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“Seasons Greetings”

Dear Family and Friends,

It is the end of another year; how time flies by. We are entering into another decade. In 2009, we were in good health and prospering. We were able to travel through the snow, ice and rain. Although the economy and stock market were up and down, we made it through into spring.

It's time to prune the fruit trees and cut the grass. It wouldn't be spring or summer at our house without a vegetable garden. We harvested vegetables and we were able to share with family and friends (cabbage, collards, green beans, tomatoes, lima beans, red and sweet potatoes, green and red peppers). It was a good exercise for me.

In early spring, my sister Peggy and I traveled to Baltimore, MD by train to visit one of my high school classmates, Beulah Brown. She picked us up at the train station, took us to her lovely home and treated us like princesses. While we were in Maryland, we visited relatives on our father's side, The Lofton's. Again, they treated us well. It was an enjoyable trip for five days.

I attended several of Greg's performances this year (Driving Miss Daisy, The Tempest by William Shakespeare). Also Greg's 50th birthday party given by him self, it was a great affair attended by many of his friends and family at the Yale Golf Club in New Haven, CT.

In July, we travelled to North Carolina for the July 4th celebration and high school class reunion. We were able to see some classmates that we haven't seen for a long time and relatives.

We are thankful for our sons and grandchildren. They stop by to see if I need anything and keep me from being alone. They are very helpful in cleaning the basement, garage for things that are not being used or are no good. They throw out things that have been around too long.

By now it is the end of July, we decided to go to West Palm Beach, FL and surprise my youngest sister Lillie Day on her 60th birthday. My son, Marvin and I travelled together, one of my sisters, Peggy and Jimmie went, another sister, Catherine and Lillie's daughter flew down from D.C. My son Kenneth, Rose and children, our cousin Veronica from North Carolina came down. Lillie's son and wife also came from Pennsylvania. Arthur, Lillie's husband, knew all about the celebration but Lillie didn't know, she was surprised, it was a happy occasion. We spent five days with them in sunny hot Florida.

I attended memorial services for Prof. Frederic M. Richards and Mrs. Mary Council, friends of our family that impacted our lives over 40 years, we miss them very much. Yet there are some happy times for those who we have known and worked for over the years at Yale University. Prof. T. A. Steitz won the 2009 Nobel Prize for Chemistry and our President of the USA President Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize.

I enjoyed Thanksgiving at Marvin and DeEtta's with family and lots of good food, enough to take home for several days. After Thanksgiving my sons and grandchildren spent the night and worked on Saturday to bring wood in for the wood heater.

I am looking forward to spending Christmas with the grandchildren, family and friends.

May the New Year bring good health and happiness to all.

Love,

Thelma L. Mouning