.

Wed Jun 8 – Tim Cannon & 2 others scraped & primed the house undercoat.

Thu Jun 9 – Tim Cannon & helpers finished painting the overhang, gutters, etc. I put the mulcher on the riding mower & mowed the front lawn. Busy day. Phoned Dalene & Russ. Beautiful evening.

Sun Jun 12 – Beautiful afternoon. Home all day. Grace phoned.

Tue Jun 14 – I mowed the lawn in forenoon & trimmed. Couldn't get the electric trimmer to work. Marie phoned, Leona coming for the July 17th reunion.

Wed Jun 15 – "Bud" Siefer & company got our driveway ready for pouring cement early tomorrow. I took pictures of the form.

Thu Jun 16 – "Bud" Siefer poured cement driveway for us, 34 feet x 12 feet. Took some pictures, phoned Dalene & Russ.

Fri Jun 17 – Siefer finished sodding the new driveway edges. We drove out through Don Cole's driveway twice. Phoned Dalene about coming here the Fourth.

Sat Jun 18 – I had the lawn sprayed by Turf Elegance. Drove on our new cement driveway for 1st time. Helen did a washing. I tightened the mulcher on the riding mower.

Sun Jun 19 – Stan phoned for Father's Day. Phoned Dalene, they can't come for the Fourth.

Tue Jun 21 – Took Helen to Dr. Fotiadis for shoulder pain, he sent her for an X-ray & to a therapist tomorrow. Helen weighs 124 pounds and blood pressure = 138/70.

Wed Jun 22 – Sent a check to Turf Elegance for spraying the lawn on the 18th. Took Helen to the therapist for muscle treatment. Watched basketball late.

Fri Jun 24 – Helen had the 2nd therapy treatment for her shoulder. I mowed the lawn in the afternoon & trimmed. I weigh 159 pounds.

Sat Jun 25 – Marie White here to give us the family history. Lunch at Hy-Vee.

Sun Jun 26 – Lunch at Hy-Vee. We went to Sutherland's in Des Moines to buy marble chips. Beautiful day. Sent Dalene the family tree.

Mon Jun 27 – Mowed the lawn. Got a wheelbarrow of dirt from the site of the old bowling alley. Put it against the east side of the house, low down. Put new marble chips on the east side of the house. Helen had the 3rd therapy treatment. Newspaper lady's car spilled oil on new cement.

Tue Jun 28 – Worked most all day on the oil spot on new cement driveway. Took a ride by the old Schaffer farm.

Wed Jun 29 – Washed the car. Ordered another hearing aid. Mailed more family tree to Dalene.

Thu Jun 30 – Helen had the 4th therapy treatment for her shoulder. Margaret Mitchell gave me something to put on the oil spot on the driveway.

Fri Jul 1 – Mowed the lawn, cut 2 limbs off the maples. Stan came at 9 PM. Chris & family came about 10:45 PM.

Sat Jul 2 – Stan picked up Sondra at the Des Moines airport. Chris's here. Cut branches with the chain saw. Lunch at Hy-Vee, Helen & I. Talked to Dalene.

Sun Jul 3 – Pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall. Eleven relatives, counting Helen & I, here for all night tonight, Ginny and Pierce came, too. Took pictures.



*Dale, Helen, Sondra, Chris, Cathy, Rebecca, Jacob, and Adam on new driveway;
Missing: Stan (taking the picture), Ginny and Pierce*



Jacob tests the hammock, Adam plays, Becca smiles

Mon Jul 4 – Fourth of July. Chris & family & Pierce & Ginny & Sondra left in the afternoon. Stan here all night. Chris is an advanced systems engineer.

Tue Jul 5 – Stan started home at 7 AM. Helen had the 5th therapy treatment. I weigh 163.

Thu Jul 7 – Virginia Scholl's car leaked oil a 2nd time on the driveway. Our washer broke down, called Fry. Entered Publisher's Clearing House give-away. Put a new filter in the furnace.

Fri Jul 8 – Helen had her 6th therapy treatment. I went to Eula Yates' graveside funeral here, saw Wayne and Louise < Louise Yates was Wayne's sister >. Had Ashby look at our washer. It's OK, no charge.

Mon Jul 11 – Helen had her 7th therapy treatment. Barricaded our driveway tonight for newspaper carrier's leaky car (oil).

Tue Jul 12 – I'm 85 today. I got my driver's license renewed for 2 years. I vacuumed the whole house, up & down. Helen did 2 washings. Dalene & Russ phoned.

Wed Jul 13 – I mowed the lawn. Looked at a 1994 Buick Century. Keith visited about 5 PM. Talked to Chris about a new car.

Thu Jul 14 – Helen had the 8th & last therapy treatment. Her arm is OK, she had shoulder tendonitis. Chris called, no car discount for me. I'm mentally exhausted about a new car.

Fri Jul 15 – Leona & daughters Judith and Lana came for a visit. We all went north of Ottawa. We inquired about painting the car.

Sun Jul 17 – Gardner-Williams reunion at the Legion Hall, 23 people there. Leona Van Sant & 2 daughters were there.



Reunion: Leona Van Sant with daughters Lana and Judy; Marie, Louise Wilson, Helen, and Dale

Tue Jul 19 – Mowed the lawn in the morning. Bought a new knife for the electric trimmer. Lela phoned, Helen will be 83 tomorrow.

Wed Jul 20 – Helen's 83rd birthday. Don Schaffer phoned Helen. Dalene phoned at night.

Thu Jul 21 – Arranged to buy 1994 Olds Ciera in Creston tomorrow.

Fri Jul 22 – Bought a new Olds Cutlass Ciera at the Cornick dealer in Creston. Beautiful medium Garnet Red Metallic, Ruby Red interior cloth. Phoned Dalene.



Stock 1994 Olds Cutlass

Sat Jul 23 – Lunch at Hy-Vee. Showed our new car to Don & Opal in the afternoon.

Sun Jul 24 – Lunch at Hy-Vee. Showed our new car to Keith & Betty, & Marie.

Mon Jul 25 – Drove around in the new Olds. Read more of the Olds manual.

Tue Jul 26 – Worked 4 hours in the morning fixing the door on the storage house in the back yard. Phoned Lela, she is 85 today.

Thu Jul 28 – I painted the backyard railroad ties, trimmed along the patio, etc. Both of us to see Dr. Fotiadis; I weighed 165, Helen weighed 122 pounds.

Fri Jul 29 – Nice letter from Leona about the reunion. Stan phoned about our new car.

Mon Aug 1 – 19 years ago today we moved to 624 North State Street. Sent a letter to Dalene.

Thu Aug 4 – Found splash guards at Pamida. Letter from Chris with Mpls-St. Paul map.

Fri Aug 5 – Had Rusty install new splash guards on the Cutlass Ciera & they match the car. Went to see Ruth at Leisure Manor.

Sat Aug 6 – Went to the County Fair, bought stationery. Saw Mary Gardner. Lunch at Hy-Vee.

Sun Aug 7 – Lunch at Hy-Vee. Phoned Dalene, their 11th wedding anniversary.

Mon Aug 8 – Wrote a letter to Harry Rutenbeck Jr. with pictures. Had a hard time locating him.

Tue Aug 9 – Mowed the back lawn. Went to the doctor at 3 PM to 4:30, ran tests. Stopped Trazodone, started Zoloft. Dalene phoned.

Thu Aug 11 – I fixed one half of the extension ladder so it won't cut in the ground. Sent a letter to Chris.

Thu Aug 18 – Clear, 90°. Stayed in the house after clipping the low limbs on the maples in the front yard.

Sun Aug 21 – Took the 8 mile ride in the new car.

Thu Aug 25 – Received letter about my old hearing aid, it's coming. Dalene phoned.

Sun Aug 28 – In the house all day. Helen phoned Gerald at 8:45 PM.

Mon Aug 29 – Keith here; Marie here. To Dr. Fotiadis, change of pills.

Tue Aug 30 – Trimmed the back yard fence row. Took a ride. Balanced the checkbook.

Mon Sep 5 – Holiday. Helen called Lela, & Margie, & Don Schaffer. I mowed the lawn. Gerald is in the hospital, Helen phoned.

Wed Sep 7 – Took a walk. Helen phoned Judy Muhlenbruck in Latimer.

Thu Sep 8 – Walked around the old football field.

Sat Sep 10 – I feel weak & Helen has her troubles too, but we're still together. Lunch at Hy-Vee. Beautiful day.

Sun Sep 11 – We stayed home all day. Don & Opal visited. Dalene phoned.

Tue Sep 13 – Don & Opal, Kenneth & wife here; took me to the doctor for tests then to hospital for more tests. Some medicine may be making me feel weak - Zoloft.

Wed Sep 14 – Feeling better today. Marie phoned.

Thu Sep 15 – I feel a little better today. Doctor says I can't mow the yard yet. Called Elmer Cameron to do it. Phoned Stan. Matt was supposed to come, didn't show up.

Fri Sep 16 – Matthew stopped in awhile & took me to the store. Hired the lawn mowed by David Imel. Talked to Marie, she has the flu.

Sat Sep 17 – I went to the store. Phoned Dalene, Russ has diabetes, not well.

Tue Sep 20 – We went to the doctor, both got new medicine. Phoned Dalene.

Wed Sep 21 – I took the flowers in. George Pederson mulched the whole back yard. Good neighbor.

Sat Sep 24 – Finished reading the Oldsmobile manual. Helen called Gerald's Judy in Latimer.

Wed Sep 28 – Talked to Bill Kelso about snow removal. Mike Crittenden put our mulcher on.

Thu Sep 29 – Bill Kelso put 5 storm windows on for us. I put one on the west garage door.

Fri Sep 30 – Went to the doctor about a blood vessel on the back of my left hand; OK. Talked to Don Cole about the Snapper. Talked to Dalene.

Sat Oct 1 – Ate free pancakes & sausage at the Fire Hall. We took a ride by the Schaffer farm.

Sun Oct 2 – Vacuumed the back bedroom carpet. Washed the car. Burned the limbs in the burn barrel. Opal brought apple pie. Stan got a job, we phoned him.

Mon Oct 3 – Wrote a letter to Harry Rutenbeck Jr. about returning my pictures. Dated it 10-4-94.

Thu Oct 6 – Worked on the Snapper mulcher, to make it longer. Cut up a fallen tree branch & put it in the burn barrel. Greased the furnace. The Cutlass has 400 miles on it.

Fri Oct 7 – I worked a little more on the Snapper mulcher; washed the living room window; cleaned the garage, etc. Talked to Dalene; Russ has diabetes.

Sat Oct 8 – I mowed the front lawn, testing my adjustment to the mulcher. It works, no grass windrow left behind.

Sun Oct 9 – I drove to Groveland & back, north on highway 69, 16 miles. Cutlass has 456 miles on it. Don & Opal visited us in the afternoon.

Mon Oct 10 – McDowell came to repair the dryer, worn out belt. Beautiful fall day.

Tue Oct 11 – Drove the car 98 miles today to get miles on it for its 1st service. Talked to Butch about the mower clutch. Margie visited us in late afternoon.

Wed Oct 12 – I made 3 trips to Des Moines to put miles on the new Olds. Made an appointment for 2 PM tomorrow for Creston Cornick 1st service; 875 miles on the Cutlass, 32 mpg.

Thu Oct 13 – Took the Olds Cutlass to Cornick in Creston for 1st service, free. 32 miles to Creston, takes 40 minutes. Car has 913 miles on it.

Fri Oct 14 – T. J. & Lois Laing visited a few minutes. I mowed the lawn plus trimmed the edges. McDowell put a new belt in the dryer. I weigh 172.

Sun Oct 16 – Opal brought us an apple pie. Talked to Marie. Phoned Dalene & Russ.

Tue Oct 18 – Recharged the riding mower battery. Had my glasses adjusted; went to the library. Tested smoke alarms. All 3 are OK.

Wed Oct 19 – 5 years ago today I had open heart surgery, 5 bypasses. Phoned Creston about oil in the new car, etc.

Thu Oct 20 – Mulched the back lawn in the afternoon. Beautiful day. Started wearing my 1979 glasses, new ones hurt my nose & ears, after 4 times adjusted.

Mon Oct 24 – Mulched the front lawn leaves. Phoned Dalene. Don phoned about Lela.

Wed Oct 26 – I went to the county health nurse for info for Helen. Rutenbeck sent my pictures back.

Thu Oct 27 – We went to the doctor for flu shots. I weigh 175, 120/70. Helen weighs 132, 108/50.

Fri Oct 28 – We went to Indianola to get my hearing aid fixed.

Sat Oct 29 – We went grocery shopping. Balanced the checkbook with the bank statement.

Mon Oct 31 – Picked up some prescriptions. Went to the store. Sent Dalene a letter. No tricks or treats.

Tue Nov 1 – I went to Dr. Hoadly, optometrist, to have a lens changed. Borrowed a ratchet wrench of Don Cole to use on the mower battery.

Wed Nov 2 – The positive cable end broke off at the battery post. I took the battery clear out, it was worn out anyway after 4 years. Mulched the front lawn.

Thu Nov 3 – I bought a ratchet wrench & 7/16 inch socket to use on the mower battery. Lost a bolt for the drill on the garage floor, couldn't find it. Bought a new one.

Sun Nov 6 – I mulched parts of front & back lawn. Don Cole has a new Olds 88, white. Talked to Dalene & Russ. Nice day.

Fri Nov 11 – Quiet day here. Veteran's Day, holiday.

Sun Nov 13 – Gerald's daughter Alice called, Gerald talked. Don & Opal here, she brought ½ of a cream pie. Jeff phoned.

Mon Nov 14 – Marie White phoned in the evening.

Wed Nov 16 – I had a tooth filled. Added a piece of metal to the Snapper mower mulcher. Sharp saleslady gave me a 40 piece ratchet socket set.

Thu Nov 17 – I worked some more on the mulcher. Jack came & straightened out my new socket set.

Sun Nov 20 – Stayed home all day. Don & Opal here a little while.

Mon Nov 21 – Did a lot of outside work; ran gas out of the Snapper, took the fan off the windmill, sawed broken-off tree branches & put them in the burn barrel. Went grocery shopping.

Tue Nov 22 – Walked 30 minutes, I do that each day. Rested a lot.

Wed Nov 23 – Walked 30 minutes, 1½ miles.

Thu Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday. Lunch at Hy-Vee. Virginia phoned. Dalene phoned.

Fri Nov 25 – Burned the branches in the burn barrel. Pierce & Virginia here in the afternoon. Sent a letter to Dalene.

Sun Nov 27 – Watched pro football on TV. Don & Opal dropped in about 5 PM to visit.

Mon Nov 28 – COLD. I wrote Dorotha a letter. Talked to Marie. Home all day.

Tue Nov 29 – Wind gusting broke our outside thermometer, bought a new one.

Fri Dec 2 – I found a metal strip for the mulcher. Lost my billfold at Wilder's for awhile. Beautiful day for December.

Sun Dec 4 – Don & Opal here in the afternoon.

Tue Dec 6 – Cold, freezing drizzle all day. I put sand & melting salt on the sidewalk for the Meals on Wheels lady. Serviced the furnace.

Wed Dec 7 – Bill Kelso moved the snow off the driveway & sidewalk. I brought the snow blower up to the garage. Dalene phoned.

Thu Dec 8 – I plowed snow off the driveway & then Don Cole came over & plowed the ice off. Sent Dalene a letter. Tired tonight.

Fri Dec 9 – Wayne Yates, my first cousin, came to visit about 2 hours. Received a letter & business card from Stan.

Sun Dec 11 – Opal came for the paper. I walked ½ hour.

Mon Dec 12 – I went grocery shopping. I'm too weak again, I think it's the sleeping pills. I'm quitting them.

Thu Dec 15 – Blew the snow off the driveway. Went grocery shopping. Visited Marvin McHarg. Sent a letter to Lela.

Thu Dec 22 – Home all day. Card from Mary Trisler. Phoned Jean Roath at night.

Sat Dec 24 – Opal invited us to dinner tomorrow. We're going.

Sun Dec 25 – Christmas. To Don & Opal's for dinner. Stan & Dalene phoned.

Mon Dec 26 – Holiday. I'm still too weak. I think it's just plain worry. Helen keeps me going.

Tue Dec 27 – Went to Dr. Fotiadis. Helen had a pelvic exam.

Wed Dec 28 – Home all day. I phoned a doctor in Des Moines about Helen's appointment.

Thu Dec 29 – Took me about 1½ hours to balance the checkbook. Wore me out. Sent an entry to Publishers Clearing House. Dr. Lindell phoned, Helen's appointment is 1-30-95 at 9 AM.

Fri Dec 30 – I went shopping. Wrote Stan a letter.

Sat Dec 31 – Cold, low 20s, light snow all day. 1200 miles on the car. Sent the letter to Stan. End of 1994.

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This was the last diary I found. In just 20 months, on August 8, 1996, Helen died at the age of 85 years and 3 weeks. Then 17 months after that, on January 16, 1998, Dale died at the age of 88 years and 6 months. They were genuinely nice and gentle people. I miss them a lot.