

December 12, 1985

Greetings,

It's good to be able to continue the expansion of the Mouning Saga to family and friends like you.

This years experiences unfold in this manner.

Kenneth our youngest son returned to University of Connecticut after Christmas recess where he is enjoying himself very much. Ken is majoring in banking and finance, and he works in the credit union on campus after classes. He competed in an incentive program that the credit union offered to eighty volunteers. Ken won first place with an award of a weekend trip to Cape Cod. Gregory accompanied Ken on the trip and they enjoyed a lovely third weekend in June. U Conn. is about one hour and fifteen minutes away from home, so Ken returns home for visits quite often. Ken got out of school early in the spring and got a job working at Yale in the Biology Department along with a part time job at McDonald's in Branford.

Summer is over for Ken and its back to U Conn. and the routine of studying and playing in the band (the band by the way made a T.V. commercial for G.M.C.'s new 1986 Pontiac). We are looking forward to picking Ken up on December 20th for Christmas recess.

Jeffrey our third son, informed us that he and his fiancée, Linda Christian would be getting married in the early spring 1985.

Johnnie and Thelma went to Washington D.C. to a pastor conference and visited their son Marvin and wife Rose Marie in Newport News, Va. during the week of March 18 through 25. They returned home just in time for Jeff and Linda's wedding on March 30, at 12 noon. The family and friends gathered afterward for the reception at Johnnie and Thelma's place which included much food and Cheer, fun and laughter.

On April 17, 1985 Johnnie was awarded a silver pen for twenty-five years of service at Yale University, the ceremony took place at Woolsey hall.

On July 21st, our first grandson arrived, Marcus Edward Mouning, weighing in at 6 pounds 10 ounces, healthy and of course smart as only grandparents would know (smile). We truly love and enjoy our second daughter Linda, she and Marcus bring lots of tender loving and care to our family. Jeff has done very well this year. He has been blessed with a wife, a son, and a promotion at Yale. He has transferred from the Biology Department to the Chemistry Department.

Gregory, our second son is delighted to still be living at home, working at the computer center and attending Southern Connecticut State University studying drama. He enjoys skiing, traveling, and photography.

Marvin our first son and Rose our first daughter, were stationed at Newport News, Va.

for one year. His duties as a chef at Fort Eustus army base often required him to be sent out on the boat for long periods of time. They did however, come home for Jeff and Linda's wedding and brought a couple of friends with them.

In June, Johnnie's cousin Marie Parker died and we went to North Carolina on June 21st to the funeral. On the way back to Connecticut we stopped in Newport News to see Marvin and Rose by surprise.

In July while Marvin was at sea for six weeks, Rose came to live with us. We got to know and love her, she is a firm hard worker. She is a compassionate, sweet daughter that any parent would be pleased to have. We are blessed to have her with us, she shared her talent, time, and abilities freely with us. We held our first tag sale July 5th and 6th, Rose was very helpful in organizing and running the sale. Marvin returned to pick her up and they went back to Virginia. They returned to Connecticut on November 4th for a few days stay on their way back to Germany for three years.

August 26, 1985 marks the twenty-eighth anniversary of Johnnie and Thelma's marriage. They celebrated while spending some time in Haverhill and Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Thanksgiving was held at Johnnie's parents in Bridgeport, Connecticut, as always lots of good food and laughter. December 21st of this year will mark the fiftieth anniversary of Johnnie's parents, which plans to be celebrated with lots of family and friends in Bridgeport.

We are looking forward to Christmas at our home. We are enjoying our fellowship and activity at our local church in New Haven. We have been blessed by God to have family and friends like you to share some of these blessings and experiences of our lives.

From the Mounings to all of you, have a happy holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year.