

December 13, 1983

Holiday Greetings,

The Mouning Annual Saga send to you expression of love, cheers and highlights of 1983.

Our oldest son Marvin is still in the U.S. Army stationed in West Berlin, Germany. Marvin came home for a few days in April; to attend his father's and mother's ordination service April 24. After visiting with family and friends he returned to West Berlin. He has reenlisted for another three years and is scheduled to be in Germany for one year and return to the United States to serve the other two years. Marvin has met a nice young lady since he has been in Germany and plans to be married in 1984.

Gregory, our second son, is still living at home. He enjoys his work at the Yale Computer Center working the second shift. Greg is attending Southern Connecticut University majoring in Drama. He has been in a number of plays and one of the plays was broadcasted for educational television in February of this year. The highlight for Greg this year was when he went abroad for two weeks in June for the first time. He visited his brother in West Berlin and then toured England, Amsterdam, and France, and returned to good old U.S.A. with lots of beautiful pictures.

Jeffrey, our third son, is also at home. He is working at Yale University during the day and at Seafarer Restaurant as a chef at night. Jeff loves his job and has high expectations of owning his own business, such as a restaurant and catering service. He has done a number of independent catering jobs which have proven to be quite successful. Jeff's training at Johnson and Wales Culinary Institute has been very beneficial. He has learned well and is now practicing what he has learned. More and more people are requesting his service and that pleases him very much.

Kenneth, our fourth son, is now a senior at North Branford High School. Ken's big exciting day came June 14, 1983, when he got his driver's license. He was finally able to transport himself to school, shopping and other activities. Ken is most helpful to us around the house with all the chores to be done. He's doing very well in school. He is a member of the National Honor Society. He has taken his SAT's and applied to various colleges. Ken is planning to study Banking and Finance.

This year we did not have our annual camping trip. Instead we took our vacation in New Hampshire with our friend Dr. James Matthew and spent a week at his home. We took day trips into the mountains and saw the beautiful scenery of New Hampshire and Maine. August 26, 1983, marked our twenty-sixth Anniversary. We spent it in Maine where we enjoyed a lovely lobster dinner along with our son Kenneth.

We returned home and had the family over for Labor Day. I lost my Aunt Alice in September. Thelma lost two uncles this year. Will in March and Frank in December. We, Peggy, Curtis, Thelma, and Johnnie, attended Frank's funeral service in Baltimore. Thanksgiving was held at my sister's and brother-in-law's home in Bridgeport.

Now it is that joyful time of the year that we all look forward to--Christmas. This Christmas dinner will be at my father's and mother's home in Bridgeport. We, the Mouning's, are always grateful for our family and friends to share the major events of our lives with. We do wish you and your family a very happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

To God be the Glory for the Great things he has done.