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Dear family and friends,

It's time for an update of the Mouning Saga 1992. Johnnie and Thelma hope this letter finds you and your families well.

Since we have past the golden age of fifty, we have experienced the joy of being grandparents for seven years. The golden age brings new pains but they are grateful for life itself.

Marvin our eldest son is well and very happy with his job doing Institutional Cooking at a Convalescent home. He is also glad to be out of the military specially with the military invading Mogadishu, Somalia, Africa today.

Gregory our second eldest son is doing his usual things content at home, traveling, acting and busy at work at YCC.

Jeffrey, Linda and Marcus are fine and busy doing things that parents and seven year old do. Marcus is in the second grade and on weekends he plays hockey with his father. Marcus skates very well, and enjoys it like his father.

Kenneth and Rose are working hard and celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Ken enjoys his work even though it keeps him traveling. He is also going to graduate school part time. Rose enjoys social work and helping people. Ken and Rose were lead to a fine church this spring in Hartford, where they joined. Rose sings in the choir and Ken was elected to serve on the deacon board. He was consecrated to the office on December 6, 1992. They are settling down to a happy life together in Christ.

Johnnie and Thelma are enjoying their work together at Yale. They thought they would be slowing down in this golden age time period but it looks as if they are speeding up. Their hours are from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM five days per week. In the evening another shift starts at Church; with services, meetings, visiting the sick and counseling approximate five nights a week and weekends.

This spring they planted the vegetable garden, mowed the lawn and managed the chickens and two turkeys for the first time. The turkeys weighed 20 and 25lbs. When they were butchered in October. When vacation time came they were ready for it. Vacation, business conference and their thirty fifth anniversary were spent in Hawaii. A forty-five year dream was finally fulfilled.

August 13,1992, Marvin and Gregory took Johnnie and Thelma at 6:00 AM to Bradley's Airport. They flew eleven hours into Honolulu, Hawaii onto O'ahu and spent the night. The next

day they flew Aloha airline to Hilo Hawaii (Big Island). They spent four days and three nights there. They stayed at the Wild Ginger Inn, Bed & Breakfast and rented a 1991 silver Mercury Tracer to tour the island.

They started at Hilo, the east side of the island, where it rains every evening and then drove north to the beautiful Akaka Falls. They drove north to Waimea, Kamuela the home of Parker Ranch the largest private owned cattle and horse ranch in the United States drove northwest Kamuelo to Kaholo coast to the white sandy beaches. Continued southwest to lovely Kona, the dry side of the island, where the famous Kona coffee is grown. Visited Pu'uhonua O. Honaunau National Historic Park and Captain Cook Monument. Then we drove south to Kalapana Black sand Beach; from there to Volcanoes National Park and all of its sites back east to Hilo. This ended four wonderful days of the wet and dry island.

Flew to Kahului airport on west Maui where they spent four days and three nights. They rented a 1992 red Mazda Proteg, and drove to south Kihei, to Wailea Oceanfront Hotel where they stayed. They visited the Tedeschi Vineyards, Botanical garden, The Holy Ghost Church, then West Lahaina. They took the Sugar Train tour, the only train in Hawaii; Sugar Cane factory, Museums, Pineapple Farms, and Water Falls. At Maui Tropical Plantation, Johnnie and Thelma attended their first LUAU (eat Indoors), about three hundred people eating all the fruit and food they wanted. Johnnie and Thelma were honored and prayed Hawaiian style for being married longer than anyone there. Thelma was presented with a special live LEI for being queen of the evening.

Flew to Kalaupapa airport on Molokai where they rented a 1992 dark blue Ford Escort and drove to Kaluakoi Hotel Resorts where they spent three days and two nights. There they met Parash and Trishla Jain from India by way of England and toured the south eastern half of Molokai with them. Johnnie and Thelma continued their tour by flying into the isolated former leper colony of KALAUPAPA where there are eighty-five patients left. Their guide, was a recovered leper, showed them Father Damien's Church and told about all the work he accomplished.

Flew to Lanai where the Dole Pineapple farms are and spent about four hours there. They met many of the local Hawaiians, toured the shops, had a nice lunch and Flew back through Molokai, into Honolulu.

Flew to Lihue Airport on Kaua'i, where they rented a 1992 red Cheverlot Metro, drove to Plantation Hale, to the Outrigger Hotel where they spent four days and three nights. Johnnie and Thelma toured the northeast coast through the Tree Tunnel through the beautiful Porpu Bay. The southeast coast to the lovely Fern Grotto; Johnnie and Thelma were remarried Hawaiian style. They toured the northwest through the Waimea Canyon (The Grand Canyon of Hawaii) to Nualolokai State Park. They drove south through sugar plantation to the Old Koloa Town and out Spouting Horn. They attended the second LUAU at Smith Tropical Paradise.

Flew to Honolulu Airport on O'ahu, rented a white 1992 Gran-AM and drove to The Sheraton Princess Kaiulani at Waikiki where they spent six days and five nights. Two days was occupied with a business conference. The other days were spent celebrating their Thirty Fifth Anniversary.

Their tour began with Pearl Harbor, on the USS Arizona Memorial, to the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery, to the southeast Diamond Head, on to the windward side of O'ahu. North Haiku Gardens where the late president F. Marcos of the Philippines was laid to rest. They continued north to the Polynesian Cultural Center, after a short visit they went northwest to the beautiful Waimea Water Falls. South through the Dole Pineapple Farm and pavilion where they viewed acres and acres of pineapples and sampled much the products. Johnnie and Thelma went back to Waikiki where they spent one or two relaxing days absorbing juices, food and rest in Hawaii.

Johnnie and Thelma arrived home safe with Gregory greeting them at Bradley's Airport in Hartford. They concluded their celebration with a cookout on labor Day at their home. Thanksgiving was celebrated with a great feast at Johnnie's sister and family in Bridgeport. Celebration continued that Friday at Ken and Rose's home. Johnnie and Thelma are looking forward to sharing Christmas at their home with family and friends.

We are going into the new year with prayer for President elect Clinton and Vice President Gore. We also pray that you and your family have had a blessed year, and that you receive your heart's desire in 1993.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !!!

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