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**“Merry Christmas”**

Greetings to Family and Friends,

This year, 2011, was a little different from previous years. We had a big snowstorm about 20 inches on my driveway. It snowed for several days. We were not able to go too far without slipping and sliding because it turned to ice. I never saw that much snow since I have been in the New England state at one time.

Just before Spring I began to have problems with the lower part of my back. I went to the doctor and he X-rayed and took an MRI and said I had a lumbar disk, so the best way to solve the problem was to remove it. On March 16, I went in and had surgery. I stayed in Yale New Haven Hospital for four days, from there to Montowese Health and Rehab Center for eight days. I returned home with the help of my sons and sisters for complete recovery. This is the end of Spring time for planting the vegetable garden. This year we were not able to harvest much because the animals took advantage of it. They thought they needed to eat before me.

In July I was able to fly down to North Carolina for the Eppes Alumni Class Reunion. It was better for my back to fly because it made the time go by faster. It was an enjoyable event. It was one of the best ones that I have attended. I was able to see some of my graduating classmates.

In late July Greg performed in Richard III by Shakespeare. He portrayed Lord Stanley. I always enjoyed seeing him. He is the actor in each part that he portrays. My friends Dr. & Mrs. Gerald and Miriam Putterman drove me to see the play.

During the year I try to attend some of my grandchildren's activities. Jordan plays hockey and I drove myself to see him. He skates very well and doing well in High School. Kenya, 9, and Nairobi, 4, performed in a dance. Kenya also plays the flute and Nairobi is in preschool. They performed very well. Because they live further away, Marvin and Gregory take me to see them. Malachi is doing well and swims a lot. Kenneth Jr., had an adventurous trip to Australia for three weeks this summer. He made our day on Thanksgiving when he made a touchdown in football and his team won the trophy.

At the end of October, to our surprise, we had another large snowstorm in the New England area. Lots of people lost their electricity. My son Kenneth, Rose and their children came to stay with me for eleven days, but it was fun because I was able to spend lots of time with them. While they were with me, their youngest daughter, Nairobi, said to me, “you don't feel good Grandma?” I said, “no”. She said, “when I grow up I am going to be a doctor so I can help you.” That made me feel better. A child knows to care for you --“a little child shall lead them”.

Thanksgiving was held at Jeff and Linda's home. It was an enjoyable time with lots of good food and some to take home. The Saturday after Thanksgiving all of my sons and grandchildren came to my place to bring in firewood for the winter. They all worked together and finished in a short time. Now we are looking forward to Christmas at Marvin and DeEtta's home.

I am thankful for my family. They call, come by and see that things are well with me. May all of you and your families enjoy Christmas and the New Year in 2012.

Love,

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