

December 6, 1988

Season's Greetings:

This is the season to be jolly! The year opened with the conclusion of a wonderful trip to Norfolk, Virginia where we enjoyed a traditional Jewish wedding of Julie Forman and Lewis Kay. They were graduate students in our lab at Yale. What pleasant memories of the food and festivities after the Christmas recess.

Later in January, Kenneth, our number four son, went back to the University of Connecticut (UCONN) where he completed his last year of college. When spring break came, Ken and over two hundred more of the UConnites boarded buses and headed for seven days and six nights vacation in Florida. It was quiet a trip for him to travel night and day meeting people, making friends and sharing the joy.

The day finally came, May 22, 1988, when Ken graduated with honors, being on the Dean's List. With a determination to give back more than he took out. We celebrated that day and concluded the week with a picnic of about thirty-five of his classmates in the yard with lots of food and games.

Kenneth was fortunate enough to get a job with CIGNA Insurance Company in Bloomfield, CT, which employs about 40 thousand people. It is a beautiful site surrounded by an 18-hole golf course. Ken has a nice efficiency apartment in Hartford, CT, just about fifteen minutes from work. He holds the position of Customer Service Representative in the department, Medical Management Information. Kenneth spent the summer working and saving for another car. In September, he was able to purchase a new 1988 White Toyota Camry with everything he desired to have on it.

He has established his own company, where he types papers for various college and university students in the Hartford area. He also teaches some computer courses part-time. Ken remains a member of the UConn Student Federal Credit Union's Board of Directors. He has traveled to Colorado and Philadelphia to participate in Credit Union conferences. As you can see, Ken has both hands full and is very thankful to God for all his blessings.

Next, Jeffrey, Linda, and Marcus are all doing very well. Jeff is still employed at UPS and getting the packages delivered on time. Linda is still with Yale University in the Department of M B & B stockroom. Its so good to have a daughter so warm and open to share her love so freely with our family. Linda comes from a very fine family that we share our love and hospitality on holidays and special occasions.

Marcus, our only grandson, is now three and a half years old. Someone remarked to me last Sunday that he looks like a little Rabbi as he sat in church with his grandmother (Thelma). He has the mind and wisdom of a Rabbi. We all are astonished at the things we hear coming from Marcus. He has changed nurseries this year and has a part in a Christmas pageant, and he requested that we be there. Well its a forgone statement that his parents are proud of him. His grandparents are not only proud of him but spoil him on every occasion they get like birthdays

and holidays.

Gregory, son number two, is quite content living at home. He is still working at Yale University Computer Center. All of his spare time is spent in acting. He has had shows at the Whitney Barn in New Haven, Branford Theater, and other local places around the community and Hartford area. Greg is acting just about every month. Earlier this fall he went abroad to Europe. He traveled to Switzerland, France, Netherlands, Belgium and Germany to see his brother Marvin. They had a great time together. Upon his return he continued his routine of work and rehearsing for the next play. He is thankful for all the benefits that God renders unto him.

Marvin, son number one, is still in Germany in the military. He will soon have to reenlist for another three years or muster out. Marvin has been in there for eleven years, he is not sure whether he wants to stay in or get out. We miss him a lot but he is a military man and we are praying that he will stay in until he retires; its about eight more years. We heard from him and he is doing quite well and thankful for all blessings.

We had a blessed year still at Yale University in the Department of M B & B and going full steam ahead. The department is growing with new people coming in and some retiring and lots of renovation and expansion. We have shared in a number of conferences this year in Washington, D.C. and Massachusetts. They were enjoyable and exciting. Johnnie was commissioned to be a Notary public in June. He has the official seal and stamp for the job.

This year our vacation took us into an area of New England, where we had not been before. The first stop was Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire where we relaxed for a few days and took a boat tour of the lakes and went to a worship service. Then we moved on to Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire where we did another boat cruise and visited many islands there we enjoyed Aug. 26, 1988. After a few days there we went to Cape Cod. On the way to the Cape, we visited Plymouth Rock. It was exciting to see and go aboard the Mayflower ship and tour the Pilgrim's village that we visited more than twenty years ago.

While we were on the Cape, we went over to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Island and spent a day on each island. Both days were nice sunny days. We rented a car and went to Edgartown Chappaquiddick the areas that we heard so much about. Returned to the Cape and headed home.

After a quiet and restful time back to the same routine work and church activity, which we do enjoy, we consider ourselves blessed to be part of such an active church that is growing and glowing for the Lord.

Thelma was selected for Jury duties September 15, 88 and served for a day and a half, that was new and exciting for her.

Johnnie's mother had major surgery in early fall but she's back on her feet and doing well. Thanksgiving was held at the Gibbs', Johnnie's sister's house in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where we celebrated a season of thanks. We take a moment to pause and offer silent prayers for all

those families that lost loved ones and that are sick.

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas at our home. May the blessing of God be upon us as we enjoy the holiday season and the New Year together.

Thank you for being our families and friends.

P.S. This year we put together in one volume all of the Mouning Saga, news and letters over the pass fifty years. It will soon be available for you to view. If you desire to do so, just let us know.