This is the time of year to communicate with one another; and share what is happening with our family, friends and nation. During the early months of 2020, some of our family members passed away. My late husband Johnnie's older brother, John W. Mouning (JW) and his sister Sarah L. Gibbs left us this year. Then in April one of my sisters DeLois Lofton Harris passed away too. In addition, our long time friend Deacon Henry Moore passed away this year.

I am trying to do better with my health as I get older. My sons are doing very well and they come and visit with me on weekends to make sure that I am eating the proper foods. Also they make sure we get together more as a family and not spend too much time alone. This makes me feel blessed to enjoy our time of fellowship. To be honest, sometimes it makes me sad when I realize there are fewer of my generation still around.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is forcing many families to stay closer to home. Even though I want to get out, this has made traveling difficult. However, it makes me feel good when I can leave my home and enjoy the fresh air to complete my weekly errands.

Each of my older grandchildren are adults and are doing well. Kenya my oldest granddaughter graduated high school and is now attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is doing very well and adapting to living away from home and managing her studies. Her sister, Nairobi (the youngest) is now in eighth grade, attending Granby Memorial Middle School. She has all A's in her subjects.

It makes me feel hopeful the US will have President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris in office once 2021 arrives. I believe in time we will once again go traveling and be able to have more time to visit with family and friends.

May each of you have a Happy Holiday and a joyful New Year.

Love. Ilehra L. Mouning Thelma L. Mouning