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“Merry Christmas”

To families and friends,

It is that time of the year remember the things that happened in 2017. The year went by so quickly, not much time to do anything. In the beginning, January and February, we had a large snowstorm, but it didn't last too long. In the middle of February, Gregory, our second son, travelled to Australia and New Zealand. It was a pleasant and good trip for him. In the summer of 1999, Johnnie and I traveled to New Zealand and Australia, eighteen years before Gregory. We also had an enjoyable trip that year. We had snow and it was cold and he had warm weather, it was summer there. He returned home after two weeks of fun with friends. All of my other sons, Marvin, Jeffrey, and Kenneth's families are doing very well.

This year I went to see Kenya, my oldest granddaughter, perform at Southern Connecticut State University and North Haven High School in her dance performances. She performed very well. Kenya is 15 years old and in the 10th grade, doing very well in her classes with honors. Nairobi is playing softball, soccer and basketball and has joined her local Fyfe and Drum Corp as a drummer in training. Nairobi is also doing very well in school. She is 10 years old in the 5th grade. Nairobi asked her father when they came to my house for Thanksgiving, could she stay with me and take care of me because I was not feeling well. She spent from Thanksgiving Day until Sunday. She would get up and prepare breakfast, without me asking her, and she did a good job. I felt better with someone in the house. My granddaughters are growing up too fast. I love all of my grandchildren.

I enjoyed Father's Day with Kenneth and family at his church in East Hartford, CT. In July, I went on my annual trip to North Carolina to celebrate my 60th Year out of high school. It was good to see some of my classmates. After returning home for a week, I had surgery on my left eye; that slowed me down for a while. After recovering from eye surgery, I was down with back and leg pain for a few weeks. I'm much better now.

This year I was surprised again with a celebration of my 80th birthday on November 12, 2017 at Hope Christian Church, North Haven, CT where I am a member. To my surprise, my sisters, grandchildren, family members, people that I worked with many years ago from Yale University, friends I've know for twenty and thirty years ago from Bridgeport, CT, New York and surrounding cities were all there.

We will be spending Christmas at Ken and Rose's home in Granby. To all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2018.

Love,

Thelma L. Mouning