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Dear Family and Friends,

This note comes to say "Joy to the World the Lord is Come". This has been a blessed year for us in many ways. We started out with excited hearts anticipating the celebration of the retirement from teaching of our boss, Sterling Professor Frederic M. Richards. We were also looking forward to the wedding of our youngest son Kenneth Wayne to Rose-Marie Scott.

The winter went by fast with the planning of the retirement of our boss the Chief. The spring came and the day arrived - May 30 through June 2. There was a Symposium and Banquet that brought people together from around the world in what has been called a world class event. It concluded with a barbecue at our place on Sunday. The Chief is now back in the lab doing his research and it is going well. We are still receiving positive comments about the affair. By this time it is late spring and time to plant the vegetable garden with sweet potatoes, green beans, lima beans, corn, squash, okra, tomatoes, cabbage, eggplant, peas and broccoli.

Marvin, our oldest son, is well and still continues to work as a chef at Whitney Manor Convalescent Home.

Gregory, our second son, is enjoying himself acting (he made his overseas debut in "Stratford Character's" at Stratford-Upon-Avon arriving in England the last two weeks in July). He trained with people such as James Nobles who played the governor on "Benson", Jane Miner, who played Madge on palmolive commercials, Denise Pence, who played on " The Guiding Light" soap opera. (Gregory had an on the road experience of a life time.)

Jeff, Linda and Marcus are doing very well. Marcus is in the first grade and enjoying school.

On August 10, 1991, we held a barbecue for Ken and Rose-Marie instead of the traditional wedding shower and bachelor party. We had about 85 people in attendance, ranging in age from 2 years to 75 years. There were various kinds of sports, horse shoes, golf, volley-ball, badminton and basketball.

August 31, 1991, was a wonderful and joyful time for Ken and Rose. Their wedding was held at our church, Christ Chapel. The wedding was performed by our Bishop and Pastor W.M. Philpot, Rose's father Rev. Clinton Scott and Ken's father Rev. J.L. Mouning. Marvin and Jeff served as ushers Greg as best-man and Marcus as ring-bearer. The wedding brought people from across America, Canada, England and Jamaica.

Our annual anniversary trip this year took us to The Catskill, Monticello, Mohawk Mountain House, The Vanderbilt Mansion, F.D. Roosevelt Mansion, Eleanor Roosevelt Estate and Poughkeepsie, New York, where we celebrated our 34th Anniversary.

Johnnie and Thelma took their first cruise with the Norwegian Cruise Line on the Seaward Ship. They traveled through the Western Caribbean Sea. They left on Sunday, November 3, 1991, and returned Sunday, November 10, 1991. Their first stop was a Private Island in the Bahamas. They went to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Cayman Island, Cozumel, Mexico and back to Miami, Florida.

It was a wonderful trip. They were spoiled for one whole week with all the service and good food one could eat. They enjoyed friends and meeting new people. It was marvelous traveling with Patrick and Judith Nolan our department business manager on the cruise. We saw some of the most beautiful islands in the world; and recommend this trip to everyone at least once in their life.

We are especially thankful to God for our mothers. Johnnie's mother was hospitalized twice this year. She had a complete knee replacement, but is doing very well at this time. Thelma's mother is hospitalized and she is getting stronger every day.

Johnnie and Thelma arrived back home in time to share Thanksgiving dinner with their families and friends at home. They are looking forward to sharing Christmas with Johnnie's sister and family in Bridgeport.

We pray that this year has been a prosperous year for you and your family. Have a safe and healthy New Year.

With love,

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