

The Diary of
Anna Kropf Ropp

1988-1992

Friday, January 1, 1988. Clear, cold, 4° above. Jo, Mary & I to Bergners at 9:30. Did some exchanging. Got home at 11:30. We went to Rons for the day. Ray, Kenny & Gordon there. Carol & Karen in Florida. Men watched ball game. We took Mary home. I didn't feel good in evening. We had a nice holiday & thanks to Ron & Jo for all they did for us.

Saturday, January 2, 1988. Fair, 12° in morning, windy. Jo took Mary to dialysis. She went to work at school awhile. We did weekly cleaning. I rested some. Worked on Jo's Afghan. Got some pork from Rons.

Sunday, January 3, 1988. Partly cloudy, near 30°. We went to church. Mary & we to Golden West for lunch. Were home in PM. Went to Love Feast & Communion at 5:00. We took Mary. I wrote to Evelyn & Allens. Steves got home from Ohio at 8:00.

Monday, January 4, 1988. A very cold day. Windy. Temp dropping all day. Windchill, 40 – 50° below. I got ready for company. Paul Millers & Earl Kaufmans here. Had roast beef.

Tuesday, January 5, 1988. Clear, cold, 10° below zero. Up to 5° above. We washed. I went to Women's Fellowship at 10:00. I took Mary to dialysis at 1:00 to see Dr. Olson. She had a good report. I ironed & worked on Afghan.

Wednesday, January 6, 1988. Fair, cold, 12° below, up to 9° above. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. We took down our tree & decorations in p.m. I worked on Jo's Afghan.

Thursday, January 7, 1988. 4° below, 17°. I got some feed at Yuton for Ron. I went to Gailey's at 10:40, had another prism put on my left lens. Got home after 1:00. Worked on Jo's Afghan.

Friday, January 8, 1988. Fair, zero, 17°. Did cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to bank. We met Earl Raders at Great Wall for lunch. Went to Eastland & did some shopping. Got Mary's groceries.

Saturday, January 9, 1988. You flurries in morning, near zero, fair in p.m. I made chili for Sunday noon. Rons, Jon & Marty here for dinner. Had pancakes & sausage. We went to hospital, volunteered, 3:00 to 8:00.

Sunday, January 10, 1988. Fair, 4° below zero. We went to church. Had our small group at church. Mary Kauffman & I took chili. Others brought salad. Were home at 2:30.

Monday, January 11, 1988. Fair, 12° in morning, 30s, windy. We went to town at 9:00. Pete to Dr. Seehofer, has fungus. Washed and ironed. Worked on Afghan. Pete worked on historian report for church. We took Jeanette to Perkins for supper.

Tuesday, January 12, 1988. Cloudy in morning, 40°, fair in p.m., wind from Southwest, turned to Northwest. Very strong & colder. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. We & Mary had lunch

with Dorothy S[cogin], Rose G[irdler] & Lawson Fulton at Knapps. Steves here for supper. Had Swiss steak & date pudding.

Wednesday, January 13, 1988. 2° above zero, 19°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Eddy Stalter *Arteman's* (sp?) home. She shortened my new skirt. I finished Jo's Afghan. I wrote thank you notes to Jeff's, Deb & Pam for their part in our microwave.

Thursday, January 14, 1988. Fair to partly cloudy, 4° above, 27°. I went to HEA [Homemakers Extension Association] with Jeanette. Home at 1:00. I rested some, didn't feel so good. Did some reading. Pete worked on Ropp history. I stirred up raisin bran muffins.

Friday, January 15, 1988. 17° above, nice day, 45°. Did weekly cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. Had lunch at Dairy Queen. Went to Yuton. Pete sold beans for \$6.13, also sold Paul's beans & corn. Wrote to Pauls. Crocheted.

Saturday, January 16, 1988. 32° in morning, 40s, fair in morning, cloudy & windy in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. Finished cleaning. Didn't feel good again, better in PM. Rested, crocheted & read some.

Sunday, January 17, 1988. Cloudy and rainy, 40s. We went to church & to Mary's for dinner. Wrote to Allens. Paul called in evening. They're okay and busy. Marj teaching computer night class. They're going to California last of March.

Monday, January 18, 1988. Mostly cloudy, foggy, 32° – 40s. We did laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. We had lunch with Art & Helen Sieg at Country Buffet. Had good visit. I worked on Afghan. Jeanette left with Walt Kinsingers for Florida.

Tuesday, January 19, 1988. Rained most of day, near 40°. I got ready for prayer group. Lucy [Catherine], Shirley [Krahn], Alma [Galloway], Mary [Kauffman] & Helen [Patton]. Pete working on Ropp history. I read & worked on Afghan for Marjorie.

Wednesday, January 20, 1988. Mostly cloudy, 33° – 39°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I helped Arlene & Ilene put quilt in frame at Health Services building.

Thursday, January 21, 1988. Cloudy, snow flurries in morning, 29°. I baked bread, gave Rons a loaf. We went to grocery store. Got Mary, went to Grand Café. Steve to Chicago and on to Camp Friedenswald. Jo sick in night, throat swelled. Took her to ER, gave her some shots. Think she's allergic to some shrimp she ate.

Friday, January 22, 1988. Cloudy, snow flurries in evening, 30s. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete took Mary to bank & grocery store. Had lunch in town. Went to College

[Hills] Mall. Jo here awhile, ate a little supper. Jon came later to eat. Ron in Springfield, barrow show. Jo little better. Cindy & Katie to Chicago.

Saturday, January 23, 1988. Snow flurries most of day, 20s. Finished cleaning, made some bars. Jo & we to Birkelbaws, got apples. We volunteered at hospital, 3:30 – 7:30. Cindy & Katie home from Chicago. Ron home from barrow show, got 2nd & 3rd & Reserve Grand Champion.

Sunday, January 24, 1988. 8° above in morning, fair, cloudy late p.m. We went to church. Had dinner there & Congregational meeting. Ron preached at 1st Baptist. Talked to Allens in evening, they're okay. Temp falling in evening.

Monday, January 25, 1988. Snow blowing all day, temp near zero, wind chill 30 – 35 below zero. Did laundry, took Mary home from dialysis. Had lunch with Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Bob Evans. I worked on Afghan.

Tuesday, January 26, 1988. Clear, zero in morning, 17°. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Washed some blouses, crocheted. Pete worked on Ropp history. I wrote to Andy.

Wednesday, January 27, 1988. Fair to cloudy, zero in morning, 27°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Were home in p.m. & evening. I worked on Afghan.

Thursday, January 28, 1988. Fair, nice day. We went to Mary Stansbury funeral at church. Burial at Ropp Cemetery. Cindy sang at funeral. Mabel & we went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers dinner at Country Buffet, then to Farm Bureau for meeting & pictures of Russia, Siberia & Mongolia.

Friday, January 29, 1988. Partly cloudy, 31° – 54°, nice day. We went to town. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete took Mary home & got her groceries. Went to Eastland. Pete got work pants.

Saturday, January 30, 1988. Cloudy, windy, 58°, broke records. Pete to men's breakfast. I didn't feel very good in morning, pulse very slow & irregular. Felt better in PM. Crocheted some.

Sunday, January 31, 1988. Cloudy, rainy, turned colder in p.m. We went to church. Ron Jon & we took Mary to Bishops for her birthday. Jo home, has a cold.

Monday, February 1, 1988. Cloudy, misted & rained some, froze ice. Roads slick in evening, 30 – 32°. We washed & ironed. Pete got Mary at dialysis. I made vegetable soup, gave Jo some. She didn't teach. We went to Dr. at 11:30. I made muffins for supper. Gave Rons some.

Tuesday, February 2, 1988. Cloudy, 20s, roads better. I went to prayer group at Alma [Galloway]'s. We took Mary to dialysis to see Dr. Olson at 1:15. I had a permanent at 3:00. Pete took Mary to bank & got her groceries. We were home in evening. Jo better but didn't teach.

Wednesday, February 3, 1988. Started to snow before noon, 28°, quit at 6:00. Between 3 – 4 inches. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital, home in PM. Clara Brodbeck died at 10:40 a.m. Jo to school.

Thursday, February 4, 1988. Clear, cold, 2° above, 20s. I made lemon pie & lemon bars. Crocheted on Afghan. Robert Beamer was found dead in his yard with a bullet in his head. A terrible tragedy. Jo & Ron at St. Joe [Hospital] with Beamers.

Friday, February 5, 1988. Clear, cold, near zero all day. Windchill 30° below. We went to town at 9:00. Pete took Mary home. I quilted. We had lunch at hospital when we heard Dr. Beamer died. Was a rough day at school. Counselors there to help. Everyone very upset, it's all very unfair. We went to visitation for Clara Brodbeck.

Saturday, February 6, 1988. Clear, 6° below in morning, 9° above. We went to Clara Brodbeck funeral at 2:00. Mary along. I took brownies to church for lunch for Brodbeck family. Ron had part in the service. We volunteered at Info Desk.

Sunday, February 7, 1988. Partly cloudy, 20s. We went to church. Earl Kaufman & we had dinner at Denny's. Were home in p.m. and evening. Ron spoke at Roanoke [Mennonite] Church in evening.

Monday, February 8, 1988. Cloudy, 8° above, 22°. Did laundry. We went to Robert Beamer's funeral at Baptist Church. Private funeral. Jo & Hoose staff there. Feel so sorry for the family. We went to Eastland. Had lunch with Clyde & Helen Miller. Pete to Dr. Seehofer at 1:30.

Tuesday, February 9, 1988. Clear, temp in teens. I went to prayer group at Mary Kaufmans. I cleaned dining room furniture & crocheted. Made plum dessert & chicken & biscuits for supper. Jo ate with us. Ron to MCC [Relief] Sale dinner at Morton.

Wednesday, February 10, 1988. Cloudy, 20s, snowed most of day off & on. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I worked on Afghan in p.m. Fred Meyers passed away. Had 5 ½ inches snow.

Thursday, February 11, 1988. Cloudy, more snow, partly cloudy in p.m. Schools canceled. Ron to Eureka at noon. Went to office in morning. I baked sugar cookies. Gave Rons some. Jo here for dinner, had pork chops & sauerkraut. We cleaned some dresser drawers.

Friday, February 12, 1988. Clear, cold, 10° below, 10° above. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted awhile, took Mary home. We went to Fred Meyers funeral at Metzler's [Funeral Home]. Had lunch. Took Mary to get her groceries. I had hair done at Norma's. We went to Paul Millers for supper. Ina Sutter & Tom Yoders there.

Saturday, February 13, 1988. Clear, 10° below, in teens. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. We went to International Show at ISU at noon. We went to Rons awhile in p.m. Marty & Renée there. Gave them some cookies for Valentines.

Sunday, February 14, 1988. Cloudy, warmer, near 40°, windy. Our drive drifted in morning. Ron did get out. We went to church with them. Were home in p.m. & evening. Neighbor Kauffman opened our drive. Snow melting. Rained in evening, .14 [inch].

Monday, February 15, 1988. Cloudy, Rhodes rather slick in a.m., fair in p.m., 20s. We did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. I didn't feel good in p.m., temp up to 102°. Called Dr. Bertsche. He ordered Doxycycline. Temp down in evening. Pete to town at 5:00, got medicine and grapefruit from [7th Day] Adventists.

Tuesday, February 16, 1988. Fair, 40°. I didn't go to prayer group. Feel better, temp normal. Pete took Mary to hospital in p.m. She had EKG & chest x-ray. I rested & crocheted. Made cherry dessert in p.m. Ron to Fort Worth Texas with Gail Bressner to Southwestern show.

Wednesday, February 17, 1988. Partly cloudy, 38° – 40°. Pete took Mary to dialysis & took her home. He volunteered at hospital. I got ready for Garfield club. Got along okay. Pete brought Mary out. Had 12 adults & 2 children. Didn't sleep well. Had back pain.

Thursday, February 18, 1988. Fair, 44°, nice day. I went with Dorothy Singley to HEA. Jeanette home from Florida. She and Mabel along. Pete worked on Ropp History. Were home in evening.

Friday, February 19, 1988. Cloudy, mixed snow and rain most of morning, near 40°. We went to town at 9:30. Were to have task force but called off so I quilted. Pete got Mary. She helped quilt awhile. I had hair done at 1:00. I baked brownies & cherry dessert & finished cleaning.

Saturday, February 20, 1988. Fair, few flurries, windy, colder, temp dropped. We went to annual meeting at Meadows Home. Were delegates. We volunteered at hospital, 4:00 – 8:00.

Sunday, February 21, 1988. Fair in morning, 6° above, cloudy in p.m. We went to church. Had carry in dinner. Goshen [College] choir gave program. Large crowd at church. Ron got home from Texas at 8:30.

Monday, February 22, 1988. Fair, windy, in 50s. We did laundry. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. Had letter from Deb & picture of Brittany (very good). Talked to Deb in evening. They had a good trip to New Orleans.

Tuesday, February 23, 1988. Fair, colder, in 20s. We went to town at 9:00. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherines]. We & Mary met Rose Girdler & Lawson Fulton at Knapp's for lunch. Dorothy S[cogin] not able to be there.

Wednesday, February 24, 1988. Fair, 15° in morning, 31°. We took Mary to dialysis at 7:00. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Had interview with Barbara Whitmer for the BroMenn Paper. They took pictures too. I crocheted.

Thursday, February 25, 1988. Clear, 15° – 31°. I went to Nurses Home at 7:30, helped register students for 2nd quarter. I baked apple cake. Rested awhile. We went with Lloyd Singley to Prime Timers. Mabel & Jeanette along.

Friday, February 26, 1988. Clear, 60s. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted awhile. We went to auxiliary meeting. Pete took Mary home & got her groceries. I had hair done. Ron left at 2:00 for Chicago. Flew to San Francisco for hospital meeting. Jon took Jo to Peoria at 3:15. She flew to San Francisco at 4:30. Jeanette & we to student [nurses] spaghetti supper. I took cake.

Saturday, February 27, 1988. Fair, nice day, 40s. Pete to men's breakfast. I did some cleaning. Crocheted some, made dessert for tomorrow evening for Bluffton choir. Rather quiet day.

Sunday, February 28, 1988. Fair. We went to church. Steve & Cindy had Katie dedicated, was nice service. We ate at Grand Café. Were home in PM. Read Terry Stutzman's thesis. Very good.

Monday, February 29, 1988. Clear, beautiful day, 51°. We washed & ironed. Pete took Mary to dialysis. We got her & took her to bank. We sent water samples to Springfield to have it tested. Marty here awhile in evening. He brought a new car, Chevy. I wrote to Orvie.

Tuesday, March 1, 1988. Fair, 50s, fine day. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship. Pete got me at 11:00. Had lunch with Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Lakeside. Went to Mary's at 1:00. Was to take her to see Dr. but he canceled. Mary & we to Steves at 3:00. Had supper with them. Katie is growing up. Jo home from California. Jon to Peoria to get her.

Wednesday, March 2, 1988. Mostly cloudy, 40s. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I helped with chips in a.m. and another group at 1:00. Ron got home from California late night.

Thursday, March 3, 1988. Cloudy, snow flurries, 31°, windy. Had heavier snow south of us. Cleaned cupboard in bathroom. Made 4 pie crusts for MCC [relief] sale. We went to Dr. Bertsch at 2:30. We both had physicals.

Friday, March 4, 1988. Fair, 20° – 41°. We went to town at 8:00. We had fasting blood test, had breakfast at hospital. I quilted until noon. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. We did some errands. Were home in evening. Jon to Allens in evening.

Saturday, March 5, 1988. Clear, 18° – 40°. Nice day. I finished weekly cleaning. Baked coffeecake, crocheted some. We went with Rons at 4:00 to Bradley University to see the play, "The Quilters." Enjoyed it. We ate at *Wedners* (sp?) on way home. Jon back from Iowa. Steves to Allens.

Sunday, March 6, 1988. Fair, 40s. We went to church. Had dinner at Denny's. Were home rest of day. Did some reading.

Monday, March 7, 1988. Fair, 52°, rather windy. We did laundry. Worked outside in p.m., raked yard. Loads of sticks, etc. from the ice storm. Electricity in east part of house off. Blew fuses. Couldn't find the problem. Rons here in evening.

Tuesday, March 8, 1988. Cloudy, 51°, showered most of day. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. Mary & I to Harvella [Stutzman]'s in p.m. Helped knot a comforter for Terry [Stutzman]. Melvin Alwes here in a.m. Found the outage problem at old high light. Glad to have it fixed.

Wednesday, March 9, 1988. Cloudy, chilly, 30s. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Stayed awhile after lunch.

Thursday, March 10, 1988. Fair, 50s, fine day. I went to HEA with Jeanette. Pete worked outside awhile. I went with Dorothy [Singley] to style show at Farm Bureau. Mabel & Jeanette along.

Friday, March 11, 1988. Fair, 60°, nice day, breezy. We went to town at 8:00. I had mammogram at Mennonite [Hospital]. Pete to Health Building, put packets together. I went to quilt at 9:00. Were 7 of us. Quilted until 12:30. Had lunch & went to College Hills [Mall]. Did some cleaning when got home.

Saturday, March 12, 1988. Fair in morning, cloudy, windy, cold. Temp dropped during day. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked cherry pie & made another crust for MCC [relief] sale. Got groceries & went to hospital at 3:00. Volunteered.

Sunday, March 13, 1988. Cloudy, 16° in morning. Windy, snow flurries. We went to church. Wen Lang & Cathy Lin here for dinner. Good to see them again. Rons had small group at their house. We were at Rons for supper. Marty & Jon back from Kansas at 7:30. Talked to Allens, they're okay.

Monday, March 14, 1988. Cloudy, snow showers all day, cold, windy in 20s. Washed & ironed. We took Mary home from dialysis. We got garden seeds. I cleaned kitchen cupboards in p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 1988. Mostly cloudy, 17° in morning, snow flurries again. I had prayer group here. Jeanette, Shirley [Krahn], Lucy [Catherine], Helen [Patten], Alma [Galloway] & Mary [Kauffman]. We & Mary met Dorothy Scogin, Rose Girdler & Lawson Fulton at Bob Knapp's. Mary & we to Eastland.

Wednesday, March 16, 1988. Partly cloudy, 27° – 35°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Mary home with us. She & I to Garfield club with Mabel. Mary home with Lucy C[atherine].

Thursday, March 17, 1988. Fair, 27° – 44°. I baked pecan rolls & cookies. Did some weekly cleaning. Pete worked some on genealogy & kept watch on gilt that was farrowing. Snowed some in night.

Friday, March 18, 1988. Light snow on trees, etc. (pretty) 45°, sunny. We took Mary to dialysis & went to church. We made 83 Shoo Fly pies. Put 1st one in oven at 7:40, last one out at 11:40. Esther Brown, Jeanette & Mary K[auffman] helped. Pete made boxes & packaged. Had hair done at 3:00. We went with Rons to [MCC Relief] Sale. They stayed to clean up. We came home with Don Nester.

Saturday, March 19, 1988. Fair, 40s, chilly wind. Pete worked on [Ropp] history. I cleaned broom closet & washed some blouses. We took Mary to get groceries. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:00. Rons to [MCC] Relief Sale.

Sunday, March 20, 1988. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Had our small group at church. Were home in p.m. & evening. Wrote to Pauls & Allens.

Monday, March 21, 1988. Fair, 40s. Did laundry. We took some things to school for Jo. Took Mary home from dialysis. We cleaned upstairs in p.m. Jo here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, March 22, 1988. Fair, warmer, 74°, windy. Pete to men's Lenten breakfast at ISU. Steve went with him. I went to prayer group at Alma G[alloway's]. Pete mailed more water samples to Springfield. I cleaned bedroom closets in p.m. Cindy had her wisdom teeth pulled.

Wednesday, March 23, 1988. Mostly cloudy, 66°. We took Mary to dialysis. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Mary & we had our income tax done at Seth Swift. Pete sowed some grass seed. I raked some yard. Had good shower.

Thursday, March 24, 1988. Mostly cloudy, 60s, very windy. I took Mary to Gailey's. She needs some work done on her right eye. I cleaned silverware in p.m. We were under tornado watch from 5:00 to 10:30 p.m. We went to Prime Timers with Lloyd Singleys. Jeanette & Mabel along.

Friday, March 25, 1988. Fair, near 60°. Had shower late p.m. We went to town at 8:00. I quilted. Pete put packages together. He got Mary at dialysis. We had lunch together. We got groceries. Got apples at Birkelbaws. I washed bedding from our bed. Most dried outside. I cleaned silver service.

Saturday, March 26, 1988. Fair, windy, cold, 40s. Pete to men's breakfast. He & Ron to town, bought a new riding mower. I baked coffeecake braid & cleaned our bedroom. We went to Earl Kaufmans at 5:00. Went to Bob Evans for supper & to ISU. Navy band played. We had tickets.

Sunday, March 27, 1988. Clear, fine day, warmer. We went to church. MYF had potato dinner & baked sale auction. I took coffeecake for auction. Marty & Renée at Rons. They were here

awhile. We went with Jeanette to church. John Bertsches told of their trip to Israel. Deb called in p.m. Allens called in evening. They're coming Friday.

Monday, March 28, 1988. Rained all morning. Partly cloudy in p.m., near 70°. Pete took car to Al Dick's [for] brakes & tuneup. He took Mary home from dialysis. Did laundry. Cleaned living & dining room in p.m. Jo here awhile in p.m. She had meeting at Gridley in morning. Spring break at school.

Tuesday, March 29, 1988. A rainy day, chilly, 40s. I cleaned rugs in morning. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. We met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Holiday Inn at 11:30. I was at Jo's awhile. We went to Heritage at Zehr girls. Had about 1 ½ inches rain past few days.

Wednesday, March 30, 1988. Clear, nice day, 50°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got groceries. I cleaned the bathroom. Rons black pup was hit by car in p.m. We feel bad about it, injured inwardly.

Thursday, March 31, 1988. Partly cloudy, 50s. I baked cookies and iced them. Made lasagna, colored some eggs. Jo & Renée to Chicago. I went to church at 6:30. [Had] meal & communion. Jeanette with me. Pete has a cold.

Friday, April 1, 1988. Cloudy, 50s. I baked ham & made lemon dessert. Did some cleaning. Allens, Randys & Brittany got here before 3:00. Good to see them. They & Steve & Katie here for supper. Cindy working.

Saturday, April 2, 1988. Showers and some sunshine, warmer. Allens & Randys took Mary to lunch. Jo here awhile. I washed several loads. We were all at Rons for dinner. I took ham & dessert. Allens, Randys, Steves, Martys & Mary. Had nice time. Glad we could be together.

Sunday, April 3, 1988. Easter. Rained in morning, some sunshine in p.m. We all went to church and then to Denny's after church. Rons, Steves & Mary there too. Allens & Randys left here at 1:00 home. Glad they could come. We went to Rons, had supper with them. Pauls called in p.m.

Monday, April 4, 1988. Clear, beautiful day, 73°. Washed & ironed. Clothes dried nicely outside. Pete took down the snow fence & worked outside. I raked flower beds. Paul Miller here, planted his garden. He tilled [tilled?] some for us.

Tuesday, April 5, 1988. Fair, warmer, had bad rainstorm & wind at 8:30 p.m. Tornado warnings out. One touched down at Lexington. Lot of power outage. Wind blew Ron's hog house partly apart. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete took Mary to bank & did some errands. We planted potatoes, peas, lettuce, spinach, radishes, beets & carrots. I went to women's meeting with Jeanette.

Wednesday, April 6, 1988. Rained all morning, cold, very strong Northwest wind, fair in p.m. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I cleaned West bedroom in p.m. Had 1 ½ inches rain since Tuesday evening.

Thursday, April 7, 1988. Clear, beautiful day. I cleaned Cedar closet and hallway. Took Mary to beauty shop, had my hair done too. Mary got groceries. Jo, Pete & I to Minier at 5:30 to visitation for Leslie Walker. We ate supper at Gils. [Dr.] Robert Stutzman had heart attack. Such a shock. Rons to hospital to be with Stutzmans. Jo stayed with Harvella all night.

Friday, April 8, 1988. Clear, 70°, fine day. We took Jo's car to school for her. Did some errands. I went with Jeanette to District HEA meeting. Mabel & Louise K[insinger] along. I took broccoli salad. Pete worked outside.

Saturday, April 9, 1988. Fair, nice day, 70°. Pete to men's breakfast. I cleaned kitchen and washed curtains. We planted onions. Pete spaded flower and asparagus beds. Ron and Jon cut top of tree by road. Ron fixed some shingles on our house roof. I took pecan rolls and coffeecake to Stutzmans.

Sunday, April 10, 1988. Partly cloudy, colder. We went to church. An appropriate service due to Bob Stutzman's sudden death. Jo at Stutzmans in morning. Ron, Jon & we ate at Denny's. We went to visitation at our church at 3:00. A constant line past 8:00. Allens got to church at 3:40. Allen got to see several of his Bluffton friends. Allens, Steves, Jon & we had lunch at Denny's at 6:30. Allens left for home.

Monday, April 11, 1988. Fair, chilly Northeast wind. We did laundry. Went to Bob Stutzman's funeral at 10:00 at church. Church was full, a sad day. Burial at Ropp Cemetery. We went with Rons. We cleaned fruit room in PM. I took broccoli salad to church for family dinner. They had 80.

Tuesday, April 12, 1988. Nice day, 61°. I went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]s. Pete did some errands. Mary & we met Dorothy S[cogin], Rose G[irdler], Frieda Bell Shinall & Elva Carr at Bob Knapp's. We set out some glads. I spaded some flower beds.

Wednesday, April 13, 1988. Clear, 72°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I quilted at auxiliary room after lunch. Pete spaded some around flower beds. I helped some. Washed curtains in Rec. room.

Thursday, April 14, 1988. Clear, chilly wind, 50s. We cleaned the recreation room. I baked quick coffeecake. Rested awhile.

Friday, April 15, 1988. Clear, 28° in morning, 50s. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. She & we to Kiwanis Pancake [Lunch] at Consistory. I baked coffeecake braid in p.m. Mike Emericks at Rons.

Saturday, April 16, 1988. Clear, nice day, 61°. I finished cleaning, made rhubarb crisp for Rons. Jo to meeting in Chicago. Ann Emerick with her. Ron & Mike & boys to hog sale at Fairgrounds. We volunteered at hospital, 2:00 – 7:00.

Sunday, April 17, 1988. Fair, 71°, had shower in evening. We went to church. Ate at Golden West. We went to Quilt show for short time at Miller Park. Went to Kiwanis travel pictures. Mary, Lorene [Reeser] & Alma [Galloway] there too. Lucy C[atherine] had tickets. Mike Emericks went home. Steve home from conference.

Monday, April 18, 1988. Fair, 50s, chilly Northwest wind. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Went to College Hills [Mall]. I got white sweater. Pete worked some in yard. I baked coffeecake for tomorrow.

Tuesday, April 19, 1988. Clear, 29° in morning, 54°. I had prayer group here. Shirley [Krahn], Lucy C[atherine], Alta [Litwiller] & Jeanette here. Others couldn't come. Pete worked outside, plowed truck patch & flower garden. We cleaned furnace & laundry room in PM.

Wednesday, April 20, 1988. Mostly cloudy, few sprinkles, 60°. We took Mary to dialysis. We volunteered at hospital. Mary & I to Garfield club at Sandy Schwoerer. Pete trimmed rosebushes. I went to Nurses Home at 5:00. Helped with alumni phonathon. Got home at 8:30. We had pizza & pop at 6:00.

Thursday, April 21, 1988. Fair in morning, rained in p.m. I washed tablecloth & sweaters & raincoat. We worked outside in morning. I fixed path in flower garden. We went to volunteer recognition at hospital, 3:00 to 5:00. Mary along.

Friday, April 22, 1988. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., windy. We went to town at 8:30. I quilted. Pete worked at hospital awhile & made some kits. He got Mary at dialysis. Got her groceries & took her to beauty shop. I finished the cleaning in p.m. Tornado watch from 5:30 to 10:00 PM.

Saturday, April 23, 1988. Cloudy, cold, windy. Pete to men's breakfast. We left at 8:30 for Genealogical meeting at [Mennonite] Heritage [in] Metamora. Alma Galloway, Alta L[itwiller] Aldine Combs along. Good attendance. *Paton* (sp?) Yoder speaker. We volunteered at hospital, 4:00 – 8:30.

Sunday, April 24, 1988. Clear, nice day, 50s. We went to church. Mary home with us, had dinner here. We went to the Music Festival at church. Large crowd, around 100 in choir. Steve home from Philadelphia.

Monday, April 25, 1988. Partly cloudy, 66°. Washed and ironed. We had lunch with Laura & Francis S[tamback] at Paradise Gardens. Went to Bergners, got jacket & slacks. Jo here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, April 26, 1988. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 60s. I went to beauty shop, had permanent. Took Mary [to] Gailey's at 12:30. She had laser beam used on her right eye. I got home at 3:30. Pete worked outside some.

Wednesday, April 27, 1988. We left at 7:40 for Allens. Cloudy in morning, partly sunny & very windy, cold. We stopped at Newton at Debs for an hour. Randy was at work. Got to Allens about 4:00. They were at work. Thankful for safe trip. Hard-driving in wind.

Thursday, April 28, 1988. Fair, nice day. Allens and we left at 5:00 a.m. for Dallas. Arrived at 7:15. 768 miles. Got along real well. Stopped about 6 times. Had to see Jeff & Pam. Thankful for safe trip. Everything green, 70s.

Friday, April 29, 1988. Cloudy, 73°. Rained in p.m. Got up late. We went to Chapel at 10:15. They put on a play. We had picnic lunch in old city Park. Looked around there until it started to rain. Went to Plaza of Americas. Quite a place. Went to seminary, wives appreciation program. Enjoyed it. Had reception too.

Saturday, April 30, 1988. Mostly cloudy, 70s. Got up late. Jeff to seminary. We went to shopping place & fabric shop. Went for ride late p.m. Some beautiful homes. Had big turkey dinner. We all went for a walk. A beautiful evening.

Sunday, May 1, 1988. Clear, nice day, 70s. We all went to church. Had dinner there in honor of Jeff & Pat. Came home awhile, then to reception at seminary. We all went to Fort Worth Stockyards Restaurant for Jeff's graduation. A full day.

Monday, May 2, 1988. Mostly cloudy, showered. We all went to Chapel for the graduates. Jeffs took us to Baylor Hospital. Met some of Pat's friends she works with. We went to graduation at 2:00. 265 graduates. Was in large Baptist Church. Very nice program. We all went to Furrs Cafeteria in evening. Another full day.

Tuesday, May 3, 1988. Allens & we left Jeffs at 5:00 a.m. Got to Allens at 7:50. Had rain around Kansas City. Rained hard for awhile. We were all tired but thankful for a good & safe trip.

Wednesday, May 4, 1988. Fair, 69°. We took Allen uptown to get his car. We left there after 9:00. Stopped at Amana. Got home at 3:45. Thankful for safe trip. Good to be home. We need rain but things are growing. They need rain in Iowa too.

Thursday, May 5, 1988. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 74°. I washed and ironed. Pete worked outside some. We went to town at 1:30. Took Mary to bank. I went to beauty shop. Mary got groceries. Went to Niepagens, got plants. We set out Petunia plants, 2 rows [of] flowers & row [of] glads.

Frida, May 6, 1988. Clear, nice day, 81°. We went to Milton Springer's Memorial service at Washington. Had lunch there. We planted beans & 2 rows of corn. Set out Phlox & snapdragon plants & pansies & petunias.

Saturday, May 7, 1988. Fair, windy in p.m., 74°. Pete to men's breakfast. I had breakfast at hospital. We went to church at 8:30 to Health Ethics hearing. Dr. Krabill one of the speakers. Got home at 4:00. Marty & Renée made some garden here, potatoes & vegetables & tomato plants. We set out eggplants, tomatoes & peppers.

Sunday, May 8, 1988. Fair, very windy, had thunder storms & wind & rain in evening. Wind gusts up to 50 mph. We went to church. Martys, Steves, Mary & we at Rons for dinner. Ron, boys & Renée got dinner. Very good. Mary wasn't feeling very good. Pauls & Allens called. Good to talk to them. Nice Mother's Day. .7 inch rain. Tornado watch out all p.m. Storms in area, also dust storms.

Monday, May 9, 1988. Mostly cloudy, windy, 60s. We washed. Took Mary home from dialysis. I ironed. Made coffee cake braid. Finished Marjorie's Afghan. Had card & \$10 from Allens, also \$10 from Mary.

Tuesday, May 10, 1988. Fair, windy, 74°. I went with Jeanette to prayer group at Pancake House. Pete, Mary and I met [Dorothy] Scogin, Rose G[irdler], Frieda Shinall & *Elva* (sp?) Carr at Bob Knapp's. Pete mowed lawn & plowed truck patch. We planted cucumbers, replanted beats & carrots. Set out carnations Rons gave me for Mother's Day.

Wednesday, May 11, 1988. Clear, nice day, 79°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. We went to College Hills [Mall] at 12:30. I met nurses at Country Buffet. 24 of us. We finished sowing flower seeds. Pete planted squash.

Thursday, May 12, 1988. Fair, warm, 80s. I went to HEA with Mabel. Pete worked outside some. We went to visitation for Raymond Ropp at 5:00. We ate at Gibson City.

Friday, May 13, 1988. Fair, 75°, windy, colder in evening. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted. Pete made some charts. Took Mary to get groceries. We went to Eastland, looked for a dress, but no luck. We washed Windows & put in screens. I put out tuberous begonias & verbenas.

Saturday, May 14, 1988. Fair, 86°. Pete mowed yard and plowed truck patch. I made rhubarb crisp. Gave Rons some. I made salad dressing & sweet pickles. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:00. Ron planted 100 evergreens. They finished at 10:00 [p.m.] We helped awhile.

Sunday, May 15, 1988. Mostly cloudy. Had light shower in p.m. Had rain north. We went to church at Carlock. No service at our church (Retreat). Mary with us. We ate at Barney's. Were home in p.m. & evening.

Monday, May 16, 1988. Fair in morning, cloudy PM, windy. Had shower in evening. Washed & ironed. Worked in garden awhile in p.m.

Tuesday, May 17, 1988. Clear, cool, 72°. I went to prayer group at Mary Kauffman. Pete did some errands & worked at hospital awhile. I went to Gailey's, had a prism put on my left lens again. Baked cookies. Gave Rons some. Worked outside awhile.

Wednesday, May 18, 1988. Clear, nice day, 80°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Mary & I to Garfield club at Arnie's Restaurant. Came home with Jeanette. I made lasagna, put in freezer.

Thursday, May 19, 1988. Clear, nice day, 82° but dry. I put 3 cartons rhubarb in freezer. Made rhubarb crisp. We have spinach & lettuce to use. We drove to Hudson to Darlene's dress shop. Found nothing.

Friday, May 20, 1988. Nice day, 80s. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted. Pete put packets together. We went to Eastland. I took the jacket back I had bought, too large.

Saturday, May 21, 1988. Fair, 92°. Pete to men's breakfast. He mowed lawn. I finished cleaning. We left at noon, took Cindy and Katie to Champaign. They flew to Ohio. Steve in Chicago. We and Rons to Eddy Stalter Ardemans for open house for Scott's graduation from Bluffton.

Sunday, May 22, 1988. Mostly cloudy. We went to church. Had small group, met at church. Went to North Danvers Fellowship Hall dedication. Mary, Lorene R[eeser] and Freida Blair went with us. Bob Kauffmans took them to church. Jeff & Allen called. Jeffs got to Allens yesterday. They're coming Tuesday.

Monday, May 23, 1988. Cloudy, 69°. Had rain last night & a shower this morning, ½ inch all together. Glad for it. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Perkins. I ironed in p.m. Worked outside awhile in p.m. Pete cleaned out eaves.

Tuesday, May 24, 1988. Fair, windy, cool, 69° – 70°. I baked ham. Got vegetables from garden. Made casserole of lasagna. Got things ready for supper. Jeff & Pat got here at 5:45. Were here for supper. Pete trimmed shrubbery.

Wednesday, May 25, 1988. Clear, 40s in morning. We volunteered at hospital. Jeffs went to Steve's. I got things ready for supper. Jeffs, Rons, Martys, Steves, Mary, Jon & Kevin R[eeser] were here. Had lasagna. Jo brought fruit, Steves pasta salad, Mary rolls. Pete plowed flower garden.

Thursday, May 26, 1988. Fair, 76°, nice day. Pete plowed truck patch & trimmed shrubbery. I worked in flower garden. Jeffs to dentist at 11:00, then visited Mary & Clifford Wick. I went to town at noon. Quilted awhile & went to senior (unclear) meeting at hospital. Rons took Jeffs & we to Bob Evans. Jeffs to Steves awhile.

Friday, May 27, 1988. Fair, 80°, cloudy in evening. Jeff & Pat left at 9:50 for Iowa City to a wedding. Washed tablecloth, sheets, towels & cleaned up house. Went to town in p.m. Took Mary to get groceries. I ironed after got home. Was good to have Jeffs.

Saturday, May 28, 1988. Fair, 89°. Finished cleaning, cut some flowers. Rons left early a.m. for Bluffton. We took flowers to cemeteries & worked at hospital, 3:30 – 8:00. Steves at Allens.

Sunday, May 29, 1988. Fair, warm, 80s. We went to church. Took Mary to dinner at Bloom[ington?] Square Restaurant. Stopped at her apartment awhile. Pauls called to make arrangements [for us] to go to Worcester. Rons home from Bluffton at midnight.

Monday, May 30, 1988. Fair, hot, near 90°. Did washing & ironing. Did little packing. Rons took us to Lincoln Depot for Marty & Renée's anniversary. Jon & Danielle (girlfriend) went along too. Marty's back to Mahomet. Steves home in PM.

Tuesday, May 31, 1988. Clear, hot, 91°. Pete mowed lawn. I worked outside little, got hot. We took Mary some vegetables. I took white skirt & slacks back to Farm & Fleet. Went to Eastland, had pictures developed. Packed suitcases in p.m.

Wednesday, June 1, 1988. Clear, 2B in 90s. Jo took us to ISU at 6:45. We took Peoria bus to O'Hare. Left there at 11:30 on United for Boston. Got there at 1:50 our time. Took Peter Pan bus, got to Worcester at 5:15. Paul got us at Marriott Hotel. Got here at 6:00. Pauls had dinner at [Clark] President's home. Ben & we had supper together. Thankful for good trip.

Thursday, June 2, 1988. Partly cloudy, chilly, 40° in morning. Marj to work, Paul to his office for interviews. We went for a walk. Went with Paul at 5:00 to ballgame with his colleagues. Paul & we to picnic at one of his professor's home. A chilly evening.

Friday, June 3, 1988. Cloudy, rained in p.m., chilly. Paul to his office. Marjorie & I baked cookies for Ben's recital. She went with Ben in p.m. to make programs. Pete & I did some reading.

Saturday, June 4, 1988. Mostly cloudy, cool. Everyone busy getting ready for Ben's recital. We all went to Clark University at 1:00. I helped Marj set up for refreshments. Recital at 2:30. Then did an excellent performance. Paul took we & 11 others to *Ahahn* (sp?) Restaurant to celebrate Ben's graduation. Talked to Rons.

Sunday, June 5, 1988. Fair, nice day, 70s. We went to church. Home in PM. We went for a walk. Paul & we to Greek Festival for supper. Large crowd.

Monday, June 6, 1988. Clear, nice day, windy. Paul to his office. Marjorie mowed lawn. I baked cake for Amy, her 16th anniversary she came to live at Paul's. Pauls to Auburn in p.m. Pete & I to Mall while they went to their appointment. Dick Ford & Dan here for dinner in evening.

Tuesday, June 7, 1988. Beautiful day, 70s. Marjorie took us shopping. I got a dress, bought a few gifts. Had lunch at Mall. We read & rested awhile in p.m. Paul at work.

Wednesday, June 8, 1988. Another beautiful day. We helped Marjorie with cleaning. I baked coffeecake braid. Deb, Randy & Brittany got here at 3:00. Good to see them. Paul to his office. We all went to Ben's graduation in evening. He got several awards & honors.

Thursday, June 9, 1988. Cloudy, showered, cool. Randy to Boston. Marjorie, Deb, Brittany, Pete & I to Museum & Zoo. Had lunch at home. Paul doing some reading at home. Everyone had a rest in p.m. Paul has a cold.

Friday, June 10, 1988. Beautiful day, 70s. Paul and Marjorie working. Randys, Ben & we to Sturbridge Village at noon. Randys took Pauls & we to Oriental Restaurant in evening. Went to bed earlier than usual, were tired.

Saturday, June 11, 1988. Beautiful clear day. Paul, Marjorie, Randys & we left at 10:45 for Plymouth. Had lunch on beach before boarding the whale watching boat. Saw a number of whales. Very interesting. Was cold & windy. Got back to shore at 6:15. Randys left for Boston. Pauls & we had fish dinner. Got home at 10:00 p.m. Interesting day. Rons to Allens.

Sunday, June 12, 1988. Fair, 86°. Then to church. Pauls & we were home. Spent the day resting & reading. Pauls talked to Shirley, Allen & Rons in Des Moines [for] hog show. Pauls took us for a ride in evening. Lots of lovely homes. Stopped for ice cream.

Monday, June 13, 1988. Fair, hot, 91°. Marjorie to work. Paul worked at home. We went with him to Clark a while in p.m. & to fish market. Got shrimp & scallops for dinner. Ate outside. I have a cold, feel bum. Allen & Ron talked to Paul in evening. Pat is in hospital, has chemical depression. Feel sorry for them.

Tuesday, June 14, 1988. Fair. Marjorie to work, Paul to his office a while in morning. We packed suitcases & rested some. My cold little better. Paul & we left at 1:30 for Boston. Left there at 4:00. Got to Chicago at 5:25. Got bus at 7:00. Made good connections all the way. Got to Normal at 9:30. Jo met us.. Thankful for good trip. Good to be home.

Wednesday, June 15, 1988. Partly cloudy, 80s. I washed, picked peas. Put 6 pints in freezer, had some for lunch. I put 2 cartons of broccoli in freezer & kept some for salad. We went to Garfield picnic at Underwood Park. Lloyd [Singleys] took us. Talked to Pauls. Marjorie got the job of manager. Glad for her. Basingers called, they're coming Friday.

Thursday, June 16, 1988. Fair, cooler, 84°. I worked in garden all morning. Pete cleaned raspberries. I ironed. We took Mary to Gailey's for her new lense. We got groceries. I transplanted some flowers. Ron to St. Louis.

Friday, June 17, 1988. Partly cloudy, 86°. We went to church at 8:10. We helped Jo getting ready for Judy Stutzman's wedding reception. Jeanette helped awhile. Pete mowed weeds in lawn. Franklin Basingers got here at 6:15. We all went to church for showers for Judy S[tutzman] & Chuck Kanagy.

Saturday, June 18, 1988. Fair, hot, 91°. Franklins & we to church at 12:00 for Judy Stutzman and Chuck Kanagys wedding at 1:00. Music started at 12:30. Nice wedding. Had luncheon afterwards. Jo in charge. Nearly 200 there. We all rested awhile in p.m. Steves came, we had sandwiches, salad & ice cream. Steve & Marty put air conditioner in window. Put 4 ½ pints peas in freezer.

Sunday, June 19, 1988. Fair, more breeze but hot, 90s. We all went to church. Franklins took us out to dinner (Bob Evans). Went to Cindy & Rachel Clemens recital at 1:00. Franklins left for home at 3:30. Allens called in evening. Steves to Camp Friedenswald.

Monday, June 20, 1988. Fair, hot, 99°. 104° on garage thermometer. Washed. Took Mary home from dialysis. Got 8 quarts strawberries at produce. Put 9 jars in freezer. Kept quart. Did ironing. Met Laura & Francis S[tamback] at Bloomington Square Restaurant at 11:30. Cindy called. Katie has temp.

Tuesday, June 21, 1988. 99° – 100°. Windy, very dry. Need rain badly. We picked peas. Put 4 pints in freezer and also put carton of broccoli in freezer. We had lunch at Knapp's with Rose G[irdler], Dorothy S[cogin], Freida Shinall, Elva Carr, Mary, & Lawson Fulton. Rested in p.m. Jo here awhile.

Wednesday, June 22, 1988. Partly cloudy, 96°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. We picked Paul Millers peas. They are on vacation. Put 3 pints in freezer. Gave Jo some & we had [some] for supper. Harold Hoovers stopped by in evening. Had a few sprinkles.

Thursday, June 23, 1988. Fair, 90°, good breeze. I baked coffeecake braid. Washed some slacks & pantsuits. We went to town at 3:00. Got milk & doughnuts for Prime Timers. Mabel & we were hostess. Went with Lloyd [Singley]s.

Friday, June 24, 1988. Cloudy most of day, 80s, sunshine late p.m., temp 93°. We went to town in morning. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis, got her groceries. She & we had lunch at Grand Café. We worked outside awhile in p.m. Ron to Elkhart early a.m. Jo having conference committee meetings. Picked pint raspberries.

Saturday, June 25, 1988. Fair, hot, windy, 103°, broke records. Did usual work. Stayed inside. We volunteered at hospital, 3:30 to 8:00. Ron home from Elkhart Indiana. Cindy & Katie had supper with us at hospital. Turned cooler in night.

Sunday, June 26, 1988. Fair, much cooler, 81°. Quite a change but no rain, very dry & windy. We went to church. We took Rons to Bishops for dinner. Jon along too. Steve home from [Camp] Friedenswald.

Monday, June 27, 1988. Clear, pleasant but so dry. We washed. I baked pecan rolls & ironed. Went to bank & grocery store. I baked raspberry custard pie. Gave Rons some, also rolls. Jo to hospital in evening for OR in morning. Hope all goes well.

Tuesday, June 28, 1988. Fair, 90° in PM. I went to hospital at 7:15. Jo to OR at 7:30. She got along very well. Had tumor size of grapefruit. Dr. Chow did the surgery. Ron busy awhile in p.m. I got home at 6:00, didn't feel good. Pete sprayed thistles.

Wednesday, June 29, 1988. Cloudy, 77°, some showers in area but not here. We went to church at 9:30 for Rev. RL Hartzler's funeral. Nice service. Tom K[auffmann], Evelyn [Bertsche], Don [Nester] & Ron had part in service. Ron wrote tribute to RL. He sang The Holy City, RL's request. Cindy & Amy Kauffman sang duet. We went to hospital, delivered mail. Jo had reaction to morphine early a.m. Put 2 jars raspberries in freezer.

Thursday, June 30, 1988. Fair, 80°, nice day. We went to Task Force meeting for auxiliary, then to Prime Timers meeting at Westminster. Had tour & dinner. Went to hospital at 2:00, Senior Citizens Seminar. We spent some time with Jo. She's doing quite well. Had her up walking in halls. Ron to Eureka all day.

Friday, July 1, 1988. Fair, pleasant, 80°. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Got her groceries. I went to Dr. Bertsche at 1:15. Have been running some temp. He thinks it kinda pneumonitis. Gave antibiotics. I put 2 containers broccoli in freezer. We picked nearly quart [of] raspberries.

Saturday, July 2, 1988. Fair, 80s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Didn't feel good, better in PM. We volunteered at hospital in evening. Visited with Jo. She's doing well.

Sunday, July 3, 1988. Fair, warmer, 89°. We went to church. Had lunch at Denny's. Were home in PM. Ron brought Jo home from hospital at noon. Glad she's home. I was there awhile in p.m. Took her some tapioca pudding.

Monday, July 4, 1988. Fair, 90°. I picked beans. Got enough for supper. I baked raspberry custard pie. Got things ready for supper. Didn't feel good, had diarrhea. Called doctor. Discontinued Erythromycin. Felt better in evening. Pete got Mary in PM. Rons, Jon & friend Danielle & Kevin [Reeser] here for supper. Had hamburgers. Watched fireworks.

Tuesday, July 5, 1988. Fair, hot, 98°. Washed & ironed. Pete watered hogs. Jo here most of afternoon. We had supper together. She's doing real well. I picked a few raspberries. They're about dried up.

Wednesday, July 6, 1988. Fair, hot, 95 – 98°. Everything is suffering from the drought. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete helping with watering hogs. I made lasagna, put in freezer. Jo here in p.m. & evening. She had committee meeting here in evening.

Thursday, July 7, 1988. Fair, hot, 95°. We went to volunteer meeting for Info Desk. Went to Eastland until 1:00. Went to Pantagraph where Pete had an interview for Silverleaf 4H club. They celebrate 71 years. Jo here. We had supper together. Rosalee got here at 9:30 [on] bus. Got apples at Birkelbaws. I made some [apple]sauce.

Friday, July 8, 1988. Another hot day, 96°. Did some cleaning. I baked ham. Made salad dressing & fixed sweet pickles. Ron helped Marty move their things to Rons. Jo & Rosalee went to Mahomet to help. I made pie crusts.

Saturday, July 9, 1988. Fair, hot, 96°. Went to town at 11:00, then to hospital, had hair done before volunteered at Info Desk, 1:00 – 5:00. Went to Mary's. Arthurs, Cathy & Steve got to Sheraton hotel at 4:00. Arthurs took Mary & we to Bishops. I made pasta salad.

Sunday, July 10, 1988. Partly cloudy. We went to church. Arthurs, Cathy & Steve at church. Georgia didn't feel very well. We all, Mary & Rons to Country Kitchens for dinner. Arthurs, Steves & Mary here for supper. Rons, Marty & Renée here awhile.

Monday, July 11, 1988. Fair, hot, 90°. Washed and ironed. Cindy and Katie here a while. Pauls got here about 3:00. Glad to see them. I got things ready for 4-H picnic. Renée made brownies & pasta salad for us. Pauls, Ron & we to 70th anniversary picnic for Silverleaf [4-H] club.

Tuesday, July 12, 1988. Fair, 90s. We took Pauls to Jumers for lunch. Mary with us. Very nice. We had sweetcorn for supper, got [it] from Wayne Mohr. We ate outside. Pete & Paul to Rays in evening to talk about farm. Jo to meeting.

Wednesday, July 13, 1988. Fair, hot, dry, 92°. Pauls & we to Mabel's for lunch. Rays there too. Children went swimming. Pauls took us to the Great Wall in evening. Jon had an accident at corner south of us. A lady didn't stop at stop sign. No one hurt.

Thursday, July 14, 1988. Partly cloudy. We had light shower about noon. I baked 2 apple pies & made lasagna. Allen, Deb & Brittany came about 11:00. Rona & Mary here too for dinner. Allens left at 4:45 for home. Glad they could [come] even though time was short. Katie here all day. Cindy working. Steve came at 4:00, here for supper.

Friday, July 15, 1988. Fair, hot, 101°. Pete took Mary home & got her groceries. Pauls took Mary, Ken & Karen to Bishops for lunch. We went along. Boys went swimming. Mary, Marj, girls & I went shopping awhile. Paul, Ben & Amy left for Goshen Indiana at 6:00 p.m. Will stay at Marj's sister [Ruth Ann Gardner].

Saturday, July 16, 1988. Partly cloudy, 90°, little cooler in p.m. Had little shower. I washed 3 loads. We got 4 dozen ears corn from Lynn Rader. Put 10 packages in freezer. Marjorie helped. Kept some to eat. We did some cleaning. Andy at Jon's awhile in evening. We went to grocery [store].

Sunday, July 17, 1988. Fair, hot, 90°. Marjorie and Andy to Chicago in morning. Andy left at 3:00 for California. Marj got back at 5:45. We went to church with Rons. Home in PM. Rons & Marty here for supper. Had tuna salad, eggs, tomatoes, applesauce & ice cream. Paul called. They got home last night at 11:00 PM.

Monday, July 18, 1988. Cloudy, had shower early a.m., 80°. I washed (7 loads). We took Marjorie to Sheraton Inn at 10:25. She took bus to O'Hare to go to Denver to computer meeting. Pete took Mary to dialysis. I ironed some. We miss Pauls, was good to have them. Marty to New Jersey.

Tuesday, July 19, 1988. 92°, less humid. I finished ironing. We & Mary met Dorothy S[cogin], Rose G[irdler], Elva Carr, Lawson Fulton, Freida & Dr. Shinall. Mary Burr was there too. I put 2 cartons broccoli in freezer. Jo here awhile in p.m. & evening. We listened to Democratic convention.

Wednesday, July 20, 1988. Cloudy, 89°, no rain. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got some peaches. Mary took some. I put 4 jars in freezer & made 2 ½ pints preserves. Gave Jo a pint. We were at Rons for supper, had spaghetti. I made peach cobbler.

Thursday, July 21, 1988. Fine day, cooler, 82°, but dry. We took Mary to Gailey's at 11:30. Got her groceries. Had lunch in town. I finished working up peaches. Put 2 jars in freezer & made 3 ½ pints marmalade.

Friday, July 22, 1988. Nice day, 86°. Did some cleaning. I went to town at 9:30. Helped finish the baby quilt for auxiliary. I had a permanent in PM at Norma's. We went to Harold & Eunice Hoovers in evening. Had a good time & good cherry pie.

Saturday, July 23, 1988. Fair, 90°. I canned 3 ½ quarts tomatoes. We went to hospital at 2:00. Volunteered at Info Desk until 7:00. Marty home from New Jersey.

Sunday, July 24, 1988. Fair, warmer. We went to church, came home afterwards. Read some, wrote to Jeffs.

Monday, July 25, 1988. Cloudy in morning. Had a welcome shower, nearly 1/3 inch, some places got more & some none. Did laundry. We took Mary home from dialysis. We had lunch at Jumers with Laura & Francis [Stamback]. We got ½ bushel apples at Birkelbaws.

Tuesday, July 26, 1988. Fair, 80s. Pete dug some potatoes. We picked few green beans, gave Jo some. I made some applesauce. Put 3 jars in freezer. Mary, Lucy C[atherine] & we to Barney's for our birthdays. I gave Lucy 2 guest towels. She gave me a gown. Went to Lucy's awhile.

Wednesday, July 27, 1988. Fair, hot, 92°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got groceries. I baked bars in p.m. Allen called about paying taxes on boar estate. Jo here awhile in evening.

Thursday, July 28, 1988. Fair, hot, 95°. I canned 2 quarts of tomato juice. Cooked some apples. We went to town at 11:45, had hair done. Took Mary to get groceries. We went to Senior Citizens Seminar at Mennonite [Hospital] at 2:00. Took Mary to Dr. Bertsche at 3:00 for her physical. Got home at 6:00.

Friday, July 29, 1988. Fair, hot and dry, near 90°. Did weekly cleaning. Pete dug row of potatoes. I raked up fallen apples. Rons took us to Shakespeare play (A Comedy of Errors). Marty, Jon, Danielle & Harvella along. Ate supper on lawn. Had pizza. A nice evening. We took Mary home from dialysis.

Saturday, July 30, 1988. Fair, hot, 95°. Pete to men's breakfast. He finished digging potatoes. We rested some. We volunteered at hospital, 3:00 – 7:30. Arthur & Georgia called at noon to wish me happy birthday. Allen and Shirley called, sang Happy Birthday to me. Steve left for Allens at 4:00.

Sunday, July 31, 1988. Partly cloudy, 101°. We had a thunderstorm a lot of electricity at 5:00 p.m. We went to church. Rons & we at Mary's for dinner. Ron preached at Minier church. Ron's telephone knocked out & fuses in pump, hit the barn too. Had 1 1/3 inches rain. Thankful for rain. Allens & Steve to see Jeffs.

Monday, August 1, 1988. Fair, hot, near 100°. We went to FFA fair to watch Marty judge hog show. He does real well. Washed & ironed in p.m.

Tuesday, August 2, 1988. Fair, hot, high 90s. We made sauerkraut in morning. We took Mary to bank & to see Dr. Olson at dialysis. I canned quart of tomato juice. Steve & Allens home from Dallas.

Wednesday, August 3, 1988. Fair, hot, 99°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I didn't feel good, had some diarrhea. Pulse rapid awhile. Pete watered hogs in PM. Jo at meeting. Cindy & Katie here awhile in evening. Jo here too. Marty left at 7:30 for Medicine Lodge Kansas.

Thursday, August 4, 1988. Fair, hot, 98°. Steve Estes here in morning to talk about Ropp reunion. Steve is speaker. We took it easy all day. I didn't feel good in morning. Jo here awhile in p.m.

Friday, August 5, 1988. Mostly cloudy in morning, 80s. Deb and Randy called at 7:30 a.m. to wish us happy anniversary. They go to Allens tonight. We got Mary at dialysis & got her

groceries. We went to fair. Kevin [Reeser] got Grand Champion over all breeds. Steves to Allens. Family to Minnesota tomorrow for vacation.

Saturday, August 6, 1988. Fair, nice day, 90°. We went to church at 8:30. Helped clean some. Was done earlier. I finished my cleaning. Didn't feel good again, some diarrhea. Rested. We volunteered at Info Desk, 4:00 – 8:00. We had quiet 56th anniversary.

Sunday, August 7, 1988. Fair, 94°. We went to church. Mary took us to dinner. Ate at Bishops. We were home in PM. Jo here awhile. Ron preached at Carlock in morning. Rons took us to Denny's in evening, had dessert.

Monday, August 8, 1988. Fair, another hot day, 100°. Washed & ironed. Took Mary home from dialysis. I baked coffeecake & cookies & made apple crisp. Gave Rons some cookies. Paul Miller & Don [Nester] here awhile. Looked rainy in evening but no rain.

Tuesday, August 9, 1988. Cloudy in morning, fair, hot, 90°. We took Mary to Gailey's at 6:15 a.m. for cataract surgery. We left there at 10:30. Brought Mary home with us. She got along okay. We rested awhile in p.m. I made casserole for supper.

Wednesday, August 10, 1988. Had shower early a.m., near 90° in PM. Rained in forenoon, 1/3 inch, more in other places. We took Mary home as we went to work at hospital. Took her to Gailey's at 12:30. They took patch off her eye. She's doing well. I canned 3 quarts tomatoes. Marty & Renée got home from Kansas at 6:00.

Thursday, August 11, 1988. Partly cloudy, hot, humid, 94° – 96°. I washed some bedding, sheets, blanket, mattress pad & bedspread. Mary to dialysis at 10:30. We got her at 1:30. We had lunch at Grand Café. Ron took barrows to [state] fair in evening. Jo here awhile. Steves home from Minnesota.

Friday, August 12, 1988. Fair, same old story, hot, 97°. Did weekly cleaning. We went to auxiliary quarterly meeting. Had brunch. Were home by noon. I canned 5 quarts tomato juice. Shampooed my hair.

Saturday, August 13, 1988. Fair, hot, 95°. We went with Alta L[itwiller] to Museum at Metamora. We worked, 1:00 – 3:00. Had lunch there. Good crowd. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:00. Rons to [state] fair, barrow show. Kevin [Reeser] brought gilt home. He got 1st. He cut his hand while scoring. Ron took him to ER, had some stitches. Steve took Mary home from dialysis.

Sunday, August 14, 1988. Looked rainy in morning, had rain South. Windy, hot, 96°. We went to church. Home for lunch. Got things ready for supper. Steves here. Rons & Martys loaded U-Haul. Martys are moving to Columbia Missouri, going to University [of Missouri]. Ron drove truck. Jo & Marty took the cars. Ron left at 4:15, others [an] hour later. Jon at state fair.

Monday, August 15, 1988. Fair, hot, 102° in Peoria. Washed. Got Mary at dialysis. Didn't do much in p.m. Read some. Sorted some cards. Ron called, they were starting home about 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 16, 1988. Another hot day, 102°, broke records. Rons got home from Columbia at 3:15 a.m. I canned 6 quarts tomato juice. Mary & we to Knapp's for lunch. Lawson Fulton only one [who] came. Frieda [Shinall] to Chicago, Rose [Girdler] and Dorothy [Scogin] forgot. Rested in p.m. Didn't feel very good. Ron & Kevin [Reeser] took gilts to Springfield.

Wednesday, August 17, 1988. Fair, hot, 103°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary to Gailey's at 1:30. Jo worked at school. I went with her at 4:00. We had flat tire on our car. Jo & another teacher changed it. Took tire to Wards, had it fixed. I got bathrobe for Ron's birthday. We got hamburgers. Got home at 8:30.

Thursday, August 18, 1988. Fair, hot, 100° plus, turned cooler in evening. Jo and we to State Fair. Marty & Ron had 4 gilts [in show]. Kevin got Grand Champion over all Chester Whites. He & Ron were happy. Gail Bressner showed for Kevin. Marty came last night for the show. He went back this p.m. Jo here for supper.

Friday, August 19, 1988. Cloudy, 82°, no rain but a relief from the heat. Did weekly cleaning. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. Jo working at school. Rons & we to Alexander Steak House for Ron's birthday. We gave Ron a bathrobe.

Saturday, August 20, 1988. Cloudy in morning, 85°, nice day. I canned 2 quarts tomatoes & 9 quarts sauerkraut. I baked cake & 2 apple pies for Danvers Days & our church picnic.

Sunday, August 21, 1988. Fair, 80s, nice day. We went to church. Were home in PM. Mabel took my pie & cake to Danvers. I was to help but decided not to go. We went to all church picnic at 5:00. Large crowd & nice evening. Rons there too. Jo home with us. Ron chored.

Monday, August 22, 1988. Cloudy, cooler, 82°. Washed & ironed. Took Mary home from dialysis. Went to see Kay Reimer, took coffeecake. She had mastectomy last week, has to take treatments. We worked outside awhile in p.m. Raked up fallen apples. Had .4 inch rain.

Tuesday, August 23, 1988. Fair in p.m., nice day, 88°. I cleaned refrigerator in morning. Cooked apples. Went to bank. Met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Lakeside for lunch. I baked coffeecake braid in p.m. Called Deb to thank her for Pete's birthday (fruit). Jo teaching school at North Pointe, new school.

Wednesday, August 24, 1988. Beautiful day, 82°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Alma Galloway's awhile. She wanted to play an old game (Fig Mill). Alta L[itwiller] there too. Were home in evening.

Thursday, August 25, 1988. Clear, 91°, rather windy. I cleaned some upholstery furniture. Got things ready for supper. We went to Senior Seminar at Mennonite [Hospital]. Mary along. We went with Lloyd Singley's to Prime Timers picnic at Moraine Park. Jeanette & Mabel along.

Friday, August 26, 1988. Fine day, 80s, 56° in morning. Did weekly cleaning & cleaned the rug. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis and got her groceries. I made 7 glasses grape jelly in p.m. We went to Paul Millers for supper. Earl K[aufman]s & Alma Galloway there.

Saturday, August 27, 1988. Cloudy, cool, 60s. Had several showers during the day. We helped clean church in morning. I went to Jo's awhile in morning. Took her some grape jelly. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:00. Allen called at noon. They're coming to Ropp reunion.

Sunday, August 28, 1988. Fair, pleasant, 70s. We went to church. We took Rons to Japanese restaurant for their anniversary. Jon with us. I made butterscotch pie. Rons came over before chores for pie. He took some of his boyhood toys home. I wrote to Pauls.

Monday, August 29, 1988. Fair, 48° in morning, 77°, nice day. Washed & ironed. I cleaned linen closet. Gathered few flower seeds. Not many to gather, it's so dry.

Tuesday, August 30, 1988. Fair, 81°, nice day. We defrosted the freezer. Cleaned hall closet. Transplanted & separated some of [African] violets.

Wednesday, August 31, 1988. Clear, little warmer, 86°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I got things ready for supper. Jim Stutzman & Jeanette were here, had Swiss steak. Dave & Dorie Yoder got to Mary's about 4:00 p.m. They're staying at the Sheraton [Inn].

Thursday, September 1, 1988. 86°. I baked cookies. We went to grocery store. Dave Yoders & Mary were here in p.m. Dave's were at Mary's for supper. I made lasagna in evening. Jo here awhile after school.

Friday, September 2, 1988. Mostly cloudy, 80s, had rain early a.m. south of us. We went to town at 8:00. I had proctoscope. Pete had checkup. I got things ready for supper. Rons, Jon, Dave & Dorie Yoder & Mary were here. Dave took Mary to dialysis & got her & got her groceries. They were at her house for lunch.

Saturday, September 3, 1988. Had 1/3 inch rain early a.m. Partly cloudy, cool, 70s. I finished cleaning. We were at Rons awhile. Helped some with cleaning. I helped awhile in p.m., cleaned vegetables, etc. Daves, Mary & we were there for supper. Jon & Danielle there too.

Sunday, September 4, 1988. Cloudy, windy, few showers, cool, 68° – 70s. We went to church. Dave went with Mary. Dorie not feeling well. We, Rons, Daves & Steves to Red Lobster for dinner. Invited Daves out for lunch but Dorie not up to coming.

Monday, September 5, 1988. Clear, windy, cool. Washed & ironed. Made potato salad, baked peach dessert. Got things ready for supper. Daves, Mary, Rons, Jon & Danielle here. Dave took

Mary home from dialysis. They were there for lunch. Allen called. They can't come for [Ropp] reunion.

Tuesday, September 6, 1988. Clear, 40s, broke record, 70°. I went to Women's Fellowship. Came home at noon. We went to town at 3:00. Pete to Helen Pattons, looked at Ropp pictures. I went to Gailey's. Don't need lense changed. Took prism off left lens. Daves left for home.

Wednesday, September 7, 1988. Clear, 42° in morning, 77°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to College Hills [Mall]. Mary got yarn. Took her to Gailey's at 3:00. She's doing okay.

Thursday, September 8, 1988. Fair, windy, warmer, 80s. I went with Mabel to HEA. Home at 1:30. Pete home, furnace man here. The transformer was burned out. We went to Service Company annual meeting & supper at Fairgrounds. 1,800 people there.

Friday, September 9, 1988. Nice day, 80s. We went to hospital in morning. I quilted. Pete labeled letters Mr. & Mrs. *Art Clariton* (sp?) from Idaho came. She's a Mose Ropp descendent. We took drive to Ropp & Troyer Cemetery. They took us to Denny's for supper. They're staying at Hampton Inn.

Saturday, September 10, 1988. Nice day, 80s. We went to Ropp reunion at 10:00. Took Mr. *Aalto* (sp?) From Reedley California, Claritons from Idaho, Augsburgers from South Dakota & others. 74 in all. Steve Estes gave very good talk. Gordon reelected Pres. Jane Bell Sec. Mr. Aalto, Claritons, Harold & Helen P[atton] here for lunch. All went to see Ron's house. Jo at committee meeting in morning. Steve at meeting too.

Sunday, September 11, 1988. Fair, 80s. We took Mr. Aalto to church. Harolds took Claritons. We all & Rons ate at Bishops. Mr. Aalto came home with us. We were at Rons awhile. We took him to Sheraton [Inn] at 6:00. Pauls called. They're real busy. I wrote Allens.

Monday, September 12, 1988. Mostly cloudy, little shower early, humid, 86°. Washed & ironed. Claritons came at 1:00. We went for drive to Pekin & Railroad Cemetery. Got back at 5:00. I didn't feel good. Pulse rapid, 115. Rested. Had 100° temp. Arts & Pete to Harold Pattons for supper. Sorry I couldn't go.

Tuesday, September 13, 1988. Cloudy in morning, fair, 86°. I rested most of morning, felt better than last night. We worked upstairs in p.m. Done some cleaning in boys room. I made salad dressing. The Claritons left for home. I have some cold.

Wednesday, September 14, 1988. Nice day, 84°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Finished cleaning upstairs in p.m. Rons here awhile in evening.

Thursday, September 15, 1988. Another nice day, 84°. Pete working on Ropp History. I cleaned closets in 2 bedrooms. We got apples at Birkelbaws.

Friday, September 16, 1988. Rained in morning, fair late p.m. We went to hospital. I finished the quilt for auxiliary. Pete delivered mail. Got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. I rested in p.m. We went with Jo at 4:30 to Gail Bressner's sale. Ron & Jon helped all day. Ron sold 7. Marj & Ben to Chicago University where Ben is enrolled.

Saturday, September 17, 1988. Fair, 90°. Rons to Columbia Missouri to see Martys. I finished cleaning. Baked cookies. Cleaned the bathroom & washed curtains. Pete dug the glads.

Sunday, September 18, 1988. Cloudy, rained in p.m. & evening. We went to church. Had lunch at Denny's. Were home rest of day. I still have a temp in p.m.'s talked to Allens. They're okay & busy.

Monday, September 19, 1988. Cloudy, fair in p.m. Rained and showered most of day. Had 1.15 inches since yesterday. Windy. We washed & ironed. Rested & read rest of day. Called Dr. B[ertsche], got some Cipro. Jo took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. Pete took Jon to Carlock to get his car.

Tuesday, September 20, 1988. Clear, 72°, nice day. We met Rosa [Girdler], Dorothy S[cogin], Freida & Harold Shinall & Lawson F[ulton] & Mary at Knapp's. Went to Eastland. Saw Norman & Mary Lou Vercler. They came out to visit awhile.

Wednesday, September 21, 1988. Lovely day, 79°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Mary & Mabel to Garfield club at Dorothy Singley's. Alta L[itwiller] took Mary home. Were home in evening. Watched Olympics.

Thursday, September 22, 1988. Fair, windy, hot, 93°. Pete worked on Ropp history. Marie Hastings & I went with Winifred Maxwell to Elms at El Paso to nurses luncheon. 22 there. Went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. Mabel & Dorothy [Singley] along. Talked to Deb. We're planning to go there Saturday. Had shower in night.

Friday, September 23, 1988. Mostly cloudy. Did the weekly cleaning. Mary & I had our hair done at beauty shop. I got groceries. Done some packing. Cindy & Katie here awhile in morning. Brought gifts to send to Iowa. Pete working on [Ropp] history.

Saturday, September 24, 1988. Clear, beautiful day. Mary & we left at 8:15 for Allens. Got to Deb & Randy's at Newton at 2:30. Pam, Mick & girls were there. Allens came at 3:30. Had party for birthday people. Had a good time. Allens & we got to Allens before 11:00. Micks came later.

Sunday, September 25, 1988. Another lovely day. We all went to church. Were at Allens for dinner. Shirley had an open house in p.m. We all went there awhile, looked at some slides in evening. Mick & Pam & girls stayed all night.

Monday, September 26, 1988. Fair, windy. Allen & Shirley to work. We read & rested. Met Allen & Shirley Pilgrim at Tea Room up town for lunch. Was very nice. Mary & we took Allens to Perkins in Ames for dinner. Saw where Allens new office will be in Ames. Micks home early.

Tuesday, September 27, 1988. Fair, 84°. We left Allens at 8:40. Got home at 3:30. Had a good trip for which we are grateful. Mary enjoyed herself. Was good to be with Allen's family.

Wednesday, September 28, 1988. Fair, 82°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Did laundry in PM, also washed mattress pad & cover. Were home in evening.

Thursday, September 29, 1988. Fair, 80°, another nice day. I cleaned our bedroom. Washed curtains in West bedroom. Jon here for lunch. We took Sport to vet, got his shots. Wrote to Evelyn & watched Olympics.

Friday, September 30, 1988. Mostly cloudy, rather humid, 80°. We went to Auxiliary Task Force meeting at 9:00. Pete got Mary at dialysis, took her to bank & groceries. I quilted for auxiliary. I cleaned west bedroom & shampooed my hair in p.m.

Saturday, October 1, 1988. Rained in morning & evening. We went to church at 9:30, conference committee meeting there. Got donuts & cider for their break. Helped Flanagan ladies in kitchen. They served lunch. Marilyn Reeser was to help but didn't. We had lunch with Earl Raders. We volunteered at hospital, 1:30 to 6:30. Had nearly ½ inch rain.

Sunday, October 2, 1988. Cloudy in morning, had shower, fair in p.m. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Rons took us to Wendy's for lunch. Steve along. Cindy & Katie in Ohio. We were at Rons awhile in p.m. I had some temp again late p.m. & diarrhea.

Monday, October 3, 1988. Mostly fair, 60s. We washed. I had diarrhea all day, felt miserable. Sherry Dunn Stontin in town. They were coming out to bring the baby but [I] thought best they didn't come. Allens to Dallas to see Jeffs.

Tuesday, October 4, 1988. Fair, 39° – 55°, windy, chilly. Rested. Still have diarrhea. Called Dr. B[ertsche]. He ordered Diphenatal. Hope it helps.

Wednesday, October 5, 1988. Fair, 26°, another miserable day. I'm nauseated & vomiting but nothing to come up. Called Dr. B[ertsche], finally got in touch with him at 5:30. I went to hospital at 6:00, dehydrated, started IVs. Did blood work & stool specimens. Allens home from Dallas.

Thursday, October 6, 1988. Another chilly morning, 28°. I'm resting some better. Had EKG. Having a few liquids. Ron brought in a chrysanthemum. Lucy C[atherine] & Harold [Patton]s [brought a] little basket. Had quite a lot of company, most of volunteers. Jo too. Pete here most of day. Continuous IVs.

Friday, October 7, 1988. 29° – 50s. I had fairly good night. Pete came for auxiliary bazaar & bake sale. Nurses took me down to bake sale [a] few minutes. My committee got along fine. Ron to Elkhart. Jo stopped after school. \$346 from bake sale.

Saturday, October 8, 1988. Partly cloudy, 33° – 64°. Pete helped Jo in morning [to] get ready for Ron's staff. Dr. *Knaegel* (sp?) came at noon & dismissed me. Had IVs until noon. Pete came for me, got home at 2:00. Sure good to be home. Rons sent our supper over. They had big crowd. Allens called in evening. Jon to Columbia Missouri to Martys.

Sunday, October 9, 1988. Mostly fair, 63°, nice day. Pete to church. I put roast in oven with vegetables. Irene Dunn & Sonja Reese here a while in PM. Mabel came too. Jo here. I didn't feel quite as good. Rons here awhile in evening. Called Pauls. They're OK & busy. Boys are doing OK in school.

Monday, October 10, 1988. Fair, windy, warmer, 70°. I shampooed my hair. Jo pinned it up. Rested a lot. We washed in p.m. I felt nauseated again in evening. I think it's the medicine. Wish I could get to feeling better. Pete sorted potatoes. Not many.

Tuesday, October 11, 1988. Clear, 31° – 50s. I still don't feel good, diarrhea all morning. Called Dr. Bertsche. He ordered some other medicine. Pete to drugstore & got some groceries. Jeanette here awhile in p.m.

Wednesday, October 12, 1988. Clear, 28° – 53°. Pete to hospital, volunteered. I rested. Did little ironing. I feel some better. Diarrhea better for which I'm grateful. I baked 2 apple cakes (with Pete's help) for HEA tomorrow. I'm on committee.

Thursday, October 13, 1988. Fair, 31° – 59°. Mabel took my things for HEA meeting. Jeanette, Mabel, Dorothy [Singley] & others on committee. Sorry I couldn't go. We done the weekly cleaning. Pete mowed lawn in p.m.

Friday, October 14, 1988. Mostly fair, 72°. We went to town at 10:00. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. I had my hair done. Made vegetable soup. I didn't feel as good as yesterday. No diarrhea but kinda nauseated. Ron to Lake Bloomington to Ministers Retreat. Allens got here at 9:15. Glad to see them.

Saturday, October 15, 1988. Fair, windy, 70s. Allens & Pete to Jo's for breakfast. I didn't feel like going, had some diarrhea again, feel miserable. Allens to Steve's at noon. Ramseyers, Allens, Rons & Mary at Steves for Katie's birthday. Sorry we had to miss it. Gave Katie a woodblock puzzle. Had shower in evening.

Sunday, October 16, 1988. Fair, windy, warm, 76°. Allens & Pete didn't go to church. I feel a little better. Rons to church. They brought things home from the deli. Allens, Steves & we were there. Allens left for home at 1:30. Glad they could come but [sorry] I had to be sick.

Monday, October 17, 1988. Cloudy, had periods of thundershowers. Had wind damage in different areas and hail east of us. We went to Dr. Bertsche at 1:00. He wanted 2 stool specimens. I feel some better, diarrhea has stopped. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I was nauseated in evening.

Tuesday, October 18, 1988. Clear, 50°. We did the laundry. I feel better than last night. Pete took stool specimens to Dr. B[ertsche]'s office. Rested some. Dorothy S[cogin], Rosa G[irdler], Freida [Shinall] & Mary met at Knapp's. Sorry we had to miss it. I wrote to Deb.

Wednesday, October 19, 1988. Fair, 38 – 54°. Pete to hospital to volunteer. I rested most of morning. Jon here in p.m. Helped me clean the chandelier. Jeanette here in evening. She took Mary home from club at Verna W[allace]. Lucy C[atherine] took her. Jo here awhile in evening.

Thursday, October 20, 1988. Cloudy, chilly, 49°, few sprinkles. Steve & Jon took our air-conditioner out. I made casserole & peach crisp for dinner. Jon here for dinner. We went to Birkelbaws, got apples. Dr. Bertsche called, test OK. I feel some stronger but eating doesn't go good. Tom Kauffmann here in p.m.

Friday, October 21, 1988. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 60°, windy. We did weekly cleaning. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We went uptown at 1:00. Mary & I had our hair done. Jo here awhile. Mabel came later, brought some cookies.

Saturday, October 22, 1988. Beautiful day, 32° – 57°. Pete to Hopedale to Genealogical meeting. Steves came. He cleaned Windows & put in storm Windows. They brought dinner too. Sure appreciate their help. Rons to Goshen Indiana to meeting. Pete volunteered at Info Desk in evening. Jeanette here awhile, brought muffins.

Sunday, October 23, 1988. Cloudy, rained early a.m. and forenoon. Strong wind from Northwest. Colder, some sunshine in p.m. We went to church. Glad to be there. Came home after church (brought chicken). Lucy C[atherine], Roberta & Leo here in p.m. Jo here in evening, brought some food. Pauls called in p.m.

Monday, October 24, 1988. Clear, 26° – 50°, windy, cold. We washed. Got Mary at dialysis. Helped her order some Christmas gifts. I ironed. Lloyd Singleys here in p.m. Dorothy brought cookies. I washed some summer dresses. I feel stronger & appetite better.

Tuesday, October 25, 1988. Clear, 49°. I went with Jeanette to prayer group at Helen [Patton]'s. I canned pint [of] beets. We cleaned the bookshelves in living room. We went to Heritage at Homer Parks.

Wednesday, October 26, 1988. Clear, 26° – 51°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I'm glad to be back. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I cleaned Cedar closet & hall with Pete's help. I baked brownies for chili supper.

Thursday, October 27, 1988. Fair in morning, cloudy, rained some in p.m. & evening, very windy. I cleaned broom closet & kitchen cupboards. Cleaned back of stove & refrigerator. Jeanette took us, Mary & Mabel to alumni chili supper. We gave Jeanette tickets. Took brownies. We went to Prime Timers.

Friday, October 28, 1988. Clear, 46°, nice day, chilly. We did weekly cleaning. Went to town at 9:00. I quilted at hospital. Pete took Mary to dialysis & took her home. We went to mall, got suit for Sherry [Dunn]'s baby. Ron to Minnesota in morning. Jo & Steve to [Camp] Friedenswald in evening.

Saturday, October 29, 1988. 22° – 43°. Fair in morning, cloudy PM. I cleaned the kitchen & washed curtains. Pete plowed the garden in p.m. Set out chrysanthemum plant. Allen called in morning. They & McAlexanders were going to Des Moines to celebrate their anniversary. Jo & Steve home about 9:00.

Sunday, October 30, 1988. Fair, 21° – 46°. We went to church in morning. Steves & we to Mary's for dinner. Steve took us by their new home at 601 E. Taylor. Jeanette & we to church at 6:30. Home Builders to Meadows Home. We went with Leon S[mucker]. Had tour of Burt Villages & Home & Cottages.

Monday, October 31, 1988. Fair, 27° – 56°. We did the laundry. Got Mary at dialysis & took her to bank. We met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Perkins. Got our flu shots at Dr. Bertsche. Stopped to see Merle. Took her some flowers. I wrote to Ben & Andy.

Tuesday, November 1, 1988. Clear, chilly wind. I made vegetable soup. Went to Women's Fellowship. Came home at noon. I cleaned furniture in dining & living room. Washed Windows. Jo here for supper.

Wednesday, November 2, 1988. Fair, 24° – 50°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I finished the baby quilt for auxiliary. Finished cleaning the living room. We went to Peoria airport at 5:00. Met Ron at 7:50. He came from Minneapolis. We ate supper there. Jo had meeting.

Thursday, November 3, 1988. Nice day, warmer, 60s. I cleaned the living & dining room rugs. I went to auxiliary board meeting at 9:00. Got a permanent at 11:30. Pete worked on Ropp history. I put some summer things away.

Friday, November 4, 1988. Rained in morning, 64°. We went to hospital at 9:30. I helped put quilt in frame for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. I quilted some. Washed summer slacks, blouses, etc.

Saturday, November 5, 1988. Cloudy, Misty, windy, colder, few flurries in evening. I baked pecan rolls & made cinnamon apples. We volunteered at Info Desk in evening. Rons to conference at Metamora in morning.

Sunday, November 6, 1988. Cloudy, snow flurries, windy, cold. We went to church, had our small group at church. Got home at 2:00. Wrote to Arthurs, Pauls & Allens. Steve here awhile, got some tools. Cindy & Katie in Ohio. Pauls called in evening. Good to talk to them.

Monday, November 7, 1988. Partly cloudy, 27° – 53°. Did the laundry. Went to town at 10:00. Took Mary home. Went to Steve's house in town, helped him a little with water pipes. Took Mary to College Hills [Mall], had lunch. Took her to Gailey's. I cleaned fruit room. Pete cleaned out leaves.

Tuesday, November 8, 1988. Fair, a nice day, 56°. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. We went to vote. We cleaned the recreation room. Rons & we to Central Station to Gordon's re-election party. Crowd there. George Bush new Pres., beat Dukakis. Sorry.

Wednesday, November 9, 1988. Cloudy, rainy all day, 50°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I quilted some. We cleaned the laundry & furnace room in PM. Glad it's done. Had over 1 inch rain.

Thursday, November 10, 1988. Fair in morning, cloudy & windy, 46°. I went to HEA with Jeanette & Mabel & Dorothy [Singley]. I made the fruitcakes in PM.

Friday, November 11, 1988. Fair, 20s in morning. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We met Jo at Carson's at noon. Look for blouse for me, didn't find any. Went to Eastland and got gift for Cynda Dunn Kym's baby.

Saturday, November 12, 1988. Cloudy, a rainy day, chilly, 40s. Finished weekly cleaning. Cleaned silverware. Got ready to make ginger cookies & didn't have any molasses. Wrapped baby gifts for Sherry & Cyndy Dunn.

Sunday, November 13, 1988. Clear, nice day. We went to church until 10:00's. Earl Raders invited us to their church service at 10:30 (St. Luke's Union). Ron preached there. Had good sermon. We ate at Red Lobster. Stopped at Steve's house. He was working. Cindy had no voice, [she] was to have recital at Metamora.

Monday, November 14, 1988. Fair, 61°. Did laundry. I baked apple coffee cake. Pete crushed leaves in yard.

Tuesday, November 15, 1988. Cloudy, windy, rainy, 65°. A stormy evening, tornado watch out in evening. Damage done in several areas, high wind. Had prayer group here. Jeanette, Helen [Patton], Mary [Kaufman], Shirley [Krahn] & Alma [Galloway]. We & Mary had lunch with [Dorothy] Scogin, [Sheila & Dr]. Shinall & Rose [Girdler]. Went to Steves, helped Cindy wash some woodwork.

Wednesday, November 16, 1988. Cloudy, windy, much colder, 39°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I took Mary & Katherine M[ishler] to Denny's

for Garfield club. Mary hostess. Pete came home. I came with Mabel. Evelyn S[chwoerer] took Mary & Katherine home. I made 2 pie crusts & lasagna. Mrs. RL Hartzler passed away. Ben called. He's coming for Thanksgiving.

Thursday, November 17, 1988. Fair, 28° – 50°. I baked bars in morning. Went to town at 1:00. Took Mary to the Malls shopping. Didn't find anything. I got a slip for Jo's birthday. Made chili for Steve's moving day.

Friday, November 18, 1988. Fair, nice day, 53°. Did weekly cleaning. Went to town at 9:00. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Had lunch at hospital with Jeanette. We went to Nora Hartzler's funeral at 2:00 at church. Ron sang "Lord's Prayer." I made more chili for Steves.

Saturday, November 19, 1988. Cloudy, rained early a.m., misted in morning. Pete to men's breakfast. We went to Steve's house at 11:00. Waited for the movers. They got there & unloaded by noon. I took chili & relishes, ice cream & bars. Marge Nester sent brownies. Rons & Jon helped. Had 12 for lunch. Some went home. Cindy to work at noon for several hours. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8.

Sunday, November 20, 1988. Cloudy, had rain early, flurries, windy, colder, 30s. We went to church. Jo took Mary to dialysis & took her home. Rons, Mary & we to [House of] Hunan for Jo's birthday (Mary payed). Ron & we to open house for Don McWard's retirement. Dwayne Zehr passed away. Talked to Allens.

Monday, November 21, 1988. Cloudy, chilly. Washed and ironed. We had lunch with Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Bloomington Square [Restaurant]. We went to Walmart, did some shopping. Pete got pair [of] work trousers. I got a gown. Jo here for supper, Ron had meeting. Gave Jo slip & cookie sheet for her birthday.

Tuesday, November 22, 1988. Cleared off in morning. 40s. I baked cranberry bread. We went to Birkelbaws, got apples. I cleaned some cabinet drawers. We went with Jeanette & Mary J[antze] to visitation for Dwayne Zehr. Ate at LeRoy.

Wednesday, November 23, 1988. Fair, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked 2 pumpkin pies. Got some things ready for dinner tomorrow. We went to depot at 6:00 to meet Ben. Train was 1 hour late. We had supper when we got home. Good to see Ben.

Thursday, November 24, 1988. Nice Thanksgiving day. I got things ready for dinner. Steves, Mary, Ben, Jon & Danielle here. Had Turkey & all the trimmings. Cindy brought salad & cheese ball, Danielle apple & pecan pies. Cindy to work in p.m. Everyone here for supper except Cindy. Rons to Ohio early a.m. Allens, Pauls & Marty called. Marty's in Kansas.

Friday, November 25, 1988. Fair, nice day, 59°. Cloudy in evening. We got Mary at dialysis. Got her groceries. We took Ben to see Steve's house. Mary & we to Grand Café for lunch. I washed

2 loads for Ben. He helped. Pete put up snow fence. Jon here for supper. Rons got home around 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 26, 1988. Cloudy, rained in evening, 50s. We took Ben to train, left at 11:10 for Chicago. Glad he could come. I washed bedding & blankets from guestroom & tablecloth & towels. We volunteered at hospital, 3 – 7.

Sunday, November 27, 1988. Cloudy, windy, cold. We went to church. Jeanette, Mary & we had dinner at Knapp's. We went to Mary's until 3:00, then to visitation for Ella Sandburg. Henrietta, Tom & Marilyn [Thietje] & Vernon [Woizeski] there. Jeanette went with us to Home Builders at Tom Yoders.

Monday, November 28, 1988. Cloudy in morning, 21° – 36°. Had ¼ inch snow early. Did laundry. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I went with Dorothy Singley to Salvation Army. Helped wrap socks. 15 from HEA there. Did 5 big boxes. I baked carrot cookies. Made Christmas card list.

Tuesday, November 29, 1988. Partly cloudy, 40s. I went to prayer group at Alma [Galloway]'s. Took Mary shopping. She got black skirt. I got white blouse. I baked Yummy cookies. We went to Heritage at Ina [Sutter]'s. Steve Estes spoke about conference. Pete did some typing.

Wednesday, November 30, 1988. Posted cloudy, 30s, few flurries, windy. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I helped with chips & mail & quilted awhile. I made white bark cookies & stirred up sugar cookies. We got Christmas cards at Provident [Book Store].

Thursday, December 1, 1988. Cloudy in morning, 18°, fair in p.m., 20s. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. We made caramels. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers Christmas dinner at Farm Bureau. Lexington school entertained.

Friday, December 2, 1988. Clear, 56°, nice day. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. Had large group. Had brunch & installation of officers. Ilene Arnold new Pres. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. I made pumpkin pie. Got supper. Had Swiss steak. Ron & Jo here.

Saturday, December 3, 1988. Beautiful day, 56°, colder & windy in evening. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked cranberry bread. Finished weekly cleaning. Shampooed my hair. We went to hospital at 11:30. Volunteered at Info Desk, 12 – 4. Home in evening.

Sunday, December 4, 1988. Clear, nice day, chilly. We went to church. Had sandwiches & fruit for lunch and Congregational meeting at 1:00. I went with group to Home Sweet Home Mission during Sunday School. Interesting. I wrote Allens & addressed Christmas cards.

Monday, December 5, 1988. Fair, nice day, 50s. Washed & ironed. Made apple crisp & baked crescents. Deb called in evening. Good to talk to her & Brittany. Wrote Christmas notes.

Tuesday, December 6, 1988. Clear, nice day, 53°. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Took Mary to Eastland. She got gloves & tie for Pete's Christmas. I took her to dialysis to see Dr. Olson. She's doing okay. I made sugar plum cookies. Went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette.

Wednesday, December 7, 1988. Fair, colder, 44°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Went to mall awhile & to Gailey's at 3:00. I have to have prison put on my glasses again.

Thursday, December 8, 1988. Fair, 19° – 34°, nice day. Mabel & Dorothy S[ingley] went with me to HEA. Took food for family in Danvers & I took cranberry bread for silent auction. I baked chocolate peanut butter dreams. Worked on Christmas cards.

Friday, December 9, 1988. Fair, 14° – 32°. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted at hospital. Pete got Mary at dialysis. She helped quilt awhile. We had lunch at Wendy's. Got her groceries. I had prison put on my glasses again. Steve & Katie here. Steve got some wood.

Saturday, December 10, 1988. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., colder during day. Finished weekly cleaning. Made salad dressing. Went to Jo's, helped her awhile. Pete & Ron cut our Christmas tree. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:00.

Sunday, December 11, 1988. Fair, cold, zero in morning, 20s. We went to church. Had surprise luncheon. We were at Jurgen Schoerr. Helen Walker & children there too. Rons had guests. Went to program at 4:30. Had desserts at 5:30. I took cookies, etc. We got fruit from [Seventh-day] Adventists.

Monday, December 12, 1988. Fair, chilly wind, started to snow about 6:30 PM. Did laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to Millers to get (unclear). We mailed Paul's package. I made press cookies. Jeanette went with us to visitation for Leatha Gilbert. We went to dentist. Dr. Barnes. Pete had appointment at 6:00 p.m. We ate at Denny's on way home. Was snowing, had over ½ inch snow.

Tuesday, December 13, 1988. Cloudy in morning, clear, 45°. I went to prayer group with Jeanette at Mary K[aufmans]. Pete got me at 11:00. Got Mary, met Rosa [Girdler], Elva C[arr], Dr. Shinall & Freida & Dorothy [Scogin] & Lawson [Fulton] at Knapp's. They all brought some little gift. We went to Leatha Gilbert's funeral at 2:00. Ron had part of service, also sang "In the Garden" & "Holy City."

Wednesday, December 14, 1988. Fair, 40s, windy, colder in p.m. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital in morning. We put up our Christmas tree and decorated it in p.m.

Thursday, December 15, 1988. Fair, cold, 20s, windy. Pete doing some typing. I put up some decorations & made door piece. Shortened a gown [for me] & trousers for Pete. Got box of dates with nuts & candy from Pauls.

Friday, December 16, 1988. Partly cloudy, zero in morning, 22° but cold wind. Did weekly cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. We got groceries. I worked on some pillowcases. Had big package from Randys, cheeses & meat. I called Deb. They're okay.

Saturday, December 17, 1988. Mostly cloudy, 17° – 45°, windy. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked coffeecake braid. Fixed box of cookies. Embroidered some on pillowcases. We took a poinsettia to Jeanette. She gave us 2 pounds nuts.

Sunday, December 18, 1988. Fair, windy, 30s. We went to church, were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Came home after church. Got Mary at 3:00. Went to Country Kitchens. Met Jeanette & her husband (nurse at dialysis). They took Mary & we to dinner. Had a nice evening. Carolers from church here in evening, brought plate of fruit.

Monday, December 19, 1988. Fair, windy, 60°, broke records. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Barney's. I wrote Loella DePoe & Pauls. Wrote checks for children. Gave Allens, Rons & Pauls \$60, grandchildren \$25. Rained in night, very windy.

Tuesday, December 20, 1988. Fair, windy, 40s. We went to hospital at 9:00. I helped with auxiliary cart of cookies, cheese ball & *crookers* (sp?) for employees. Everyone enjoyed it. We came home for lunch. I cleaned oven in PM. Jo here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, December 21, 1988. Clear, 30s, fine day. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital in morning. We enjoyed the hospital's Christmas dinner. Mary home with us. She & I went with Mabel to Garfield club at Maxine Alwes. 9 there. Mary home with Lucy C[atherine]. Steves home from Ohio.

Thursday, December 22, 1988. Rained most of day, windy. Glad for the rain. I went to Jeanette's in morning. We made 5 batches of peanut brittle. I took 2 batches. I worked on pillowcases awhile. Rain froze some earlier. Temp up to 40°. Marty & Renée got to Rons at 9:00.

Friday, December 23, 1988. Nice day, clear, 40s. Did weekly cleaning. Went to town at 10:00. Went to bank. Got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We went to Eastland. Got robe for Mary. Got groceries. Went to Birkelbaws, got apples Jo & Renée here awhile.

Saturday, December 24, 1988. Fair, finished cleaning. Didn't feel very well in morning. We took Merle a poinsettia in p.m. Rested some. We went with Jeanette to Christmas Eve program at church. Mary home with us. We, Rons & Marty to Rays. I took cheese ball & crackers. Had nice evening. Mabel there too.

Sunday, December 25, 1988. Fair, a nice day, around 40°. We went to church & to Rons for the day. Mary & Steves there too. I took cookies, candy, etc. Had our gift exchange. I got blouse, sweater, scarf & book from Rons, \$100 from Mary. Got microwave dishes from Martys & bun wrapper. Bishops [gift] certificate from Steves. Pete got pants, shirt, socks, tie & sweater, gloves & tie for Mary. We gave boys \$60, each grandchild \$25. A nice Christmas. Allens & Pauls called.

Monday, December 26, 1988. Rained and froze ice most of day. Roads hazardous. Rons, Marty & Renée here for breakfast. Had egg casserole, fruit & rolls. Ron & Marty to Gail [Bressner]'s. Jo & Renée shopping. They took Mary home. Ron took Mary to dialysis. We done some reading. I did some hand laundry. Martys left at 8:10 for home.

Tuesday, December 27, 1988. Started to snow at noon. Quit about 5:00. Had about 5 inches. Roads slick. Snowplow went by. Laundry, read & did some hand work. Got some beef from Rons. Marty & Renée got home at 1:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 28, 1988. Clear, 11° in morning, 22°. Ron took Mary to dialysis. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. We & Mary got a gift for Angie Bauman's wedding. I fixed box of cookies, etc. for Allens. Steve to Youth Institute at Flanagan.

Thursday, December 29, 1988. Fair, zero – 21°. I made vegetable soup. We went with Jeanette at 1:30 to Helen Larkin's home to see her Christmas trees. Very interesting. We got Mary Jantze, took her to Peoria to meet Joe [Jantze] at work. They're going to Nebraska. We ate at Goodfield. Got home at 5:45.

Friday, December 30, 1988. Fair, 10° – 30°. Did weekly cleaning. Pete worked on [Ropp] History. I rested some. We went to town at 1:00. Pete to Dr. Bertsche. Had little lump on back. Gave him some ointment. Went to both malls looking for sweater for Pete. Rons gave him one for Christmas but too small. Jo took Mary to dialysis & took her home & got her groceries.

Saturday, December 31, 1988. Foggy most of day, everything frosty, 30s. We went to Angie Bauman & Jim Clemens wedding at 1:30. Had reception. Jim Waltner married them. Steve & Cindy & Katie left for Allens at 1:00. They took Allens gifts for us. We were home in evening.

Sunday, January 1, 1989. Foggy, everything covered with frost. We went to church. We had lunch at Paradise Gardens with Mary, Jeanette and Earl Kaufmans. Were home in PM. Were invited to Paul Millers for supper but didn't go on account of fog. Jo here awhile in evening.

Monday, January 2, 1989. Cloudy, 30s, fog lifted. Everything frosty. I went to Jo's awhile. Ron & we to town at 10:00. Took Mary home. Ron took her to dialysis. We went to Eastland, exchanged Pete's sweater. He got a sport coat. We went to Rons for the day. Mary, Mabel, Rays, Gordons, Diana & family there for dinner. Mary & we there for supper. A nice day thanks to Ron & Jo.

Tuesday, January 3, 1989. Cloudy, 35°, very windy & colder in p.m. Washed & ironed. I took Mary to see Dr. Olson at 1:00. She's doing okay. We took down our Christmas tree & decorations. Were home in evening.

Wednesday, January 4, 1989. Clear, 6° – 20s. Nice day, chilly. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her to bank & home. We volunteered at hospital. We met Dorothy Scogin at Mary's. She gave me a quilt top she wants quilted. Pete & I set up part of frame in p.m. I didn't feel good for awhile, rapid pulse. Steves home from Allens at 6:00. Pete got "Images of the Word" book. I got white blouse & necklace [from Allens], [and] picture from Pam's family.

Thursday, January 5, 1989. Cloudy, rainy, 30s. I baked coffeecake braid. We finished quilt in frame. I quilted some. Putting [sentence incomplete].

Friday, January 6, 1989. Foggy most of day, drizzled, 40s. We went to town at 8:30. I had auxiliary board meeting at 9:00 to make some plans for the coming year. Pete got Mary at dialysis & [got her] groceries. I quilted some in p.m.

Saturday, January 7, 1989. Foggy until noon, warm, 60°, windy in evening. Tornado watch from 4 – 8:00 p.m. Pete worked on history report for annual church meeting. I did usual work and quilted. We volunteered at hospital, 3:00 – 7:00.

Sunday, January 8, 1989. Fair, windy, cold, 20s. We went to church. Had lunch at Denny's, home in PM. We went to Love Feast & Communion at 5:00.

Monday, January 9, 1989. Fair, 8° above in morning, 29°. Washed & ironed. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I quilted on Dorothy S[cogin's] quilt.

Tuesday, January 10, 1989. Fair, nice day, 40°. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn. We & Mary met Dorothy Scoggin, Rosa Girdler, Dr. & Freida Shinall & [Elva] Carr at Bob Knapps. I quilted some in p.m.

Wednesday, January 11, 1989. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., windy, 43°, light drizzle. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I quilted awhile in p.m. Didn't feel good in late p.m., pulse rapid & irregular.

Thursday, January 12, 1989. Fair, nice day, 40° but chilly wind. I didn't go to HEA. Feel better than last evening but not much pep. I quilted some. We took quilt down as Randy's are coming tomorrow.

Friday, January 13, 1989. Clear, 17° – 30s, nice day. We went to town at 9:30. I had hair done. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. We & Mary to Steve's for lunch. Cindy had meeting. We enjoyed the lunch, chicken vegetable soup. We had call from Deb & Allen at 7:30. Randy has cold & cough & they can't come. Allen has a temp, urinary infection? We're disappointed. We put quilt up in recreation room.

Saturday, January 14, 1989. Cloudy, had some snow & sleet, 30s. Some melting. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. Made some pudding. I quilted some.

Sunday, January 15, 1989. Partly cloudy, 30s. We went to church. Had dinner at Bishops. Got some grapefruit from 7th Day Adventists. Were home in p.m. & evening.

Monday, January 16, 1989. Fair, 46°, nice day. Washed & ironed. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I quilted some on Dorothy [Scogin]'s quilt.

Tuesday, January 17, 1989. Another beautiful day, 47°. I didn't go to Women's Fellowship in morning. I quilted some in morning. Made Chinese food for dinner. Quilted in PM.

Wednesday, January 18, 1989. Another nice day, in 40s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I rested awhile & quilted. Jo here in evening [to] talk about birthday reception for Mary's 90th birthday.

Thursday, January 19, 1989. Fair, nice day, 50s. I got things ready for dinner. Pete got Mary at 11:00. She helped me quilt. We took her to *Brown's* (sp?) at 4:00. She got a new dress. We got groceries.

Friday, January 20, 1989. Cloudy, colder, snow flurries in morning, fair in p.m., 36°. We went to town at 8:30. Had some work done on car. Got Mary at dialysis. Got her groceries. We went to the malls, did some shopping for reception for Mary's birthday. I quilted awhile in evening.

Saturday, January 21, 1989. Fair, 30s, nice day. I quilted some. Made coffee cake for Ron's. Marty & his judging team of 6 at Rons all night. They judged at Springfield. We volunteered at hospital, 3 – 7:00. Went to Rons awhile after we got home.

Sunday, January 22, 1989. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Had our small group there. Got home at 2:00. Talked to Georgia [Yoder] in p.m. Her sister Audrey passed away.

Monday, January 23, 1989. Partly cloudy, 46°. Did laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. Met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Paradise Gardens. Had lunch with them. I quilted some in p.m. & evening. Called Pauls, they're okay & busy.

Tuesday, January 24, 1989. Cloudy, mild, 49°. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Pete did some errands. I quilted. Made some brownies.

Wednesday, January 25, 1989. Cloudy, foggy, drizzle & showers, 46°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I quilted in PM. Deb called in evening. They plan to come Friday. I wrote to Andy.

Thursday, January 26, 1989. Clear, nice day, 41°. Pete to dentist at 10:00. I had a permanent at 9:45. We had lunch in town. Went to hospital. Had volunteer meeting at 2:30. I made some chili. We went with Lloyd Singley's to Prime Timers. Mabel along. Jeanette [Colter] & Harvella [Stutzman] left for Florida.

Friday, January 27, 1989. Fair, nice day, 51°. We took Mary home from dialysis. Got groceries & apples at Birkelbaws. I baked 2 cakes & made some chili & baked ham. I quilted little while. Allens, Randys & Brittany got here around 6:00. Good to see them. Rons here short time. Allens to Steves all night.

Saturday, January 28, 1989. Fair in morning, cloudy, 47°, light showers in evening. Rons & we all to Steve's for lunch and then to Phoenix Towers to set up reception for Mary's 90th birthday. Serve cakes, punch, coffee & tea. Jo made 2 & Cindy 2 & Deb brought one. Jo got some boughten. Pauls sent Mary a dozen red roses. We had nearly 100 people. Was very nice. We were at Rons for supper. Allens & Steve brought pizza.

Sunday, January 29, 1989. Cloudy, drizzled, 40s. We all went to church. We came home before Sunday School. Allens & Randys got ready to leave. I made ham sandwiches for them & had some cake. They left at 11:30 for home. We had lunch & back to church for Congregational meeting. We miss Allens & Randys. Glad they could come.

Monday, January 30, 1989. Fair, nice day, 46°. Washed & ironed. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I quilted awhile. Made coffee cake in evening.

Tuesday, January 31, 1989. Fair, windy, 60°. Broke records. I got ready for prayer group. Helen [Patton], Lucy [Catherine], Shirley [Krahn] & Mary K[aufman] here. Pete & I took Mary to Grand Café for lunch & then to see Dr. Olson at dialysis. She's doing very well for 90 years old. We went to Eastland, had pictures developed but [they] weren't good. Paul called Mary, also Arthurs & Dorie. I quilted some.

Wednesday, February 1, 1989. Fair early a.m., cloudy, windy, colder, 30s. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I quilted in PM.

Thursday, February 2, 1989. Cloudy, 20s. Drizzle froze some. Slick in places, some sleet. We were home all day, glad to be here. I quilted on Dorothy [Scogin]'s quilt.

Friday, February 3, 1989. Cloudy, snow flurries, windy, cold, in teens. Went to auxiliary meeting at 9:30. Pete got Mary at dialysis, took her to bank & got groceries. I quilted awhile. Had lunch at hospital. Home in PM. I quilted.

Saturday, February 4, 1989. Cloudy, zero, 5° above for the day. Snow & flurries all day. I finished weekly cleaning. Quilted most of day. Made mince meat pie. We were to work at hospital but decided not to go. Too cold & roads not too good.

Sunday, February 5, 1989. Cloudy, 2° below, snowed all morning. We went to church with Rons. Roads not good. Snowplow had gone when we came home. Rons took some hogs to market at Peoria. Talked to Allens. They had 20° below [zero] yesterday morning.

Monday, February 6, 1989. Cloudy, zero, 8° – 10° above, few flurries. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Got groceries. I quilted in PM. We had 6 inches snow past several days.

Tuesday, February 7, 1989. Clear, 4° below, frosty, 20°. We met Dr. & Freida Shinall, Dorothy S[cogin] & Lawson F[ulton] at Knapp's. Mary there. Rose [Girdler] busy. Were home in p.m. & evening. I quilted.

Wednesday, February 8, 1989. Clear, 8° above, windy, some snow blowing. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We were home in p.m. & evening. I quilted. We volunteered at hospital in morning.

Thursday, February 9, 1989. Fair, 8° below, 15°, windy in p.m. I took Mabel & Dorothy Singley to HEA. Were home by 1:00. I quilted in PM. Pete did some typing. I finished Dorothy Scogin's quilt. Glad it's done, [it] quilted hard.

Friday, February 10, 1989. Clear, 4° above, 20s. We went to hospital at 9:00. I quilted. Pete helped put booklets together and took Mary for groceries & took her home. I mixed up raisin bran muffins & cooked some chicken. Stirred up sugar cookies.

Saturday, February 11, 1989. Clear, 14° in morning, 31°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. Baked sugar cookies. Gave Rons & Steves some. I didn't feel good in morning, better in PM. Jo here awhile in evening. She had meetings all day.

Sunday, February 12, 1989. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Took soup & bread & took soup for Mission [Sunday]. We had lunch at church. Soups & bread. Was good. Were home in p.m. & evening.

Monday, February 13, 1989. Cloudy, 37°, damp. Had some snow in early a.m. Some snow melted. Had more snow north of us. Did laundry. We took Mary home from dialysis. I made cherry torte. Washed some dishes in corner cabinet.

Tuesday, February 14, 1989. Fair, 32°, cloudy late p.m. We went to town at 9:00. I went to prayer group. Pete to Eastland. We went to Cloth World, got material for baby comforter for

Steve & Cindy's baby. Pete helped me put in frames. We went to Denny's for supper. I wrote to Pam & Mick.

Wednesday, February 15, 1989. Cloudy, 32°, snowed all morning, melted some. We took Mary to dialysis. She took cab home as we had work done on car. We volunteered at hospital. I embroidered some. Got supper. Jo ate with us. Ron to Oklahoma with Gail Bressner to hog show. Took 4 hogs. Jon got hurt at work, service station, hurt with arm (tire).

Thursday, February 16, 1989. Clear, 10° – 27°. I baked Dutch Apple bread for Bread for the World. Made doughnuts. Gave Rons & Mary [some]. I embroidered some. Pete did some typing. Freida Blair passed away in Idaho at her sons.

Friday, February 17, 1989. Fair, 12° – 20s. Did weekly cleaning. We went to town at 9:00. Pete took Mary to dialysis & took her home. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete worked in library awhile. We had lunch at hospital. We got a new mixer at K. Merchandise. Hospital had ice cream for staff & volunteers, 2 – 4:00. We had banana splits.

Saturday, February 18, 1989. Cloudy, 12° – 20s. I finished cleaning. We went to International Fair at Bone Center [at ISU]. Had lunch there. We volunteered at hospital, 3 – 7:30. Pete helped Jo some with chores.

Sunday, February 19, 1989. Cloudy, 28° – 33°. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Jo there too. Ron & Gail [Bressner] home from Oklahoma in p.m. Glad they're home. Ron got good price on 3 gilts. Brought boar home.

Monday, February 20, 1989. A snowy day, had 3 inches by evening, 33°. Washed & ironed. Took Mary to get groceries. Took her home. We had lunch with Laura & Francis [Stamback] at International House. I worked on baby comforter.

Tuesday, February 21, 1989. Fair, 14° – 29° – 31°. Pete went through some files. I finished knotting the baby comforter & sewed binding on. Ray opened our drive. Rons to work.

Wednesday, February 22, 1989. Fair, 10° – 19°, windy. Some snow blowing. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. I made 2 pie crusts for MCC [Relief] Sale. Whipped the binding down on baby comforter.

Thursday, February 23, 1989. Clear, 6° below, 17°. I baked cookies for Red Cross blood bank. Made a salad for dinner tomorrow. Frieda Blair funeral. Jeanette took Mabel & Mary & Pete & I to visitation for Freida. Took Mary home. We went to Paradise Gardens for supper & to Prime Timers. Lady from Diamond Star spoke.

Friday, February 24, 1989. Fair, 5° below, 20s. I went to Frieda Blair's funeral at 10:00. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. We went to hospital after funeral. I quilted awhile. Had lunch at hospital. I had hair done at beauty shop at 1:30. Ron had part in funeral service.

Saturday, February 25, 1989. Fair in morning, cloudy, few sprinkles, 14° – 38°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Made vegetable soup. Gave Rons some, also some dessert. I embroidered some. A quiet day. Had word from Sharon Gardiner at Colorado Springs that her mother Fern Woizeski died. Funeral at Clinton Wednesday.

Sunday, February 26, 1989. Fair, 18° – 35°. We went to church. Had lunch at Bob Evans. Went to College Hills [Mall]. Went to 50th anniversary for Glenn Maxwells at Jumers. Nice celebration. Jeanette with us to Home Builders at Paul Millers.

Monday, February 27, 1989. Fair, 7° above, 27°. Washed & ironed. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I read some. Cleaned some dresser drawers. Pete did some typing for family history.

Tuesday, February 28, 1989. Fair, 17° – 27°. I went to prayer group at Mary Kaufmans. Mary [Yoder] & we met Dorothy Scogin at Knapps. Gave her the quilt. She paid me \$100 for quilting it. Took Mary to dialysis to see Dr. Olson but he didn't come. Went to Mennonite [Hospital]. She had EKG & chest x-ray. We went to Heritage meeting at Tom Yoders.

Wednesday, March 1, 1989. Mostly fair, 6° – 27°, few flurries. We took Mary to dialysis. Steve took her home. We volunteered at hospital until 10:00. We & Mabel to Fern Woizeski's funeral at 11:00 at funeral home. Went to Cemetery & to Sharon's mother-in-law for short time. Beverly Walters & Elmer Sieg at funeral. Mabel & we had lunch at Dairy Queen [in] Bloomington.

Thursday, March 2, 1989. Fair, near freezing all day. I cleaned closets in bathroom. We worked in north attic, sorted boxes, burned some. Jo had her hand lanced, got piece of wood out. Ron to Chicago at 8:10 PM.

Friday, March 3, 1989. Cloudy, rained most of p.m. and evening. We went to hospital at 9:00, auxiliary board meeting & auxiliary meeting. Steve took Mary to dialysis & Pete took her home. I helped put things away in cupboards in the new auxiliary room. Quilted a little. Pete & I sorted & delivered mail. Got home at 2:00. Got things ready for supper. Steve, Cindy & Katie here. Jo had meetings. Jon busy. Ron home at 7:00.

Saturday, March 4, 1989. Cloudy, very foggy in morning, 40s, but colder in p.m., windy. I finished weekly cleaning. Finished embroidering pillowcases. Pete working on Ropp history.

Sunday, March 5, 1989. Cloudy, windy, cold. We went to church., Had meeting in p.m. to talk about PUD & voted on parish nurse. Didn't carry, lost by about 3 or [4?] Votes. Ron very disappointed as he's worked hard on this for 3 years. Talked to Allens in evening. Pauls called, they're okay. They asked if Marj's sister Ruth Ann & Merritt Gardner could stay here during '89 conference. Will be glad to have them.

Monday, March 6, 1989. Had over inch snow in town. We had just a flurry in night. Very windy & cold, in 20s. Cleared off in evening. Steve took Mary home from dialysis. Did the laundry. Read some. Worked on pillowcases. Pete doing some typing.

Tuesday, March 7, 1989. Clear, 17° – 32°. I went to prayer group with Jeanette at Alma G[alloway's]. Pete got me. Mary & we to Eastland. She did some shopping. Got groceries at *Aldi* (sp?). I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship. Linda *Houda* (sp?) told of their work in Ethiopia.

Wednesday, March 8, 1989. Fair, 18° – 30s, nice day. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We took Mary to Walmart. She got a toaster oven. Her other one burned out. Then we took her to Dr. Ocheltree for her ears, had wax removed.

Thursday, March 9, 1989. Fair, 40s, nice day. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to HEA. I crocheted some. Pete sowed some grass seed in yard. He trimmed the grapes. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to Style Show at Farm Bureau. Mabel along.

Friday, March 10, 1989. Fair, 50s. We went to hospital at 9:00. I quilted. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I quilted awhile after lunch. Did a few errands & got groceries.

Saturday, March 11, 1989. Fair, warmer, 65°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. Made apple crisp. We washed the car. I cleaned the picture window on outside. Cleaned some of kitchen cabinets. Ron to hospital meeting at St. Louis.

Sunday, March 12, 1989. Cloudy, chilly, Northeast wind. We went to church. Had lunch at Denny's. Home rest of day. Wrote to Allens. I was at Jo's awhile.

Monday, March 13, 1989. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy, 50s. Pete took Mary to dialysis. She walked home. Did laundry. I finished cleaning kitchen cupboards & cleaned broom closet. Pete helped me some.

Tuesday, March 14, 1989. Cloudy, 62°, showered in p.m. I went to prayer group at Shirley K[rahn's]. Went with Jeanette. Pete got me at 11:00. Mary & we to lunch & to Seth Swift's. Had income tax taken care of. Ron home from St. Louis Hospital meeting.

Wednesday, March 15, 1989. Cloudy in morning, 30s, fair in p.m., windy. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Mary & I to Garfield club meeting at Denny's. Lucy C[atherine] took Mary home. I came with Mabel. Jean Ann Bates hostess. I cleaned out some papers in cupboards. Pete sold beans, \$7.69 [per bushel]. Sold Paul's too, also his corn, \$2.68 [per bushel].

Thursday, March 16, 1989. Fair, windy, 23° – 50s. We went to town, got groceries. Went to *Furrows* (sp?), ordered a storm door. I baked coffeecake braid. Pete painted the tank in basement that I use for laundry.

Friday, March 17, 1989. Cloudy, showered in evening, 60s. Temp dropped rapidly around 4:00 p.m. Tornado watch until 10:00. Went to church at 7:00. Made 70 Shoo-Fly pies. Couldn't use some of crusts. Put 1st pie in at 7:45, last one out at 11:15. Esther Brown, Jeanette & Ina S[utter]

helped. Pete made boxes & packaged. We went with Ron to [MCC Relief] Sale. Jo didn't go. We came home with Steve & Cindy. Ron stayed to clean up. Talked to Allens.

Saturday, March 18, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 22° – 28°, cold & windy. Did some cleaning. Made blueberry dessert. We went to town at 1:30. Took Mary to get groceries. Stopped at Steves [a] few minutes. Volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 7:00. Ron to MCC Sale.

Sunday, March 19, 1989. Mostly fair, cloudy in evening, 17° – 38°. We went to church. Had small group at church. Went to Steves awhile. Helped Cindy put baby quilt in frame. Wrote to Jeffs.

Monday, March 20, 1989. Cloudy, drizzled & misted, chilly, 39° – 40°. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Knapps. They didn't have good news. Francis had tumor on his lung, has lost a lot of weight, has pain. Sorry to hear it.

Tuesday, March 21, 1989. Clear, 23° – 39°, nice day. I baked Apple bread for bazaar and made pie crust. Mary and we met Dorothy [Scogin], Frieda & Dr. Shinall, Rosa [Girdler] & Lawson [Fulton] at Knapps at 11:30. We stopped at Steves. Mary & I quilted on baby quilt. Were home in evening.

Wednesday, March 22, 1989. Clear, 20 – 45°, nice day. We took Mary to dialysis. She walked home. We volunteered at hospital. I iced coffee cake braid. Stirred up sugar cookies, baked them in evening.

Thursday, March 23, 1989. Clear, nice day, 50s. We went to hospital at 8:00. Had auxiliary bake sale. Sold out by 11:00. Didn't have as much as usual. Got groceries. I iced sugar cookies. We went with Jeanette to Denny's for supper, then to church, had communion.

Friday, March 24, 1989. Clear, fine day, 60s. I went to hospital, quilted a while. Had hair done. Did some cleaning. Ron took our [TV] aerial down. He spread fertilizer & weed killer on our lawn & on theirs. Glad to have it done. Worked outside awhile raking. Ron brought me a beautiful Lily. Jo has vacation week.

Saturday, March 25, 1989. Fair, warmer, 68 – 70°. I baked ham and shoofly pies. Gave Rons one. Made lemon dessert. Cooked potatoes for au gratin. Colored eggs. Finished cleaning. Pete to men's breakfast. He worked outside awhile. Talked to Paul to wish him a happy birthday. Ben in California with choir. He's with Andy [a] few days.

Sunday, March 26, 1989. Beautiful Easter day, 78°. We went to church. Rons, Marty & Renée, Steves & Mary here for dinner. Had ham & potatoes au gratin. Jo brought big relish tray. Had lemon dessert. Marty left for Columbia Missouri at 7:00. We took Mary home. Jon worked all day. Allen called in evening. A nice Easter day.

Monday, March 27, 1989. Partly cloudy, windy, 74°. Did laundry in morning. Ironed. Cleaned upstairs in p.m.

Tuesday, March 28, 1989. Had showers during the day, 70s. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Mary & we had lunch at Grand Café. We went to Steve. Mary & I quilted on baby quilt. Jeanette went with us to Bethel College choir at our church.

Wednesday, March 29, 1989. Cloudy, cooler, 54°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Jo, Mary and I left at 11:30 for Peoria. Had lunch at Busy Corners. Went to Burlington Coat Company. I got a raincoat. Mary got a blouse. I went to Health Center in morning, had blood pressure checked. [It] has been elevated.

Thursday, March 30, 1989. Cloudy, chilly Northeast wind, 50s. I cleaned closets in 2 bedrooms in morning. Cleaned the bathroom in p.m. Pete worked outside awhile, started the Roto-tiller.

Friday, March 31, 1989. Cloudy, cold, 30s. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted at hospital. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We had lunch at hospital. Jeanette ate with us. We went to Furrows, got a storm door for the West door.

Saturday, April 1, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 28°, frosty, 50s. I finished weekly cleaning & cleaned bookshelves in living room. We had lunch with Art Siegs at Country Kitchen. Had good visit. Hadn't seen them for a long time. We volunteered at hospital, 3:00 – 7:00. Cindy & Katie ate with us at cafeteria. Steve at Arthur [Illinois] conference.

Sunday, April 2, 1989. A welcome rainy day, 50°. We went to church. Mary, Lucy C[atherine] & we ate at Perkins & went to quilt show at Miller Park Pavilion. Home in evening. Wrote to Allens. .84 inches rain.

Monday, April 3, 1989. Cloudy, rained most of afternoon. Washed & ironed. Cleaned the West bedroom in p.m. Pete took Mary home from dialysis.

Tuesday, April 4, 1989. Very foggy early morning. Sun shone until afternoon. Cloudy & windy, 50°. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. We went to vote. I cleaned our bedroom and washed bedding.

Wednesday, April 5, 1989. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 34° – 51°, chilly. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at 11:00. We went to Eastland. She got pair of shoes. I got light aqua jacket, skirt & slacks with Mary's Christmas money. I cleaned, vacuumed drapes & furniture, stirred up rolls.

Thursday, April 6, 1989. Partly cloudy, showers in the area. Had a shower here in evening. We cleaned the living & dining room. Cleaned the rug. I went to College of Nursing at 5:00. Helped with phonathon. Got home at 8:45. Cindy to Brokaw [Hospital] at 5:30 to induce labor but Dr. decided to wait until tomorrow. I baked pecan rolls.

Friday, April 7, 1988. Matthew Aaron Ropp born at 9:45 AM, 7 lbs. 4 oz. Everyone fine and we're thankful. Clear, cloudy in evening, 33° – 49°, cool. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. I quilted awhile after meeting. Mary & we to Kiwanis Pancakes at noon. I cleaned hallway & Cedar closet. Pete took snow fence down. Paul Miller made garden. Jo flew to Ohio in p.m., left from Champaign.

Saturday, April 8, 1989. Ground covered with snow in morning, 34°. Had rain & snowed. Mixed at times, 40s. Some sunshine in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I polished some silver service. We went to Brokaw hospital at 2:00 to see Cindy & Matthew. He's a nice baby, has kinda light hair. We volunteered at hospital, 3 – 7:00. Talked to Paul. He & Marjorie are going to Lincoln Nebraska next week to see Andy in [gymnastics] meet. Ron to St. Louis for the day.

Sunday, April 9, 1989. Fair, windy and cold, 22° – 40s. We went with Ron to Carlock church for their 75th anniversary. Nice service. We were home for dinner. Read some. Steve & Katie to church. Church had rose bud for Matthew. Jo home from Ohio at 7:00.

Monday, April 10, 1989. Mostly fair, 22° – 41°, chilly. Did laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. We went to Eastland. She got little suit for Matthew. We went to Steve. Stayed with Katie while he went after Cindy & Matthew. She is glad to be home. We went to volunteer recognition at Mennonite [Hospital]. Was nice. Earl K[aufman], Harold P[atton], P[arke] Hastings & Mr. Jones played. Francis Stamback passed away. Another friend gone.

Tuesday, April 11, 1989. Fair, 23° – 40°. I had prayer group. Jeanette, Lucy C[atherine], Helen [Patton], Alma [Galloway], Alta [Litwiller] & Mary K[aufman] [here]. Shirley [Krahn] had cold. I cleaned the kitchen in PM. We went to Laura Stamback at 4:00. Took a coffee cake. Becky & Ted were there.

Wednesday, April 12, 1989. Fair, 34° – 50s. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete cultivated truck patch. I cleaned fruit room.

Thursday, April 13, 1989. Fair, nice day, 58°. We went to Francis Stamback's funeral at Flynn's [Funeral Home] at 10:00 a.m. Laura had dinner for family & friends at Knapp's. We went to Steves awhile. I went to beauty shop. Pete took Mary for groceries. She fell, wasn't feeling good today. We planted potatoes (1 row), peas, onions, lettuce, spinach, radishes, beets & carrots. Set out 8 cabbage plants, 4 each of broccoli & cauliflower.

Friday, April 14, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 50s, had light shower. I went with Louise Kinsinger to HEA district meeting. Jeanette, Mabel & Dorothy S[ingley] along too. Pete did some typing. Rons took us to College alumni club at Wesleyan. Ron was speaker. He gave a paper & slides on barns. He did a good job. We had good dinner too. Rons left for Martys at Columbia [Missouri] after the meeting. I didn't feel good in night, pulse real rapid.

Saturday, April 15, 1989. Clear, beautiful day, 63°. I went with Pete to men's breakfast. 3 Russians were there. Bloomington-Normal have their city as our sister city. Interesting. Other ladies there too. Went to Farm Bureau. Had pressure cooker checked. It's okay. The Weins here, planted some garden. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8. Mary still not feeling good but doesn't want to go to doctor. Pete spaded asparagus & rhubarb beds.

Sunday, April 16, 1989. Fair, windy, 70s. We went to church. Had lunch at Grand Café. Stopped to see Mary. Think she feels little better. Chest pains better. We were home rest of day. Wrote Allens. Rons home after midnight.

Monday, April 17, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 63°, cooler in p.m. Washed & ironed. We took Mary home from dialysis. She still doesn't feel good. Nurses talked to Dr. Olson but he doesn't want to give her any antibiotics. We spaded some of flower beds. I polished silverware. Ron put mower on tractor. Pete helped some.

Tuesday, April 18, 1989. Cloudy, had showers, 51°. We cleaned the recreation room in morning. Took Mary to Dr. Bertsche's, had chest x-ray at Mennonite hospital & back to Bertsche's [office]. He gave her some medicine. She still has to cough a lot. She feels bad. I baked pineapple cookies. Jo here, brought us some sourdough bread.

Wednesday, April 19, 1989. Clear, beautiful day after fog lifted, 63°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. She was very weak. Cough little better. We volunteered at hospital. I took Mabel to Garfield club at Jeanette's. I washed basement curtains. Pete worked outside awhile.

Thursday, April 20, 1989. Fair, 70°, nice day. I baked coffeecake braid. Worked outside, raked some yard. Pete spaded around Iris.. Allen called in morning. They plan to come tomorrow evening for supper.

Friday, April 21, 1989. Fair, 78°, nice day. We went to hospital at 8:30. I quilted, had some help. We finished the quilt. Pete delivered mail. We took Mary home from dialysis. She still isn't feeling good, so weak & dizzy. Pete mowed the lawn. I got things ready for supper. Made rhubarb crisp. Allen & Shirley got here at 6:40. They went to Steves after supper. Mike Emericks at Rons. Steve & Katie here in p.m.

Saturday, April 22, 1989. Cloudy, 65°. Had shower in p.m. I shampooed my hair. Made vegetable soup. Went to town at 11:00. Took Mary some soup & got sweet corn seed. Mary feeling a little better. We set out onion sets & planted 2 rows of sweet corn. We cleaned the furnace & laundry room. Jo had meetings. Ron & Emmericks to sale at ISU. Marty came about noon. Rained in night, .8 inch.

Sunday, April 23, 1989. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 70°. We went to church. We met Allens & Mary at Denny's at 11:00. Had dinner. Allens left for home at 1:00. We took Mary home. Ron

preached at Hopedale. The Emericks left for home at 2:30. Marty left at 5:30. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at Gerlof Homans.

Monday, April 24, 1989. Fair, warm, 78°. Did laundry. I took Mabel to Golden HEA luncheon. Was nice. I took Mary home from dialysis. She was weak again after her treatment. Still has a cough. Pete cleaned garage.

Tuesday, April 25, 1989. Fair, hot, 85°. I went with Jeanette to Alta [Litwiller]s prayer group. Pete got me at 11:00. Mary & we had lunch at Knapp's with Dorothy S[cogin], Rosa G[irdler] & Lawson F[ulton]. We planted green beans in p.m. We went to Heritage at John Bertsche's.

Wednesday, April 26, 1989. Fair, hot, 85°. Tornado watch in evening. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Set out some bulbs in PM. Pete plowed some in truck patch. We had a terrible wind & dust storm around 8:00 PM. Rained hard & some hail. Tornado touched down at Gridley. Dust came in North Windows.

Thursday, April 27, 1989. Fair, 84°. Pete took car to Bairds, got air conditioner fixed. I had a permanent. I washed Windows in 2 bedrooms & cleaned floors. Aired the curtains after the dust storm. Pete mowed lawn. I raked up trash. We went to Prime Timers with Lloyd Singleys. Mabel & Jeanette along.

Friday, April 28, 1989. Rained in early a.m., 2/3 inch, 74°. Did weekly cleaning. Went to hospital at 8:45. I quilted. Pete got Mary & got her groceries. We went to Steves awhile [to] see Matthew. He's growing.

Saturday, April 29, 1989. Fair, cooler, 65°. I went to Alumni Homecoming at Jumers. I was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award. A surprise. I went to Nurses Home for dedication of a Commemorative Marker. Ron had the benediction. Ron took Pete to Golden West for lunch. Jo at church. We volunteered at Info Desk, 4 – 7:30. A big day.

Sunday, April 30, 1989. Clear, cool, 60s. We went to church. Rons & Mary here for dinner. Jon working. Jeff called in p.m. They are okay. Jo to church at 4:00 to work on conference work. We went to Music Festival at our church. Ron with us, large crowd. We took Mary home after program.

Monday, May 1, 1989. Fair in p.m., had shower in p.m., cool, 59° – 60°. Washed. Got Mary at dialysis. Pete & I met Laura [Stamback] at Denny's. We miss Francis. Laura is doing fairly well. I ironed in p.m. We set out 2 dozen tomato plants. Ron Bernau called to tell us Helen Niehaus passed away.

Tuesday, May 2, 1989. Partly cloudy, had few light showers. Prayer group met at Bob Knapp's at 9:00. Pete & I to Charles Mishler's funeral at 1:30 at Danvers funeral home. Pete pall bearer. We went to church. Had lunch with family. Jo & I to Mother – Daughter Salad Supper at church. Jo made fruit salad. Cindy & Katie there too. Jo worked on conference material awhile.

Wednesday, May 3, 1989. Clear, chilly, 34°, beautiful day. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her to bank & home. We volunteered at hospital. Mabel went with us to Helen Niehaus funeral at Davison – Fulton funeral home in Peoria. Visitation [at] 1:30, funeral at 3:00. Home in evening.

Thursday, May 4, 1989. Cloudy, had a shower, windy, 56°. We took 3 cats to animal shelter. I baked quick coffeecake & rhubarb crisp. Put 3 cartons rhubarb in freezer. I got broccoli ready for salad.

Friday, May 5, 1989. Fair, windy, chilly, 50s. Did weekly cleaning. Went to auxiliary quarterly meeting. Had potluck dinner. I quilted some. Pete took Mary home from dialysis & took her to get groceries. I had my hair done at 1:15. Went to Ken Woizeski's garage sale. They gave me a Violet. Pete got a gray suit, was Joe Roths. Paul Miller here, plowed his & our garden.

Saturday, May 6, 1989. Cloudy, windy, cold, flu flurries, 29° – 40°. Pete to men's breakfast. We went with Tom Yoder to genealogical meeting at Mennonite Heritage [Museum]. Pete mowed lawn when we got home.

Sunday, May 7, 1989. Clear, 26°, broke records, 59° – 60°. We went to church. We had lunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken. They had sandwich & fruit [lunch] at church. Congregational meeting at 12:30. We went to meeting. Were home by 2:00. Were at Rons a little. Potatoes, corn & tomatoes froze, also beans that were up. Ours weren't up yet. Allen called in evening. Good to talk to them.

Monday, May 8, 1989. Partly cloudy, 40°, rained in evening. Washed & ironed. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I rested some. Got things ready for supper. Steves were here. Katie is saying a lot of words now. Matthew is growing.

Tuesday, May 9, 1989. Cloudy in morning, fair, 62°. Windy [from] Northeast. I went with Jeanette to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. I baked cookies & wrote to Ben.

Wednesday, May 10, 1989. Clear, 38° – 68°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Eastland and to grocery store.

Thursday, May 11, 1989. Clear, 39° – 67°, nice day. I went with Mabel to HEA. Dorothy S[ingley] along. Pete plowed garden. I did some spading & fixed path. We took Ron to garage to get his truck (had door fixed). He stopped here on way home from Eureka. We got Jo at school. Rons to BroMenn Recognition Dinner at ISU.

Friday, May 12, 1989. Clear, 39° – 68°, beautiful day. Went to hospital at 9:00. I quilted. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. Had lunch with Jeanette at hospital. Went to Walmart's. We washed Windows & put in screens. Glad it's done. Had cards from Allens & Pauls, also check, \$15, from Allens.

Saturday, May 13, 1989. Partly cloudy, 40s – 60s. I finished weekly cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Pete mowed lawn & mowed some of Ron's. I baked some bars. Gave Jo some cookies & bars. MYF washed windows for her. Paul called in morning to wish me happy Mother's Day & he wanted rhubarb crisp recipe. We volunteered at hospital.

Sunday, May 14, 1989. Partly cloudy, 40s – 60s. We went to church. Mary & we at Rons. Steve were invited. Ron & Jon got the dinner. Danielle helped some. Very good. Rons gave me 2 rosebushes. Allens called in morning. They went to Randys. Had a very nice Mother's Day. Mary gave me \$20.00.

Monday, May 15, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 74°. Washed & ironed. Worked outside in p.m. Cleaned out raspberries & trimmed them. Ron brought some asparagus one of his clients gave him. Put 2 cartons in freezer.

Tuesday, May 16, 1989. Fair, warm, 77°. I went to prayer group at Mary K[aufmans], then went to Country Buffet where the nurses had lunch together. 16 there. Pete trimmed Rambler rosebushes. We set out the Peace & Mr. Lincoln roses that Rons gave me for Mother's Day.

Wednesday, May 17, 1989. Fair, warm, 79°, rather windy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Mary walked to dialysis. Went to Niepagens, got plants. Mary & I to Garfield picnic at Forrest Park. I took broccoli salad. Lucy C[atherine] took Mary home. I came home with Jeanette. We set out Petunia plants in garden. Put out pansies & more tomato plants & 3 egg plants.

Thursday, May 18, 1989. Cloudy, windy. Had shower in morning, 80°. We washed the front porch. Pete used the house. I went with Jeanette & Ruth Marquis to Meadows Home, Women's Fellowship served refreshments. Earl K[aufman], Harold P[atton], Parke H[astings] & Oren Jones played.

Friday, May 19, 1989. Rainy, had several hard showers, 3 force inch rain. Did some cleaning. Went to hospital at 9:30. I quilted. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Got her groceries. We had lunch at Long John Silver's. Got more Petunia plants & some flower seeds. Got groceries. I cleaned some upstairs windows, etc. from the dust storm. Rons Pastoral Services had graduation services. Steves to Allens.

Saturday, May 20, 1989. Cloudy in morning, clear, 76°, breezy nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. Finished cleaning. Made rhubarb crisp & baked rhubarb cake. Pete mowed lawn. I worked some in garden. We set out more Petunias & fixed porch box. We have lettuce, onions & radishes to use.

Sunday, May 21, 1989. Partly cloudy, 78°. We went to church. Had small group at church. Were home rest of day. Ron found leak in water pipe, he got it fixed. He cut down the big shrubbery

by our porch. Glad to have it done. Allen called. Jeff fell off house, has fractured ribs & bruised pelvis. Sorry to hear it. Talked to Pauls about coming this summer.

Monday, May 22, 1989. Cloudy, 65°, had light shower. We sowed the flower seeds in morning. Washed afterwards. Did ironing in PM. Emerson & Ruth Miller here few minutes. Good to see them. We have cucumbers & squash out.

Tuesday, May 23, 1989. Clear, 79°, nice day. We planted 3 rows sweetcorn. Went to town at 10:00. Did some errands. Mary and we had lunch at Knapp's with Dorothy S[cogin], Rosa G[irdler], Frieda & Harold Shinall, Lawson F[ulton] & Elva Carr. Took a blouse to *Teau* (sp?) to have [it] altered. We went to Heritage at Edith & Rachel Zehr. I fed the roses.

Wednesday, May 24, 1989. Cloudy in morning, had light shower, 86°, very windy. Some dust blowing again. We volunteered at hospital at 11:30. We went with Arlene & Barbara Beamer to Betsy Carrs home to salad luncheon for those who help with the Chip program. I took salad. Had nice time. Got some groceries. Were home in evening.

Thursday, May 25, 1989. Had rain early a.m. Rained nearly all afternoon & some in evening. Had over an inch. Glad for it. Had storm at some places in night. I baked sourdough rolls. Gave Rons some. I washed slacks & sweaters & pantsuits. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers. They took Merle to Brokaw [Hospital]. She has infected leg.

Friday, May 26, 1989. Clear, cool, 71°, nice day, rather breezy. Did weekly cleaning. Went to hospital at 9:00. Pete labeled some booklets. We did mail. I quilted. Stopped at Brokaw to see Merle. She's getting antibiotics. We trimmed grass away from sidewalks. Called Jeff & Pat. He is doing much better.

Saturday, May 27, 1989. Clear, beautiful day, 70°. I finished cleaning. Pete mowed lawn. We did some trimming. Went to cemeteries at 1:00. Bought some flowers as [we] didn't have any here. We went to hospital. Volunteered, 2:00 – 7:00.

Sunday, May 28, 1989. Clear in morning, cloudy, cool. We went to church. Home for lunch. I made rhubarb cobbler for Home Builders. We went to rays at 3:004 open house for Kenny. Then to the church for reception for Stacy Haney, *Shellia* (sp?) Nester & *Linaua* (sp?) Schroerer. Stopped at Brokaw. Merle is some better. We went to Home Builders at John Bertsche's. I helped Evelyn with refreshments.

Monday, May 29, 1989. Cloudy in morning, fair, windy, 88°. Did laundry. Sowed some lettuce & radishes. Set out some broccoli plants Paul Miller gave me. We planted 2 new shrubs at front porch (Potentilla) Ron helped some. He worked in his yard all day. Jo at school finishing up. Rons here for supper. Had hamburgers, etc.

Tuesday, May 30, 1989. Partly cloudy, windy, 88°. Had shower. I got vegetables from truck patch. Made rhubarb crisp & got things ready for dinner. Mabel, Rays & Carol's parents were here. Had chicken casserole. Pete trimmed some shrubbery. Jo's school is out. Glad for her.

Wednesday, May 31, 1989. Fair, hot, humid, 86°. We took Mary to dialysis. Volunteered at hospital in morning. Rested awhile in p.m. Pete plowed truck patch. I washed tablecloth, etc. I washed our raincoats. Jo here for supper. Ron had dinner & spoke at Carlock Christian Church.

Thursday, June 1, 1989. Mostly cloudy, humid, 76°. I baked cookies. Got vegetables from garden. Pete hoed some in truck patch & plowed flower garden. I hoed some in garden. We took Mary to Gailey's at 2:15 & got her groceries. We went to visitation in evening for Ruth Otto who passed away Tuesday.

Friday, June 2, 1989. Clear, 54°, 82°. Nice day, less humid. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. I quilted a little while. We had lunch at Wendy's. Pete hoed some in truck patch. I painted picnic table & benches. We took drive north & east to see some of new roads. Rons went to Galena for little vacation.

Saturday, June 3, 1989. Cloudy, had several showers during the day, cooler in p.m., 72°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. Shampooed my hair. I put 3 packages spinach in freezer. Pete trimmed some trees. We went to church in evening. Had community ice cream social. Fairly good crowd. I took some cookies.

Sunday, June 4, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 70s. We went to church. Had lunch at Grand Café. Stopped at Brokaw to see Merle. Guess her leg is little better. We were home rest of day. Rons got home at 6:30. Amy Kauffman & Mrs. Gerber stopped awhile. They bicycled to [Evergreen] Lake.

Monday, June 5, 1989. Clear, 80°, nice day. Washed and ironed. We met Laura at Rays at 11:30. Went to Eastland few minutes. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I washed some blouses & worked some in flower garden. I talked to Pauls. He is very concerned about the China situation. Then is getting home tomorrow from school.

Tuesday, June 6, 1989. Fair, 84°. I put 3 packages of spinach in freezer. We went to town at 11:00. Delivered Mobile Meals. We got Mary at 1:00. She was to see Dr. Olson. Waited until 2:00. He didn't come. Pete trimmed shrubbery. I gave picnic table and benches another coat of paint.

Wednesday, June 7, 1989. Fair, 84°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Growing Grounds, got to Barberry shrubbery for the front porch. We planted them in evening. I put package [of] cauliflower in freezer.

Thursday, June 8, 1989. Partly cloudy, 82°. I went to HEA with Jeanette. Had continental breakfast and style show, White Oak unit were guests. I baked coffeecake in p.m. Got some lettuce & spinach for Steves. Pete cleaned the eaves on house.

Friday, June 9, 1989. Partly cloudy, 53° – 70°, cool. Did some cleaning. Went to hospital at 9:00. I quilted. Pete took Mary home from dialysis and did some errands. We went to Eastland. I made some bars & cleaned some broccoli.

Saturday, June 10, 1989. Clear, 47° – 72°, beautiful day. Ron helped Pete plant a Redbud tree that he gave him for Father's Day. I finished weekly cleaning. Worked some in flower garden. We volunteered at hospital, 3:00 – 7:30.

Sunday, June 11, 1989. Cloudy, 70s. We went to church. Jo and we to Woizeski Reunion at Bev & Bill Walters in East Peoria. Ron busy. Got home at 3:30. Vernon Woizeski from North Dakota at reunion. Gordons, Mabel & Art & Clarence Siegs & Bev's family [there]. Is to be at Gordon's next year. We went to Werner Fransen's at 5:00 to Student Mutual Aid [meeting].

Monday, June 12, 1989. Rained in morning, ½ inch. Partly cloudy in p.m., 80°. Washed & ironed. Took Mary home from dialysis. Worked outside a while. Pulled weeds, etc. Had some rain in night.

Tuesday, June 13, 1989. Clear, 77°, nice day. Ron & Jo to Elkhart to meetings. I washed bedroom & bathroom rugs. We delivered Mobile Meals. I baked rolls in p.m. Didn't feel very good. We sowed some more lettuce & radishes. Pauls to California for Andy's graduation.

Wednesday, June 14, 1989. Clear, 70s, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. Were home for lunch. I set out some snapdragons. Virginia Porst here awhile in p.m. She got to Bloomington last night. We met her at the Pancake House at 6:00. Mary with us. Virginia staying at Days Inn.

Thursday, June 15, 1989. Cloudy, chilly, 60°. Steve and we left at 6:20 for Plow Creek to pick strawberries. Got 11 boxes (55 pounds). Steve had more. Got home at 12:00. I took Mary to see Dr. Olson at dialysis. Pete & Steve stemmed berries. I put 14 jars & 6 bags berries in freezer. Steve & we gave Jo some. Mary got 6 quarts.

Friday, June 16, 1989. Partly cloudy, 46° – 71°. I made 2 pints strawberry preserves & did some cleaning. We got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. I went to West Side Clothing. Got a sweater. We picked peas. Had some for supper. Gave Jo some. I painted back door. Pete mowed lawn. Marty & Renée got to Rons in evening.

Saturday, June 17, 1989. Clear, 82°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. We went to Tim Reeser's wedding at Holy Trinity Church. Went to Gasthaus Reception for lunch. We went to Rons for supper. I took shortcake & strawberries. Marty & Renée there.

Sunday, June 18, 1989. Partly cloudy, 80s. We went to church. Virginia Porst was there too. Mary took Pete & I to Bennys for lunch for Father's Day. Virginia came in p.m. She & Jeanette [Colter] here for supper. Had ham, potato salad. Jeanette brought applesauce. Had strawberry shortcake. Rons & Martys to Pork Festival at Springfield. Martys & Jon left for Columbia [Missouri] from there. Allen called.

Monday, June 19, 1989. Fair, hot, 89°, more humid. I washed & ironed. Picked peas. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. Kept some to use. Gave Mary some. Virginia Porst and we were at Rons for dinner. Had nice visit. I put carton of broccoli in freezer.

Tuesday, June 20, 1989. Clear, 88°. I worked in flower garden in morning. We delivered Mobile Meals. Mary & we had lunch at Bob Knapp's with Dorothy S[cogin], Rosa G[irdler], Freida [Shinall], [Elva] Carr & Lawson F[ulton]. I canned 3 quarts beets in PM. Mabel, Mary, Pete & I were guests of Virginia Porst at Denny's at 6:00 p.m. Jo at meetings all day & evening.

Wednesday, June 21, 1989. Fair, hot, 90°, not much breeze. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I had Gailey's put prism back on my left lense. I worked on nametags for Conference '89. Jo had meetings again.

Thursday, June 22, 1989. Fair, hot, 95°, some breeze. I baked cinnamon rolls. We picked peas. Put 3 pints in freezer, had some for lunch. We defrosted freezer in p.m. Went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. Dorothy Singley's father's funeral this morning. Jo had meetings. Gave Rons some rolls. Lady from Newton there. Jo had meetings all day.

Friday, June 23, 1989. Partly cloudy, 86°, some thunder showers in the area. We had none. Ron & Steve put our air conditioner in morning. We went to hospital. I helped some auxiliary members work on quilt for bazaar. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. Steve here awhile in evening. Ron took day off, he worked at home. Jo at meetings.

Saturday, June 24, 1989. Clear, hot, 90° plus. We picked peas. Put 5 pints in freezer, had some for lunch. Gave Mary some. Ron & Jon here for dinner. Had pork roast. Jo had conference meetings. We volunteered at hospital, 3:00 to 7:00.

Sunday, June 25, 1989. Clear, hot, 92°. We went to church. Got sandwiches, came home. Cindy & children here awhile. Steve left for [Camp] Friedenswald. Rons here short time. Allen called, wanted to know when Pauls were coming.

Monday, June 26, 1989. Partly cloudy, hot, 92°. We picked peas. Had 20 pints. Gave Jo 6 pints. Washed & ironed. Was [a] full day. Jo had meeting & worked at church. Had thunder shower, .44 [inch], more in other areas.

Tuesday, June 27, 1989. Cloudy in morning, 81°. I didn't feel good, rested. We delivered Mobile Meals. We picked some beans. Gave Jo & Mary some. Put package in freezer & kept some to eat. Gary Ijams called in evening. Talked to Pete.

Wednesday, June 28, 1989. Fair, 80s. We picked peas girly. Volunteered at hospital in morning. Podded peas. Put 3 pints in freezer. Gave Cindy some & we had [some] for supper. Cindy, Katie & Matthew here for supper. Steve at [Camp] Friedenswald.

Thursday, June 29, 1989. Fair, 52° – 79°, pleasant day. We worked in garden in morning. Pete plowed some in truck patch. I washed some new sheets & winter slack suits & skirts. I put package broccoli in freezer. Canned 2 ½ quarts beets. I called Pauls. They're coming July 9th.

Friday, June 30, 1989. Fair, warmer, 80s. We picked peas. Gave Jo & Mary some. Put 2 pints in freezer. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted. Pete delivered mail & got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We did some cleaning & I baked brownies in p.m. Jo here awhile. She was at church all day. Talked to Allen.

Saturday, July 1, 1989. Partly cloudy, 86°. We picked beans, canned 7 quarts. I didn't feel good, Pulse slow & irregular. Better in PM. Pete was interviewed by *Teresa Norris Phelps* (sp?) who is writing a book on farmers. Finished cleaning. Our bathroom sink was plugged. Ron got it opened. Thanks to him.

Sunday, July 2, 1989. Mostly cloudy. Had several showers afternoon, 80s. We went to church. Had lunch at Wendy's. Home in p.m. & evening. Worked on nametags for Conference '89. Parke Hastings & friend Bernice here in evening.

Monday, July 3, 1989. Fair, windy, 86°. Washed & ironed. We went to Dr. Bertsche's office. Had blood test for Digoxin & Norpace. Went to bank. I baked cookies in p.m. Bob Yoder here in p.m. r[to] enew insurance on house, etc. We picked last of peas. Jo at church all day. Picked few raspberries.

Tuesday, July 4, 1989. Fair. We picked beans, canned 7 quarts & 3 pints. Gave J& Steve some and had [some] for supper. We went to town at 2:00 to groceries & got Mary. She, Steves, Jon & Danielle here. Had hamburgers. Ron had company from Indiana. We watched fireworks.

Wednesday, July 5, 1989. Fair, 90°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I made lasagna, put in freezer. Pauls called. They're flying to Chicago Saturday & Andy gets there Sunday a.m., 1:15. Pauls plan to get here Sunday a.m. (early). Talked to Allens. We plan to meet them next Monday at West Branch Iowa.

Thursday, July 6, 1989. Fair, hot, 93°. We picked beans & canned 7 quarts. Took Mary to dialysis to see Dr. Olson at 1:00. He got there at 2:30. Jeanette & we went with Mabel to the visitation for Irl Webb.

Friday, July 7, 1989. Fair, hot, 96°. I went to auxiliary meeting at 10:00. Pete delivered mail & took Mary home from dialysis. I quilted until 1:30. Jo took Mary & we to new dialysis unit at St. Joseph Hospital. Our car needs work done. We left it at Baird's. Came home with Jo. She worked at church again. Conference '89 is drawing near. Marty & a friend at Rons.

Saturday, July 8, 1989. Hot, 96°. Had thunderstorm and .8 inches rain in p.m. Thankful for the rain. We picked beans. Gave Jo some & kept [some] to use. Also had some broccoli. Went to town with Ron to get car. Couldn't fix it. Need to take it to Baum. Washed & ironed. Baked ham & made lemon dessert. Shampooed my hair.

Sunday, July 9, 1989. Fair, hot, 94°. Pauls, Andy and Amy got here at 4:30 a.m. Flew to Chicago, rented a car. Glad to see them. They slept late. We didn't go to church. Rons, Marty & friend & Mary here for dinner. Ron grilled meat. Jo brought fruit salad. We had new potatoes. Had lemon dessert. Paul, Marj, Mary & we to church. Bluffton [College] group gave program.

Monday, July 10, 1989. Fair, hot. Pauls, Ron & we left at 7:30 for West Branch Iowa to meet Allens. Had breakfast at Busy Corners. Met Allens at 12:00 at Herbert Hoover Visitors Center. Drove to near Iowa city to Highlander Inn for lunch. Nice place to eat & visit. Went back to West Branch. Went to Hoover Museum. Mick, Pam & girls, Deb & Brittany were there too. Was good day. Got home at 8:30.

Tuesday, July 11, 1989. Fair, hot, 90s. We picked beans. Canned 9 pints. Men to town in morning. Paul & Pete met Ben at Amtrak at 1:30. He came from Chicago. We all went to town at 4:00. Got Mary & went to Eastland. Did little shopping. Mary took Pauls to Bishops.

Wednesday, July 12, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 85°, cooler. A relief. We got apples at Birkelbaws. Made some applesauce. Made pasta salad for lunch. Washed load of towels. Rested awhile. We all went to Mabel's for evening. Had watermelon. Rays there too. Jo at church all day.

Thursday, July 13, 1989. Mostly fair, cool. Had light shower. I made 3 Dutch Apple pies. Pauls to town, got groceries for evening. Marjorie got dinner for everyone. We ate at Rons. Mary, Steves & Danielle there. Had Chinese food, very good. Jon took Amy for motorcycle ride. He took she & boys to Mall.

Friday, July 14, 1989. Clear, cool, 46° – 80°. Pauls left at 9:00 for Michigan to Marjorie's family reunion. We miss them. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. I canned 6 pints beans. Washed sheets & towels. Cleaned up house. Jo here awhile in evening. She was at church & ISU all day.

Saturday, July 15, 1989. Cloudy, cool, 76°. Ron and we left at 7:15 for Barn Raising at Mennonite Museum at Metamora. He helped. Very interesting. Got home at 3:00. I finished cleaning. We picked quart of raspberries. Gave Jo some. We had our first sweet corn & tomatoes. Sorry they wasn't ready for Pauls.

Sunday, July 16, 1989. Clear, warmer, 83°. We went to church with Rons. We went to the Elms for dinner. Checked on reservations for Ropp Reunion. Ron drove around Lake Bloomington. It's rather frightening to see how low the lake is. We were home in p.m. & evening.

Monday, July 17, 1989. Fair, 84°. We washed. Picked some beans. Gave Jo & Mary some. We took Mary apples, sweet corn & 6 pints beans. We met Laura [Stamback] at Steak 'n Shake. Went to Karden, got a pink skirt. I ironed. Mary had dialysis at new building at St. Joe Hospital. Took special bus. He took her to wrong entrance. I put 2 jars applesauce in freezer.

Tuesday, July 18, 1989. Cloudy, few sprinkles in p.m. I cooked apples. Put 2 quarts sauce in freezer. We had lunch at Knapp's with Dorothy S[cogin], Frieda S[hinall], Ros G[irdler], Elva Carr & Mary. I baked coffeecake braid. We sowed endive. Had thunderstorm & 1/3 inch rain in evening. Glad for the rain.

Wednesday, July 19, 1989. Cloudy, had few showers, cool, 75°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Stopped at church, stuffed some envelopes for Jo. Got home at 3:00. I baked pecan rolls. Steve & Katie here few minutes to get ladder. Rained in evening & night. Gave Rons some rolls.

Thursday, July 20, 1989. Cloudy, windy, 70s. Had 2 & .3 inches rain which is most welcome. More than we have had for some time. Picked raspberries. Put jar in freezer. Got sweet corn from Wayne [Mohr]. He husk it. Ears were small. Ordered 4 dozen. He gave 7 or 8. Put 12 packages in freezer. Went to Produce, got peach culls. Put quart in freezer & [had some] for supper. Gave Rons some. Had rain in night, .8 inches. Have had 3 inches in last 3 days.

Friday, July 21, 1989. Cloudy, few sprinkles, 70s. I put 7 jars peaches in freezer & made 3 ½ pints preserves. Did cleaning. Put 2 jars applesauce in freezer. We took Mary some peaches & green beans. I had hair done. Got groceries. Allen called, they aren't coming tomorrow. Had little shower in night.

Saturday, July 22, 1989. Partly cloudy, warmer. I picked few raspberries. We had some for dinner. I baked custard raspberry pie. Gave Rons some. Baked cookies, gave Rons some. We went to Paul Watkins to surprise for Cindy's 30th birthday which was last week. Sorry Allens couldn't come. Bill R[amseyers] cane.

Sunday, July 23, 1989. Fair, warmer. We went to church. Jim Stutzman's Creek. He did well. We had lunch at Denny's. Home in PM. Wrote to Pauls. Rons took us to Shakespeare play, "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Jon & Danielle couldn't go so Jeanette & Jan, Rons secretary, went along. Jo worked at church all afternoon. Ron helped awhile. They went back [to church] after the play.

Monday, July 24, 1989. Fair, 87°, very humid. Washed and ironed. Picked few raspberries. Put package broccoli in freezer. Made 2 quarts of dill pickles. Fed the roses & dusted them. Hoed new shrubbery.

Tuesday, July 25, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 89°, very humid, no breeze. I baked coffeecake braid. Gave to Jo. We worked in flower garden some. Rested some. We & Mary & Lucy C[atherine] to

Yen Cheung Restaurant for our birthdays. We went to Lucy C[atherine's], played Rummy King. I didn't feel good, Pulse rapid. Jo very busy with conference, gone all day. Lucy gave me kitchen towels & I gave her plant.

Wednesday, July 26, 1989. Partly cloudy, humid, 87°, showers in area, light one here. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got our car from Baums garage. They had it over 2 weeks. Works much better. We went to church at 7:00. Helped with nametags for conference.

Thursday, July 27, 1989. Fair, hot, 91°. I cleaned the rugs in living & dining rooms. Dusted upstairs. Picked cucumbers. Made 3 quarts of dill pickles. Pete mowed yard. We went to town at 1:00. I had a permanent (birthday present from Mary). Pete took Mary to get groceries. We helped at church awhile in evening. Paul called in evening. They had a good trip home. Andy left for Europe the 20th.

Friday, July 28, 1989. Fair, cooler, 84°, pleasant day. I went to hospital at 7:30 to breakfast meeting for bazaar. I quilted awhile after meeting. We worked in flower garden most of morning. Did some of weekly cleaning. I washed sweaters. Put small jar raspberries in freezer. Jo at church all day. Marty at Rons.

Saturday, July 29, 1989. Fair, 84°. Did some cleaning & some trimming outside. Baked dinner rolls. Rested awhile. Did some odd jobs, etc. Had card & towel from Evelyn. Marty here awhile. He & Renée gave me a beautiful counted cross stitch picture.

Sunday, July 30, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 80s, looked rainy. We went to church. Large attendance. Lot of visitors here for conference. Rons, Mary & we to Sheraton Inn for brunch. Mary & Ron paid the bill. Marty & Jon with us. Jo to church to work. Allens called, sang happy birthday.

Monday, July 31, 1989. Cloudy, 79°, pleasant. Did laundry. We went to Fairgrounds at 10:00. Watched Marty judge the FFA hogs. Went to Horton Field House at ISU and got our conference registration packet. Jo left early morning. Ron helped too to get things moved to Horton [Field House]. Dennis Rempels have their trailer at Rons. I made 2 quarts dill [pickle]s & ironed.

Tuesday, August 1, 1989. Partly cloudy, 84°. Pete to Feeny Dorm to help during lunchtime. I didn't feel good so rested quite a lot. Felt better in PM. We went to conference in evening. Drove to church. Have shuttle to take people to Arena. Ruth Ann & Merritt Gardner came about 11:00. They're staying here.

Wednesday, August 2, 1989. Fair, warmer, 80s. Pete helped at Dorm at 11:00. Home for lunch, then to North Danvers Church to help with tour group. I made ½ gallon dill pickles & canned 3 quarts tomato juice. Rested some. We went to conference in evening. Hubert Brown preached. Large crowd. Had big letter from Irene Dunn. Ruth Ann & Merritt to conference after breakfast. Got home late.

Thursday, August 3, 1989. Fair, hot, 90°, humid. June Jantze here awhile in morning. We went to Dorm at 11:00, helped in cafeteria until 1:00. Went to Horton [Field House] to see the displays. Met Dean *Gadams* (sp?). We went to evening service. Went to church & took Van. Gardners to conference early.

Friday, August 4, 1989. Fair, hot, 90°. Gardners visited awhile after breakfast. I washed 2 loads. Did some cleaning. I made 2 quarts dill pickles. We didn't go to conference. Cheryl Rempel here awhile in evening. She is staying at Rons. Rons are at conference early to late at night.

Saturday, August 5, 1989. Fair, hot, 93°, humid. Had my hair done at 10:00. Pete took Mary tomatoes. We went to Dorm during mealtime. I went to Rons awhile in p.m. Did some work in kitchen. We went to evening session at Arena & to Rons after service. They had open house for California friends & others, some of volunteers. I helped. Ron took cookies & brownies. Gardners there too.

Sunday, August 6, 1989. Partly cloudy and much cooler, a relief. We went to final session of Normal '89 at the Arena. Large crowd. Jo & Lotus [Troyer] were recognized for their labors. Jo got flowers & Lotus plant. Think it was a good conference. Glad it's over. Gardners home after the session. We have Taiwanese minister staying here for the night, Peter Lin. He took us out to eat at Grand Café.

Monday, August 7, 1989. Clear, cool, 74°, beautiful day. We took Mr. Lin to airport at 9:00. Did the laundry. Had an interview with Mrs. White about our volunteering. We went to church in p.m. Helped Jo sort & put things away. Lotus left on vacation. Dan Gerber helped. We were at Rons for supper. Allen called in evening. They're in Bad Lands. Deb called in morning [to] wish us happy anniversary.

Tuesday, August 8, 1989. Clear, 47° in morning, 79° – 80°. I worked in flower garden in morning. Pete dug rest of onions & mowed lawn. Rested some. I wrote Evelyn & Pauls. Jo worked at church again, putting things away. Made 3 quarts dill pickles yesterday.

Wednesday, August 9, 1989. Fair, another fine day, 80°. We volunteered at hospital. Got apples & some peaches at Birkelbaws. We worked some on name tags left from conference, sorting, etc. Steves here awhile in evening. Jo worked at school. Ron took barrows to Springfield [state] fair in evening.

Thursday, August 10, 1989. Fair, 87° – 62°. Pleasant day. I canned 3 ½ quarts tomato juice and put 2 bags broccoli in freezer. We worked on name tags again. Jo to church. She was here awhile in evening. Rons took Barrows to State Fair. Marty at fair. Renée came home with Jo.

Friday, August 11, 1989. Fair, 83°, nice day but we need rain. Did some cleaning. [Went] to hospital, quilted until noon. Went to Eastland. Took Mary to get groceries & to beauty shop. Talked to Deb, thanked her for the fruit & meat they sent us.

Saturday, August 12, 1989. Mostly fair, 84°. Finished weekly cleaning. Canned 2 quarts tomato juice. Took Mary some lettuce, corn & tomatoes. Worked at info desk, 3 – 7. Rons to fair, showed Barrows, got 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9.

Sunday, August 13, 1989. Fair, 80s. We went to church. Rons, Marty's, Jon & Danielle to Bloomington Square [Restaurant]. Went to Denny's but had a large crowd there. Were home in PM. Marty's left for Columbia [Missouri] at 6:45. Gave them some vegetables. Wrote to Allens.

Monday, August 14, 1989. Partly cloudy, 83°, had a shower in p.m. Washed & ironed. Picked over [a] bucket of tomatoes. Myrna Park & Thelma Baumgarten here in p.m. She's related to Ropps. We went to grocery [store] at 3:30.

Tuesday, August 15, 1989. Partly cloudy, 80s. Had one 1/3 inches rain yesterday p.m. and last night. Nice rain. We & Harvella S[tutzman] went with Jo to Tuscola [Illinois] to big store. Jo got some things. I got black skirt & blouse. We went to Arcola, had lunch & on to Arthur [Illinois]. Went to wood shops & craft stores & cheese factory. Got home at 7:00. Mary to Eureka with Lorene & others. Ron took gilts to state fair. Jon with him.

Wednesday, August 16, 1989. Fair, 78°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Made chili sauce in p.m., got 10 pints. Jo here for supper. Had pizza. She took Mary to lunch at noon & to bank.

Thursday, August 17, 1989. Fair, fine day, 78°. We went with Jo to State Fair. Ron got 3rd & 8th. We saw some of the Fair. Rode the train some. We stopped at McLean for supper. Got home at 7:00. Ron home from fair about 11:00. Gail [Bressner] brought his hogs home.

Friday, August 18, 1989. Fair, 81°, another nice day. Did some cleaning. Canned 2 quarts tomato juice. Picked bucket [of] tomatoes. Rons took them along to Ohio. They left at 9:30 for Bluffton. I made brownies & worked some in garden. Pete worked on Ropp history. Gave Ron a tie rack for his birthday. Got it at Arthur Illinois.

Saturday, August 19, 1989. Partly cloudy, 81°. Finished weekly cleaning. Made 2 pie crusts in morning. Jeanette went with us to Carlock to Earl & Maxine Alwes 50th anniversary. Saw quite a few of old neighbors. I baked Dutch Apple pie & cherry crunch pie for Danvers Days.

Sunday, August 20, 1989. Cloudy in morning, looked rainy, fair in p.m., 80s. We went to church. Had lunch at Hardee's. Dorothy Singley took my pies to Danvers. I got things ready for picnic supper. Went to church picnic at Underwood Park. Large crowd. Rons home from Ohio at midnight.

Monday, August 21, 1989. Partly cloudy, 83°. Washed and ironed. Pete picked tomatoes. We met Laura [Stamback] at 11:30 Bloomington Square. She wanted to go to show, so we went with her to see "Harry and Sally" at Eastland. Ron mowing his field. I gathered some flower seeds.

Tuesday, August 22, 1989. Had rain early morning and again at 8:30. Had .8 inches, glad for it, warmer, 88°, good breeze. I baked cookies. Mary & we had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler], Elva Carr, Lawson [Fulton] & Dr. & Frieda Shinall at Bob Knapp's. Took Mary to dialysis to see Dr. Olson. Her potassium up again. Pete mowed lawn. Jo had teachers meeting.

Wednesday, August 23, 1989. Had rain in morning. With yesterday's and today's rain, over 2 inches for which we are glad. We volunteered at hospital. I quilted for auxiliary. I canned 3 quarts tomato juice. We went with Mabel to visitation for Helen Gerling. Unit 5 schools started today. Jo teaching 4th grade again. Got a mini rose from Deb & Randy.

Thursday, August 24, 1989. Cloudy, 70s. I baked rolls & got things ready for supper. Pete picked tomatoes. Steve here awhile. He came to help John pack a trailer. He's going to Bethel College. We went with Lloyd Singley to Prime Timers picnic at Dawson Lake. Went to Rons when got home. Jon getting ready to leave. He left at 9:30. Going to stop at Marty's. Hope he has a good trip.

Friday, August 25, 1989. Cloudy, 80°. I went to hospital. Quilted. Pete home. Had a call from dialysis. Mary was on way home on bus, her arm started bleeding. Bus stopped at Scott Health Center. Rescue squad took her to St. Joe hospital ER. I went out [and] got her. Got some food. Took her home. She was doing quite well, except week. Brought her clothes home. They were a mess.

Saturday, August 26, 1989. Mostly cloudy, hazy, humid, 83°. Finished cleaning. We went to Rons awhile at noon. Took them some green beans, corn & tomato juice. Told them [it] was part of their anniversary gift. We took Mary to get groceries. She's better today. We volunteered at hospital Info Desk. Rons at Velma Loewen. Allen called. Their families are coming next weekend.

Sunday, August 27, 1989. Fair, 86°, humid. We went to church. Mary and we took Rons to Bishops for their anniversary. Home in p.m. & evening. Talked to Pauls. Andy still in Europe.

Monday, August 28, 1989. Cloudy in morning, light shower in p.m. Partly cloudy, 80°. Washed & ironed. Canned 3 ½ quarts tomato juice. Did some trimming in yard in evening. Ron mowed weeds in truck patch. Nice to have that done. Jon living in Dorm. Couldn't find an apartment.

Tuesday, August 29, 1989. Had shower early a.m. Partly cloudy, 81°, humid. I baked cookies & made cherry pie. Washed my sweater. Got things ready for supper. Ron & Jo here. Had Swiss steak & eggplant. Pete doing some typing.

Wednesday, August 30, 1989. Clear, nice day, 80s, less humid. We volunteered at hospital. I finished the quilt for auxiliary. Got groceries after 3:00 when got home. I made some chili.

Thursday, August 31, 1989. Rained in morning & p.m. Had 2.2 inches. I made 9 glasses grape jelly. I went to Paul Millers for lunch. Ann had Harvella [Stutzman], Evelyn B[ertsche] & Irene

Dunn. Nice to see Irene & visit. I canned 4 quarts tomato juice & made Jell-O salad & shampooed my hair. Gave Rons & Mary some jelly.

Friday, September 1, 1989. Had rain early a.m., nearly 3 inches since yesterday morning. Did some cleaning. Went to auxiliary meeting at 10:00. Got groceries. Pete mowed yard. I got things ready for supper. Allens, Randys, Brittany, Micks & Amber & Ashley got here at 6:30. Had chili & vegetable soup, cheeses & salad, ice cream & bars. Allens to Steves. Rest here all night. Steve & Rons here awhile in evening.

Saturday, September 2, 1989. Clear, cool, beautiful day. I didn't feel good in morning. Allen, Ron, Steve, Randy & Mick went golfing at 6:30 a.m. Randys & Micks to Yeakel reunion at noon. I rested some. We all, Rons & Mary to Steves for supper. I took relish tray & dip. Nice time. Randys & Micks here all night.

Sunday, September 3, 1989. A beautiful day, 78°. Makes left at 8:00 for home. Randys & we to church. Allens too. Rons, Allens, Randys, Mary & we to Denny's for dinner. Steve couldn't go (taught Sunday School). Allens & Randys left for home before 2:00. Nice weekend. Glad they could come. Jo & Lotus [Troyer] took some time after sermon to tell about Normal '89 & thank people who helped.

Monday, September 4, 1989. Mostly fair, 78°. We washed and ironed. Ron took Mary to dialysis. We got her. Went to Eastland & had lunch at Bishops. Took Mary home. I canned 4 quarts tomatoes. Jo not feeling good in early a.m. Had some chest discomfort & difficulty in breathing. Did tests & x-rays at hospital. Seemed okay. Dr. thought probably a virus.

Tuesday, September 5, 1989. Mostly cloudy. Cleaned upstairs in forenoon. Washed mattress pad & blanket in p.m. Rested awhile. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship in evening.

Wednesday, September 6, 1989. Cloudy, had shower early a.m. Rained at noon. Had ¾ inch. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I cleaned closet in West bedroom. Jo here awhile in evening.

Thursday, September 7, 1989. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 80s, very humid. I cleaned West bedroom. Washed curtains. Pete picked tomatoes. Rested some. We went to Service Company annual meeting & supper at Fairgrounds. Large crowd. Andy got home from his trip to Europe. Had a great trip & experiences.

Friday, September 8, 1989. Rained early morning and again in p.m. Looked stormy. We had ½ inch rain, more in town & other places. We went to hospital at 9:00. Quilted. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to get groceries. Had lunch in town. I canned 4 quarts tomato juice. Pete mowed little of yard before it rained.

Saturday, September 9, 1989. Mostly cloudy, showered in evening, .75 inch. We went to Ropp reunion at Elms. 50 present. Lehman from Goshen [Indiana] were there. Pete spoke of the early pioneers. [He] had to be Chairman too. Gordon to Russia. Don Roths spoke of the history of

Morton they wrote. Jo told little of her role at Normal '89. Jane Bell Sec. & arrangement committee. Gordon reelected Pres. Ron program committee. We volunteered at hospital in evening.

Sunday, September 10, 1989. Cloudy, cooler, fair in evening. We went to church. Had lunch at Golden West. We went to St. Joe [Hospital]'s new addition open house. Ron preached at North Danvers [Mennonite Church]. He & Jo to near Chicago where Ron had a seminar. Pete did chores. Paul called. Andy may bring Ben to Chicago next weekend.

Monday, September 11, 1989. Partly cloudy, 75°. Washed & ironed. Washed bedding from our bedroom. Pete mowed lawn. We did some trimming. I raked up some of grass.

Tuesday, September 12, 1989. Cloudy, chilly, 60s. I cleaned our bedroom in morning. Canned 3 quarts tomatoes & made apple coffee cake in p.m. Rested awhile. Were home in evening. Rained in night.

Wednesday, September 13, 1989. Cloudy, rained some, 50s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked coffeecake braid & shortened my black skirt. Jo here awhile in evening.

Thursday, September 14, 1989. Rained early a.m. Had 1 inch since yesterday. Cloudy, cool, 62°. I went with Dorothy Singley to HEA. I cleaned the bathroom in p.m. Pete wrote letters. Ron took hogs to Gail Bressner's.

Friday, September 15, 1989. Cloudy, some clearing in evening, near 70°. We did weekly cleaning. Went to hospital. I quilted. Pete did some work for Arlene. Got some groceries for Mary. Rested awhile in p.m. We went with Jo at 4:30 to Bressner's hog sale. Ron there helping all day. He sold 11. Cindy & children here awhile. Steve to Fortuna Missouri.

Saturday, September 16, 1989. Fair, beautiful day, 70s. We left at 9:00 for Festival at [Mennonite] Heritage Museum. We worked 1 – 3. Saw some folks from Eureka.

Sunday, September 17, 1989. Fair, nice day, 70s. We went to church. Brought Kentucky [Fried] Chicken home for lunch. Were home rest of day. Took some beans & tomatoes & broccoli to Rons. Allen called in evening. They're okay. Deb & Brittany there for weekend. Randy gets home tonight. Paul called. Andy & Ben left for Chicago. Andy will drive to California.

Monday, September 18, 1989. Clear, nice day, 78°. Did the laundry. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Paradise Gardens. Cleaned the Cedar closet & hallway.

Tuesday, September 19, 1989. Beautiful day, 70s. I took Pete to Seth Swift's at 7:30. Seth has been ill & needs someone to stay with him few days as Alice teaches. I got Mary & Pete at 12:15. Went to Bob Knapp's. Had lunch with Dorothy S[cogin], Harold & Frieda S[hinall], Rose G[irdler], Lawson [Fulton] & Elva Carr. I rested in p.m. & some in morning. Had some diarrhea. Pete mowed lawn. Didn't feel good in morning.

Wednesday, September 20, 1989. Fair, 70°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went with Dorothy Singley to Garfield club at Marie Hastings. Were home in evening.

Thursday, September 21, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 80°. I didn't feel good again this morning. Rested. Went to 3B meeting at our church later. Felt better rest of day. Pete did some typing, working on family history.

Friday, September 22, 1989. Hartley cloudy, 70s. Light shower in evening, turned cooler. Did the weekly cleaning. Went to Dr. Bertsche at 2:00. Changed my medication some. Hope it helps. Pete dug glads in evening.

Saturday, September 23, 1989. Clear, 34° in morning, 56°. Windy, cold. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Made 2 pumpkin pies. Steve & Katie here little while in morning. Brought ladder back. We volunteered at hospital, 3 – 7. Took Mary to get groceries.

Sunday, September 24, 1989. Clear, 30°, broke record. Lots of Frost. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Came home after church service. Rons, Steves & Mary here for dinner. Had roast beef. Ron & Steve took our air-conditioner out. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at Paul Millers.

Monday, September 25, 1989. Clear, nice day, 68°. Washed and ironed in morning. We cleaned bookshelves & furniture. Got some broccoli & some lettuce in. Our first lettuce went to seed & now we have lettuce to use again.

Tuesday, September 26, 1989. Clear, 60s, nice day. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's. Pete worked some outside. We cleaned living & dining rooms in p.m. We called John at Bethel College to wish him a happy birthday. He was glad I called.

Wednesday, September 27, 1989. Another beautiful day, 68° – 70°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I cleaned dining & living room rug. Pete picked some apples. I cleaned some kitchen cupboards.

Thursday, September 28, 1989. Clear, lovely day, 72°. I finished cleaning kitchen cupboards. We cleaned Windows & put in storm Windows in p.m. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers.

Friday, September 29, 1989. Fair, fine day, 70s. I cleaned the kitchen & washed curtains. Pete picked some apples. Mary & we went to Grand Café for supper. We got groceries. Rons to visitation for Ruth Miller. Jo had a meeting at church.

Saturday, September 30, 1989. A beautiful day, 79°. We were at Rons in morning. Helped Jo get ready for Ron's staff. I made a big pan of baked apples for the supper. Had around 80 people. Was a beautiful evening. Ron took some on hay rack ride.

Sunday, October 1, 1989. Another nice day. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Were at Rons for dinner. Marty & his judging team stopped for dinner on their way back to Columbia. Had been in northern part of state. They left at 2:30. Allen called wanting to know if we were coming next Friday.

Monday, October 2, 1989. Fair, cooler, 64°. Did the laundry. Cleaned the fruit room in PM. I cooked chicken for HEA. Also cooked a squash.

Tuesday, October 3, 1989. Fair, cool, 50s. I went to prayer group at Alta L[itwillers]. Pete to mall. We got Mary, went to Eastland, had lunch & took Mary to see Dr. Olson at dialysis. I made pumpkin bread in PM. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, October 4, 1989. Fair, 28° in morning, 61°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary to get groceries. I cooked some chicken for HEA next week. Put it in freezer. Lucy C[atherine] had rectal surgery at Brokaw [Hospital].

Thursday, October 5, 1989. Mostly cloudy, rained in p.m. and evening. I made lasagna. Did some cleaning. We went to Brokaw to see Lucy C[atherine]. She is doing quite well. Saw quite a few Mennonite nurses. Did some packing.

Friday, October 6, 1989. Ron & we left with Bob Crumpler & Carolyn Treadway & man from Champaign at 6:30 for Des Moines. Went in BroMenn Van. Allen & Shirley met us at hotel where Ron & others have meeting. We got to Allens at 2:00. Mick & Pam & girls & Randy' came. Were all here for supper & all night. Was nice day to travel, cool. Had birthday party for children & Pam.

Saturday, October 7, 1989. Fair, cool, 50s. Randy & Mick went to play golf. Shirley went to show a house. Deb & Pam & I to Nevada. I looked for shoes, didn't have my size. Allen roasted a turkey on the grill. Had a big dinner at 2:30. Micks left for home at 4:00. Shirley, Deb & I went to Lyles (sp?). Shopped for Allen's birthday. I got him a shirt. Jo left home at 8:00. She met Ron at Des Moines. They got here at 6:15.

Sunday, October 8, 1989. Fair, nice day. We and Allens to church. Deb & Randy & Brittany went home at 9:40. We went to Perkins for lunch. Shirley showed a house at 3:00. We rested some. We all left at 4:00 for Newton. Had a good dinner at Randys. Paul called after 10:00 p.m. Arthurs got to Bloomington at 1:30.

Monday, October 9, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 60°. Rons and we left Allens at 8:15. Stopped at The Amana's, had lunch there. Left at 1:15, got home at 4:30. We enjoyed our visit. Glad we could go. Jo & I got things ready for supper. Art [Yoder]'s, Mary & we went to Rons for supper. I had made lasagna & baked apples. Jo had rest of meal.

Tuesday, October 10, 1989. Clear, 60s, rather windy. I went with prayer group to Bloomington Square [Restaurant]. Some had breakfast. We washed in p.m. I ironed & baked cookies for Jon.

Pete mowed lawn & watered little trees & shrubbery. He picked half bucket of tomatoes. Arthurs left for home this a.m. Ray finished combining our beans, made 40 bushels [per acre].

Wednesday, October 11, 1989. Clear, warmer, 80°, very windy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Mary to Dr. Ocheltree for her ears. I rested awhile when got home. I had fibrillation from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00. Didn't feel very good. Better in p.m. & evening. Pete to Yuton to see about beans, storage etc.

Thursday, October 12, 1989. Clear, warm, 80°. I got things ready for HEA. Made 2 pans of chicken casserole. Went with Jeanette. She was chairman of our committee. Pete sorted some apples. I got broccoli & lettuce from garden.

Friday, October 13, 1989. Lovely day, 83°. We went to hospital at 9:30. I had bazaar committee meeting & Arlene & I put baby quilt in frame. Pete did some work for Arlene. We went to Seven Seas Travel Bureau. Got tickets to Boston on October 25. Rons left after school for Columbia for tonight, then on to Bethel tomorrow. Talked to Paul. Steves to Ohio.

Saturday, October 14, 1989. Clear, 80s. Pete doing chores. I finished cleaning & cooked tomatoes. Made quart of juice. We went to (unclear) Augspurger and Terry *Weibenga* (sp?) At 2:00. Large crowd. We couldn't stay for reception. We worked at Info Desk [at hospital]. Ray combining our corn.

Sunday, October 15, 1989. Another beautiful day, 82°. We went to church. Had small group at Earl Kaufmans. I took baked apples. Were home at 2:30. Took walk out to corn field. Wrote to Allens. Rons home from Kansas at 9:45 PM. Had good trip.

Monday, October 16, 1989. Cloudy, rained in p.m., 62°. Wind turned to north. Washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. We met Laura S[tamback] at Denny's. We took Mary to Brown's. She bought a dress. Ron home in PM. He hauled some wood in for their stove. Steve called. They got back from Ohio this evening.

Tuesday, October 17, 1989. Cloudy, windy, cold, 45°. Misted some. We cleaned some in recreation room in morning. I went to women's work day awhile, then to the nurses luncheon at Bishops. 14 there. I took Mary to Mennonite [Hospital] at 1:45 for EKG & chest x-ray. They don't do EKGs at Mennonite anymore. Disgusting like some more [things] that have taken place there. Mary decided to wait. I finished room downstairs. Terrible earthquake in California Bay Area.

Wednesday, October 18, 1989. Cloudy, 31° – 43°. Chilly, windy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Mary & I to Garfield [club] at Alta L[itwillers]. Pete to mall. I baked cookies for Red Cross when got home. Called Paul. Andy is okay. Some damage done at Stanford U[niversity] from earthquake.

Thursday, October 19, 1989. Cold, windy, snow flurries mixed with some rain. Blustery day. I baked coffee[cake] braid. We cleaned the laundry & furnace room. We went to hospital at 3:00 to set up for bake sale but didn't have tables up. We went to Mary's awhile. Had supper at Steak 'n Shake. Went to Steve's at 6:30 for Katie's birthday. Had cake & ice cream. Gave her a book. Had 1 ½ inches snow.

Friday, October 20, 1989. Mostly cloudy, chilly, clearing in evening. We went to hospital at 7:30 for auxiliary bazaar. Had good bake sale, \$500. Served lunch. Quilt show was nice. We were sold out before noon. We did some weekly cleaning.

Saturday, October 21, 1989. Clear, nice day, 62°. Pete to men's breakfast. We went to Genealogy meeting at Metamora at noon. We boarded to Peoria chartered buses, took us to restaurant near Museum. Then we went on tour of Partridge areas & home of C Henry Smith & others. Scenery was nice. Got home before 4:00. I finished cleaning. I had nosebleed in morning, blood pressure up some.

Sunday, October 22, 1989. Another nice day, 60°. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Mary & we ate at Perkins & went to see Lucy C[atherine]. She's doing better. Mary got groceries. We went to Rons awhile. Jo has had leg & back problems last several days. She didn't go to church. Steves here. They were dressed in Halloween garbs.

Monday, October 23, 1989. Beautiful day, 73°. We did laundry. Went to town at 11:00. Got our boarding passes for airline. We went to Dr. Bertsche at 11:45. M to take Hydrochlorothiazide 3 days a week. Went to Beichs, got candy for Pauls. I baked squash pie. Gave Rons some. Pete to elevator, sold some corn, nearly 2000 bushels. We got our flu shots.

Tuesday, October 24, 1989. Nice one day, 77°. I went to prayer group at Alma G[alloway]'s. Pete to mall. Mary & we met Dorothy S[cogin], Harold & Frieda Shinall, Elva Carr & Lawson F[ulton] at Bob Knapp's. Took Mary to St. Joe [Hospital] for EKG & chest x-ray. Rons took us to Barney's Caboose for supper. Packed suitcases.

Wednesday, October 25, 1989. Clear, beautiful day. Jo took us to Bloomington airport at 5:45. Left there at 6:30. Got to Midway Airport 7:30. Took Midway airline to Boston at 10:25. Got there at 1:45. Marjorie met us at airport. Got to Pauls around 3:00. Had a very good flight. Good to see Pauls. Still lots of color on trees.

Thursday, October 26, 1989. Clear, 75°, lovely weather. Pauls to school. Amy worked at the restaurant after school. We took walk down to drugstore, got some cards. Almost too far coming up the hills. We read & rested some. Rons & Mary & one ticket to Singleys for alumni chili supper.

Friday, October 27, 1989. Another nice day, 70s. Pauls to school. They took us to Armenian restaurant for lunch. Ate outside, very pleasant. Marjorie took us to stores. Pete got new sweater. I shampooed my hair. Sat on the deck & watched the squirrels playing in back yard.

Saturday, October 28, 1989. Clear, warm, 80°. Pauls and we to the Abdow's Big Boy Restaurant for brunch. Amy works there. She was cashier today. Marj & we to Leicester to apple orchard. Got apples & cider. Paul graded papers. Marjorie & I made 2 pumpkin pies & cooked applesauce. Pauls to neighbors in evening.

Sunday, October 29, 1989. Fair, another nice day, warm. Pauls & we to Christian Science Church at Boston. A huge church seats over 3000. Oregon has over 32,000 pipes. We were given a tour of the church. We had lunch at Westboro Marriott. An interesting day. Still lots of pretty leaves.

Monday, October 30, 1989. Fair, nice day, 75°, more wind. The leaves are falling fast. Amy to school. Pauls to Clark. I made 2 Apple pies. We took a walk & rested and read. Had good Chinese dinner today.

Tuesday, October 31, 1989. Cloudy, rained in morning & again in evening & night. Windy. Amy to work in evening. We read & rested. Helped Paul get supper. Marjorie had meeting & dinner.

Wednesday, November 1, 1989. Clear, nice day, cooler, 60s. Pauls to Clark, Amy to school. We did the usual, read & rested. We raked some leaves in front yard.

Thursday, November 2, 1989. Mostly cloudy, cool, 50s. Pauls & we went to Worcester [Mall]. I got 2 knit shirts, Marge got pair of slacks were on sale. We went to Cambridge. Marjorie had computer meeting at noon & luncheon at Marriott. Paul & we had lunch at Wursthaus, German food. Went to book store. Shopped some. Got Marj at 3:30. Got home before 5:00. Amy at work.

Friday, November 3, 1989. A rainy day, cool, 40s. Pauls to Clark. Amy to school. She worked after school. Paul met a Milton Klein at Worcester Airport. He is here for a reception for former history professor. He, Pauls & we to Hunan Restaurant for supper. Very good. Pauls & he to a reception afterwards.

Saturday, November 4, 1989. Fair, cool. Paul & Mr. Klein to program for George Billias (former professor). Paul home awhile in p.m., then back to reception & dinner. Marjorie & we to Holden to big supermarket. I made big coffeecake braid. Marj helped me. Amy had a friend here. Paul & Mr. Klein home at 9:15.

Sunday, November 5, 1989. Fair, nice day, 50s. Paul took Mr. Klein to bus at 9:50. We read & rested. We went with Paul to the track. We walked while he ran. Gary Ijams came at 4:20. He had dinner with us. Had good visit. We had salmon for dinner. Amy worked all day at restaurant.

Monday, November 6, 1989. Cloudy at Boston. We left Pauls at 8:45. Took Worcester Airport Van to Boston. Left there at 11:10. Got to Chicago at 1:10. Left there for Bloomington at 2:20. Arrived at 3:00. Rons left the car at airport for us. Got some groceries. Thankful for a good trip and glad to be home. Had some rain in night.

Tuesday, November 7, 1989. Cloudy, 50s. I went with Jeanette to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete got me at 10:30. Had a permanent. We went to vote. Did the laundry in PM. Didn't go to Women's Fellowship, was tired.

Wednesday, November 8, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 50°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Baked fruitcakes in PM. Jon came home from Bethel [College]. Sorry he felt he couldn't stay.

Thursday, November 9, 1989. Partly cloudy, 52°, light shower at noon, clear in p.m. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Baked coffeecake braid in p.m. Put flower seeds away. Pete cracked some nuts & worked at his desk.

Friday, November 10, 1989. Fair, cool, 40s. We did weekly cleaning. Went to town at 9:00. Got groceries and went to St. Joe [Hospital]. Got Mary at dialysis. Jo took her in morning. We had lunch at Bishops. I polished silverware in p.m.

Saturday, November 11, 1989. Fair, nice day, 50s. Finished cleaning. I baked pecan rolls. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 7:00. Went to open house on 3rd floor, Chemical Dependency Unit.

Sunday, November 12, 1989. Clear, nice day, 50s. We went to church. Had small group at John Bertsche's. I took broccoli salad. Were 12 there. Edith Zehr here awhile [to] talk about church. They're visiting all members. Allen called. They plan to come Thanksgiving. We went to Rons awhile.

Monday, November 13, 1989. Fair, warm, 76°. Broke records. Did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Red Lobster. I baked apple coffee cake. Pete was going to crush leaves but couldn't get mower out of shed. Cindy & children here awhile. Steve in Chicago.

Tuesday, November 14, 1989. Cloudy, rained in morning and shower in evening. I had prayer group here. Shirley [Krahn], Lucy C[atherine], Jeanette [Colter], Helen [Patton] & Alma [Galloway]. We & Mary met Dorothy S[cogin] & Lawson [Fulton] at Bob Knapp's. Frieda & Harold [Shinall] were busy. We helped Mary order cheese boxes for Christmas gifts. I stopped at Nurses Home to see Dorothy DeVore. Rained in night.

Wednesday, November 15, 1989. Cloudy, rainy day, turned much colder. We volunteered at hospital. Pantagraph took our picture for volunteering. Mary & I to Garfield club at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete to Mall. Had 1 ½ inches rain at ISU.

Thursday, November 16, 1989. Cloudy, fair in p.m., windy, cold, snow flurries in morning. 24°, wind chill below zero most of day. I baked ginger cookies. Cooked squash. I washed some summer clothes & blanket & Pete's jacket.

Friday, November 17, 1989. Mostly cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 14° – 40°. Did cleaning. Went to town at 9:00 to bank & hospital. I quilted awhile. Had hair done at 11:30. Pete worked at hospital. Delivered mail, etc. Had lunch there. Got groceries. Made white bark candy. Ron to Chicago to meeting. Jo to Ohio in evening to a funeral (relative).

Saturday, November 18, 1989. Fair, 11°, tied record in 1932. In 20s during day. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Baked pumpkin bread. We got Mary at 11:00, went to Eastland. She did some shopping. I got her a sweater for Christmas. We got Christmas cards. Ron home late from Chicago.

Sunday, November 19, 1989. Fair, warmer, 50s. We went to church. Got Mary at dialysis. She went there with another lady. Mary & we back to church for lunch. Had Palestine meal, soup, relishes & fruit. Kenneth Stietz gave program for Mission Sunday. Jo home from Ohio.

Monday, November 20, 1989. Fair, windy, 58° – 60°. Turned cooler in evening. Did laundry. Pete crushed leaves in yard. We made caramels in PM.

Tuesday, November 21, 1989. Fair, nice day, 39°. I went to prayer group at Mary K[aufman's]. I made chili, 2 pie crusts, cooked cranberries. Pete covered roses. Rons, Jon, Mary & we to Chinese restaurant (Yen Ching) for Jo's birthday. We gave her bouquet for table & mirror for bathroom.

Wednesday, November 22, 1989. Mostly cloudy, 30s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Jon helped me clean the chandelier in dining room. He met Ben at train station at 5:40. Jon & neighbor boy had supper with us. Had chili. Allen called. They're coming in morning.

Thursday, November 23, 1989. Fair, nice day, 35°. Rons, Martys & Jon here for breakfast. Allens got here [at] 11:30. Glad to see them. We all & Mary at Rons for the day. Had Turkey & all the trimmings. I took cranberries & baked apples. Shirley brought 2 pumpkin pies. Pauls called. Nice Thanksgiving Day and much to be thankful for.

Friday, November 24, 1989. Fair, 40s. Allens & I got Mary at dialysis. Pete & Ben met us at Eastland. Pete took Mary to get groceries. Allens shopped at Eastland. We went to College Hills [Mall]. Met Pete there. We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. I got things ready for supper. Had roast beef. Allens brought Mary out for supper.

Saturday, November 25, 1989. Cloudy, 51°. Shirley washed some sheets, etc. Allen cleaned out eaves and got snow fence out for Pete. I made pumpkin pie and hamburger potato casserole. Helped Ben with some laundry. Allens left at 2:30 for (unclear) to Shirley's brother. Were glad they could come. Had a good visit. I went with Jo to fabric shop.

Sunday, November 26, 1989. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Rons, Mary & we had dinner at Bishop's. Were home in PM. Ron here. We made tape recording of our early years and marriage during depression, etc. We took Ben to train at 6:30. He went back to U. of Chicago. Enjoyed having him.

Monday, November 27, 1989. Foggy, cloudy, some sunshine in p.m. Warm, 70°, broke records in places. Windy. Did laundry. I ironed, baked carrot & yummy cookies in p.m. our HEA a wrapped gifts at Salvation Army, but didn't feel like going. Pete put up snow fence.

Tuesday, November 28, 1989. Cloudy, cold, 20s. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. Pete did some typing. I baked Southern pecan bars.

Wednesday, November 29, 1989. Clear, 10° – 31°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary to get groceries. We got groceries too. Made sugar plum cookies & stirred up sugar cookies. Didn't feel good last night. Pulse irregular awhile.

Thursday, November 30, 1989. Beautiful day, 47°, no wind. I baked coffeecake braid and sugar cookies and iced them. Pete helped me some & did some typing.

Friday, December 1, 1989. Another beautiful day, 55°. Did some cleaning. Went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. Did some shopping & got groceries. Shampooed my hair. Mixed up Crescents. We took Jeanette to Carlock for supper. Went to her house, made some scrubbies.

Saturday, December 2, 1989. Fair, very windy. Temp falling most of day. Pete to men's breakfast. I did some laundry. Baked pumpkin pie & Crescent cookies. Gave Rons some pie. Made cranberry salad. Ron & we to Mary's about 3:30. She fell & broke her shoulder. We took her to St. Joe [Hospital] ER. She was admitted at 6:00. Feel so sorry for her.

Sunday, December 3, 1989. Fair, 9°, in 20s. We went to Mary's. Got her medication, took it to St. Joe. She is doing well as can be expected. We went to church & had surprise luncheon. We went to Bertches. Poags, Zehr girls & Luella [Mishler] there. Went to hospital again. Jo there too. Stopped at apartment, got some clothes for Mary, then to church for tree trimmings & desserts.

Monday, December 4, 1989. Fair, 30s. Did laundry. Made vegetable soup. We went to hospital at 2:30. Waited for Dr. B[ertsche] to discharge Mary. He came after 6:00. Jo came after school. We brought Mary home. Jo went to apartment [to] get some things. We had trouble getting Mary to house. Jon & Ron came, helped. Jo ate with us. She brought some chicken & had soup.

Tuesday, December 5, 1989. Fair, nice day, 56°. I went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]'s. Pete stayed with Mary. Her potassium is up. I got medicine for her. She took it but didn't stay down. Her stomach seems upset. I worked on Christmas cards in p.m. Pete outside awhile, swept garage. I didn't go to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, December 6, 1989. Cloudy in morning, 40s, some snow flurries, fair in p.m. & falling temperature. We volunteered at hospital. Jo took Mary to dialysis. We got her. Think her stomach is better. I wrote notes on Christmas cards. Called Orvie & Evelyn.

Thursday, December 7, 1989. Fair, 9° – 25°. I baked cookies for Red Cross. Made apple dessert. Got dinner. Jo & Jon left at 4:20. Jo to South Dakota to conference program meeting & Jon to Omaha [Nebraska] [to] see friend. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers Christmas dinner & program. Ron with Mary part of time. Her Bible class brought her a nice poinsettia. Wrote more notes.

Friday, December 8, 1989. Mostly fair, 11° – 28°. Ron took Mary to dialysis. We went to town at 9:00. Got a new humidifier at K Merchandise. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to the apartment. We went to bank for her. Got lunch at Dairy Queen. She had hair done at 1:15. We got groceries.

Saturday, December 9, 1989. Fair, 39° – 40°. I finished weekly cleaning. Mary addressed her Christmas cards. I wrapped some Christmas gifts & read some. Ron to hog sale at ISU. He put some outdoor decorations [up]. Mabel here awhile. Jo & Jon were at Allens all night.

Sunday, December 10, 1989. Cloudy, 35°. Started to snow around 3:00. ½ – 1 inch fell. We didn't go to church. Mary about same. I got dinner. Ron here. He went to church. He cut our Christmas tree in p.m. Chet Roths & Harvella [Stutzman] here to see Mary. We went to town at 4:00. Got fruit at Seventh-day Adventists. Allen called. Jo & Jon got home at 8:00. Roads icy and bad from Moline home.

Monday, December 11, 1989. Clear, cold. Had 2+ inches snow, more in places. Jo took Mary to dialysis. We got her. She didn't feel good most of day, better in evening. I wrote more Christmas notes. Jo here little while after school.

Tuesday, December 12, 1989. Fair, cold, 8° below, 14° above. I went to prayer group at Lucy Catherine's. Pete and Mary at her apartment. We met Dorothy [Scogin], Frieda & Harold [Shinall], Rosie [Girdler] & Elva C[arr] at Knapp's. I gave girls scrubbies. I got candles from Dorothy, tree ornament from Frieda, candy from Rosie. Thom Kauffmann here to see Mary. Jo here in evening. Worked on card table covers.

Wednesday, December 13, 1989. Cloudy, 2° above, 20°. Snowed in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. I got Mary at dialysis. Had to wait for her until 11:30. Her blood pressure very low. Got more medicine for her stomach, but [she] vomited it up. Can't eat much. Has nausea. I made tapioca pudding & cooked apples.

Thursday, December 14, 1989. Fair, cold, 7° below, 8° above. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Had Christmas Around the World. Mary feeling better. I fixed boxes for Pauls, Allens, Rons & mail & Pantagraph carriers. Pete moved furniture for Christmas tree. Jon put it up for us. Had ½ inch snow in night. Got nuts, etc. from Pauls. Deb called in evening. They're okay.

Friday, December 15, 1989. Fair, 14° below, near zero all day & windchill of 20 – 30 below. Jo took Mary to dialysis. Did some cleaning. Went to bank at 9:00. Went to Eastland. Did some shopping for Mary. I got socks for Matthew's Christmas. Got Mary at dialysis. Had lunch at Bishops. We went to Mary's apartment. Fixed plates of cookies for Mary to give her friends. We mailed Paul's package & got groceries. Mary had hair done at 3:15.

Saturday, December 16, 1989. Fair, cold, 11° below - 6° above. I baked coffeecake braid. Did some washing for Mary. Finished weekly cleaning. Helped Jo awhile in p.m. They have Ron's Staff & families there tonight. Took Rons a coffeecake.

Sunday, December 17, 1989. Fair, 4° below - 20°. Pete & I to church. Mary got along okay. Had chicken for dinner. Helped Jo awhile in p.m. They had schoolteachers at their home for dinner. Expected 30. Carolers were here in evening. Brought plate of fruit. Georgia called in evening.

Monday, December 18, 1989. Fair, cloudy in p.m., zero in a.m., 15°. Jo took Mary to dialysis. We got her. Did laundry. Washed some blouses. Wrapped some gifts. Jo sent our supper over. Had leftovers from the dinner last night. Very good. Ron ate with us. Jo with Jon to Pekin. Mary didn't feel as well today after dialysis. Snowed in evening.

Tuesday, December 19, 1989. Cloudy in morning, fair, 12° high. Had 2 ½ inches snow. Didn't have prayer group. I cleaned the oven and made doughnuts. Gave Rons some.

Wednesday, December 20, 1989. Fair, 14° below – 8°. Jo took Mary to dialysis. We volunteered at hospital. Pete got Mary at dialysis, brought her to hospital. We enjoyed the hospital Christmas dinner. Ron helped serve part of time. Mary & I to Garfield club at Mabel's. 9 of us there. Had 3/4 inch snow. Steve here in evening. Got gifts for Iowa. They gave us some pictures & honey spread. We decided not to go to Allens on account of cold weather. Am disappointed.

Thursday, December 21, 1989. Fair, bitter cold, 17° below – 12° below. High windchill, 35° – 40° below. I made vegetable soup & baked cherry torte. Had potato pancakes for lunch. No school in area on account of the extreme cold.

Friday, December 22, 1989. Clear, cold, 22° below – 6° below high. Broke records again. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Our battery was dead. Ron got our car started. We got Mary at dialysis. Got book for Ron & poinsettia for Merle. Got Dairy Queen lunch. Went to Mary's apartment. She had hair done at 1:15. We took her to Dr. Dustman at 2:45. He released her arm. Says she's doing okay. Needs to exercise her arm. Steves to Allens.

Saturday, December 23, 1989. Clear, 17° below, zero high. Finished cleaning. Jo here awhile. They went shopping. I did some laundry for Mary. Made 2 batches of chili.

Sunday, December 24, 1989. Cloudy, warmer. Jo took Mary to dialysis and got her. Took her to her apartment. We got her after church. Were home in PM. Snowed some in morning. We went with Rons to Christmas Eve services. Went to Rons. Rays & Mabel there. Had chili, ham, etc.

Some flurries in evening. Mary had trouble with stomach. Gave boys \$60, [gave the] rest \$25 [each].

Monday, December 25, 1989. Cloudy, frosty, fair in p.m. We went to Rons. Had duck & all [the] trimmings & had gift exchange. I got pant suit from Allens, got quilt frame, sweater, Clara Brian book from Rons. Pin from Jon. Pete got trousers, shoes & book from Rons, gloves from Jon, [I got] \$110 from Mary. Pete got \$60. Got scarf & necklace from Deb. Pete got scarf, book, nuts from Pam. Allens and Paul called. Paul Millers at Rons in evening. Pete got jacket from Allens.

Tuesday, December 26, 1989. Fair, zero in morning, 17° high. We did laundry. I baked quick coffeecake. Did some hand laundry. Read some. Steves got home last night about 8:00 PM. They brought gifts from Deb & Pam. Steve is sick today, flu?

Wednesday, December 27, 1989. Cloudy, 18°, high 38°. Jo took Mary to dialysis & got her. Took her to Phoenix [Towers]. We volunteered at hospital. I went to College Hills [Mall]. Took my slacks to have shortened & wanted to get a skirt to match but [they] didn't have any. I went to Mary's after lunch. Pete went with Jo to Farm & Fleet to exchange his shoes. I brought Mary home. Steve is better. Katie is sick.

Thursday, December 28, 1989. Fair, 32° – 40°. Thawed some. I made casserole & baked apples for dinner. I baked lemon bars for Jo. We read some, a quiet day. Steve to Youth Institute at Camp Menno Haven. Ramseyers came for Cindy & children. Katie still sick.

Friday, December 29, 1989. Cloudy, rainy, foggy, 40°. We took Mary to dialysis. Her shunt was clogged. Brought her home. Rons came over, talk to Peoria, Dr. *Psheree* (sp?). We left for St. Francis [Hospital] at 11:45. They tried to open the graft but no luck. Now a big decision. Whether to use the other arm or discontinue dialysis. A difficult time. She was admitted at 5:30. We went to Rons for supper. Had gift exchange with Martys. Got figurine.

Saturday, December 30, 1989. Cloudy, misted, foggy, 40°. Rons and we left at 9:00 for St. Francis [Hospital]. Waited until 3:00 to see Dr. Psheree. Mary still has trouble deciding what to do. Ron talked to Arts, Dave & Evelyn last night. They all said they would stand by Mary whatever her decision. This [is] a difficult time for everyone. I talked to Allens & Pauls.

Sunday, December 31, 1989. Cloudy, Roads slick in morning. I talked to Mary. She didn't sleep well, stomach. Hospital called at 9:00. Mary decided to have shunt put in & was going to OR at noon. We went to church with Ron. Jo & Renée came later. Jo left after church for Peoria. We took Ron & Martys to Golden West. Steve home from [Camp] Menno Haven. Mary got along okay in surgery. Lots of pain. Allen called. Jo home at 6:20.

Monday, January 1, 1990. Cloudy, 20s. Did laundry. Marty's left at noon for Missouri. Rons & we to Gordons for dinner. Jo & we to Peoria at 3:00. Got home at 7:00. Mary doing [as] well as can be expected. Her arm very sore & swollen. Can't feed herself & isn't hungry. Georgia & Paul called. ½ dozen other calls.

Tuesday, January 2, 1990. Clear, 32° – 40°. Nice day. We went to bank & to Mary's apartment. Got her mail & watered plants. Went to Eastland. Exchanged shirt he got from Allens, too small. Ron, Jon, Pete & I to Peoria. Mary about same. Still can't eat. Dr. Olson saw her today.

Wednesday, January 3, 1990. Nice day, 40s, cloudy in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Farm & Fleet. Pete got jacket with Allens Christmas money. We took down our Christmas tree & decorations. I call St. Francis [Hospital]. Mary was having dialysis through shoulder as can't use the new shunt. Steves home from Ohio.

Thursday, December 4, 1990. Cloudy, 40s. Rained early a.m., thundered & windy. Paul Miller took Pete & I to St. Francis [Hospital to] see Mary. She's about same. Face & eyes very puffy. She went to dialysis again. We were home by noon. We went with Rons to Pontiac in evening to hear of Dr. Siegel. Some 20 from our church went.

Friday, December 5, 1990. Clear, frosty in morning, nice day, 30s. We did weekly cleaning. Went to town in p.m. Got new battery for car. Got Mary's mail & watered her plants. Georgia called in evening. I talked to Mary. She had dialysis again today. Still can't eat.

Saturday, January 6, 1990. Fair, another nice day, 38° – 40°. Finished cleaning. Read some. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 7:00. Rons to Peoria [to] see Mary. She had dialysis again.

Sunday, January 7, 1990. Fair, nice day, 48°. We went to church. Had dinner at Hen House in Carlock and on to Peoria [to] see Mary. She had dialysis again. Her arm is some better. Appetite not too good. We went with Jeanette to Love Feast & Communion.

Monday, January 8, 1990. Fair, 48°. Did laundry. Had chicken & biscuits for dinner. Baked mince meat pie. Gave Rons some. Rested & worked [on] health records. Mary had dialysis for 4 hours. She was worn out. Talked to her on telephone.

Tuesday, January 9, 1990. Cloudy, rained in morning, windy & colder in evening, 40s. I went to prayer group at Alma G[alloway's]. Got Mary's mail & watered her plants. I baked coffeecake braid. Gave one to Jeanette. I went with her to Women's Fellowship. Ron saw Mary in morning. He had breakfast in Peoria. I talked to her in evening. She didn't have dialysis. Therapist saw her. Worked some on her arm.

Wednesday, January 10, 1990. Partly cloudy, 40°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Peoria in p.m. to see Mary. She had dialysis for 4 hours this a.m. She went to therapy at 3:00 to help her walk & work on her shoulder. Paul called. They're okay. I thanked Amy for her artwork she sent us.

Thursday, January 11, 1990. Clear, very windy from West, 43°, temp dropped in p.m. I went with Louise Kinsinger to HEA meeting. Did some reading & made meatloaf for supper. Pete looked at some letter files. I talked to Mary. She went to therapy. Georgia called.

Friday, January 12, 1990. Clear, windy, 30°. Windchill near zero. Did weekly cleaning. Went to reception for Mrs. Phillips (Jeanette's mother) 100th birthday. Went to Mary's apartment. Got her mail & watered plants. Talked to Mary. She had dialysis 4 hours. Too exhausted to go to therapy. Talked to Allens. Evelyn & Orvie called.

Saturday, January 13, 1990. Fair, 12° – 32°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Made lemon dessert. We went to St. Francis [Hospital to] see Mary. She had dialysis again. She was sitting in chair. Appetite little better, still very weak.

Sunday, January 14, 1990. Partly cloudy, 40s, nice day. We went to church. CJ Dyck preached. We had small group at Gerlof [Homan]'s. I took lemon dessert. We got oranges at 7th Day Adventists. Talked to Mary. Said she was very tired.

Monday, January 15, 1990. Fair, 55°, nice day. Washed and ironed. Electricity off, 10 – 2:00. Set new pole at Hudson. We met Laura [Stamback] at Denny's at 11:30. Jo to see Mary in PM. Ron & Jo here for supper, had waffles & sausage. I was sick early part of night, pulse rapid & irregular.

Tuesday, January 16, 1990. 62°, broke records. Cloudy, had little rain. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]'s. Pete & I to Mary's apartment. Got her mail & watered plants. We met Rosie [Girdler], Dorothy S[cogin], Frieda & Harold Shinall at Bennys since Bob Knapp restaurant closed. Talked to Mary. She is better.

Wednesday, January 17, 1990. Cloudy, rained early morning & again in evening, 50s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Helen P[atton] took Lucy C[atherine], Pete & I to see Mary. She is better. Thinks she can come home Friday or Saturday. We had about ¾ inches rain last 2 days.

Thursday, January 18, 1990. Cloudy, colder, 30s. I baked angel food cake & made salad dressing. We took clothes, etc. to Thrift Shop. We had lunch with Earl Raders at Perkins. Got groceries. Were home in evening. Shirley Lehman from West Liberty Ohio called. Jean's husband passed away. Talked to Mary. She had therapy. Georgia called. Deb called. They're coming next weekend.

Friday, January 19, 1990. Cloudy, 34°. Did cleaning. I went to Mary's apartment. Watered flowers and got her mail. I made vegetable soup and stirred up refrigerator muffins. Cindy & children here in evening. Steve at Camp Friedenswald.

Saturday, January 20, 1990. Cloudy, foggy, drizzled, 30s. Finished cleaning. Cleaned out some papers etc. Pete read. Jo brought Mary home from St. Francis in p.m. She's doing pretty good. Ron to Springfield hog show. He got 2nd and 3rd.

Sunday, January 21, 1990. Cloudy, chilly. We didn't go to church. Mary doing fairly well. I got dinner. Had fried chicken, made Jell-O salad. Jeanette here awhile in p.m. Congregational meeting at church voted on T[om] Kauffmann. Vote carried. Georgia & Allen called.

Monday, January 22, 1990. Mostly fair, nice day, 48°. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Did laundry. Went to town at 10:00. Made an appointment for Mary at physical therapy. Got Mary, brought her home. She didn't feel very good, weak. Kay R[eimer] here in p.m. Jo isn't feeling well, headaches. Dr. thinks sinus infection. She didn't teach school. Ron has more cold again.

Tuesday, January 23, 1990. Cloudy in morning, showered, fair in p.m., 47°, windy. I went to prayer group at Mary K[aufmans]. Pete took Mary to Mennonite [Hospital] for therapy. We went to her apartment, got mail, etc. We rested in p.m. I made salad dressing & sweet pickles. Made pudding for supper, gave Rons some. Ron sick with cold & Jo not feeling any better, still headaches.

Wednesday, January 24, 1990. Fair, beautiful day, 48°. We took Mary to dialysis. We volunteered at hospital until 10:00. Got Mary & groceries. Rested some. Cooked chicken. Got supper. Ron & Jon left at 3:00 a.m. for Indianapolis to see Dr. about Jon's hand. [He] says about same as other doctors have said. Ron still feeling bad. Jo went to school today, still not up to par. Rained in night, 1 inch, thundered & lightning.

Thursday, January 25, 1990. 40 early a.m., temp dropping. Started to snow at 9:00 a.m. Snowed off & on. Very high winds, snow blowing. Took Mary to Phoenix [Towers] at 9:30. Had hair done, then to Mennonite for therapy. We had lunch there. Bad driving coming home. Visibility nil at times. Ron to work & Jo to school. I wrote to Andy. I made chili.

Friday, January 26, 1990. Fair, nice day, 38°, lot of snow melted. Jo took Mary to dialysis. We got her. Did weekly cleaning. I washed blouses & slacks for Mary. Rested awhile. Got supper. Randy, Deb & Brittany got here at 7:30. Glad to see them. Rons here little while.

Saturday, January 27, 1990. Fair, windy, 54°. Steve & Matthew came for dinner. Steve brought lasagna & salad. Katie sick so Cindy couldn't come. Ron not feeling well so they couldn't come. Cindy came awhile after Steve got home. He went to St. Louis in evening, is preaching there tomorrow. Randys to town awhile. He got shoes. We had chicken casserole & cherry dessert.

Sunday, January 28, 1990. Clear, nice day, 40s. Randy's and we to church. Mary stayed alone. Randys home after church, changed clothes & got Mary. We all went to Denny's for dinner. Ron had Sunday School to teach so couldn't join us. Randys left for home at 12:00. Deb called. They

got home around 4:00. Dave Y[oder] called Mary in morning. Pauls called in p.m. Georgia called in evening.

Monday, January 29, 1990. Clear, 18° – 44°. Beautiful day. Jo took Mary to dialysis. We got her. Went to bank. Washed & ironed. Dorothy Singley brought us a dozen apple muffins, very good.

Tuesday, January 30, 1990. Clear, near 50°, lovely day. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. We took Mary to therapy at 1:30. Went to her apartment afterwards.

Wednesday, January 31, 1990. Fair, 40s, nice day. Jo took Mary to dialysis. I got her. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Were home for lunch. I baked coffeecake. Ina Sutter here in p.m. Rons & we took Mary to Barneys for her birthday. Rained 1/3 inch in night.

Thursday, February 1, 1990. Cloudy, rained in p.m., 50°. We took Mary to her apartment. She had hair done. We got groceries for her. Pete to hospital, put poison kits together. We & Mary ate at hospital. She had therapy on her shoulder at 1:30. Were home in evening. Had 1 inch of rain last 2 days.

Friday, February 2, 1990. Cloudy, 30s. Did some cleaning. Jo took Mary to dialysis. I went to auxiliary meeting awhile. Pete got Mary. We took her home. She thinks she'll be able to stay alone. Moved her things to town. I sent some food with her. I did have some laundry, guest bed, etc.

Saturday, February 3, 1990. Cloudy, foggy, 40s. Fog cleared in p.m. Finished cleaning. Ironed some. We went to town at 1:30. Stopped to see Mary. She's doing quite well. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 to 9:00. Cindy called. She has flu again. Steve at [Camp] Friedenswald.

Sunday, February 4, 1990. Cloudy in morning, fair, nice day, 50°. Jo to Cindy's at 6:30 to keep children. Cindy to hospital, has very sore throat. Got medication. We went to church. Took Mary to Bishops for dinner. We were home in PM. Georgia called in evening. Cindy called, she is better. Steve to get home this evening. Helen Patton's brother Duke passed away.

Monday, February 5, 1990. Clear, 50s, windy. Did laundry. We went to *Schnuels* (sp?), new grocery store. Quite a store. Got Mary at dialysis & took her home. She's doing pretty good. I ironed, made some split pea soup. Were home in evening.

Tuesday, February 6, 1990. Fair in morning, cloudy, light showers, 40s. I had prayer group here. Shirley [Krahn], Alma [Galloway], Mary & Jeanette [here]. Lucy [Catherine] had a cold, Helen [Patton] in Kentucky. We took Mary to see Dr. Olson at dialysis. Says she is doing pretty good. We took Sport to vet, got his shots.

Wednesday, February 7, 1990. Cloudy, foggy. We volunteered at hospital. I took Mary home from dialysis. She called hospital at 12:00. Wanted us to stop. She had fallen on kitchen floor & hurt her right shoulder or back. Took her to Dr. Bertsche's office. Dr. *Welmeling* (sp?) saw her.

Took her to Brokaw for x-rays. Has crack in the scapula, nothing out of place. I got her supper. Wanted her to come home with us, but she said no.

Thursday, February 8, 1990. Fair, very windy, 62°. I went to HDA. Took Mabel, Dorothy [Singley], Jeanette [Colter] & Louise. I went to see Mary in PM. She's doing fairly well. Sally Leahy (home nurse) came in p.m. Mary will be on Home Care for awhile. I came home at 4:00. Jo to Mary's. Helped are some with supper. Cindy & children here awhile.

Friday, February 9, 1990. Partly cloudy, 50°. Did weekly cleaning. Went to Birkelbaws, got apples & on to St. Joe [to] get Mary. I fixed lunch for her. Were home in evening.

Saturday, February 10, 1990. Fair, 49°, nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. We helped clean church. I made lemon bread & froze some lemon juice from lemons that Evelyn sent us. Did some reading. Mary doing fairly well.

Sunday, February 11, 1990. Partly cloudy, 40s. We went to church. Took Mary to International Pancake House. We got grapefruit and oranges from S[eventh] D[ay] A[dventists]. Were home in p.m. & evening. Talked to Allens. He has some back trouble.

Monday, February 12, 1990. Partly cloudy, windy, warm, 63°. Did weekly ironing. Got Mary at dialysis. I baked sugar cookies in p.m. Gave Rons & Steves some. Home in evening.

Tuesday, February 13, 1990. Cloudy, 50° in a.m., turned colder in p.m. Windy, temp dropped. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's. Pete did some errands. Mary and we met Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler], [Elva] Carr & Shinalls at Bennys. Took Mary to Federal [Savings & Loan] & to bank. I got supper. Steves were here. Ron & Gail B[ressner] left at 7:00 for Fort Worth Texas. Jo brought us a pretty tulip.

Wednesday, February 14, 1990. Disagreeable day, snowed, sleeted & rained. Froze ice. Roads not good. We took Mary to dialysis & got her. We volunteered at hospital. Came home at 1:00. Senior dinner at church called off. I did laundry for Mary. Wrote to Pam & Mick, Allens & Pauls. I went with Jo to Dorothy Hamill Broadway on Ice at Braden. Used Rons tickets, was beautiful.

Thursday, February 15, 1990. Everything covered with ice. Electricity off, 4 AM to 6:30, off again from 2:45 to 6:30. Many people without power. Wires & trees have lots of branches down. Took the old Redbud [tree] down. I cleaned some drawers. We went to Jo's at 4:00. Came home at 8:00. Had supper there. Schools were closed.

Friday, February 16, 1990. Cloudy, very windy. If there is, colder. Electricity off. Jo, Jon & we to Denny's for breakfast. We got Mary & went to hospital. Arlene & I marked quilt & Pete made packets. Got groceries. Went to Rons for supper. Pete has fired going in fireplace. We sleep in basement. Pete kept fire going. Still no electricity.

Saturday, February 17, 1990. Clear, cold, 12°. Jo took us to Mary's. Had baths there. Jo to church, then to Mary's to take shower. Got sandwiches. I helped Jo in p.m. Done some cleaning. Pete kept fire going here. We put some bags of ice in freezer. Couldn't get dry ice. Marty & his judging team (7) got to Ron's at 4:00. Jo took us all to Avanti's. They left after supper. We slept at Rons.

Sunday, February 18, 1990. Clear, 20s, up to 40s. Electricity came on at 8:30 & we are grateful. Think things in freezer are okay. We went to church. Got there late. We took Mary to Grand Café. We did some cleaning. Got basement in order again. Jon cut up the Redbud tree. Ice finally off of trees. Ron home from Dallas Texas around 6:00 p.m. Ron sold 3 gilts.

Monday, February 19, 1990. Clear, 31°. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We met Laura at Double Nickel. Did few errands. Did Mary's laundry in PM & ironed.

Tuesday, February 20, 1990. Clear, 15° – 38°. Nice day. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Went to Mary's. Took her the laundry. I had a permanent at Norma's. Were home in evening. Jeanette flew to Florida.

Wednesday, February 21, 1990. Fair, 52°, nice day. Pete volunteered at hospital. I got ready for Garfield club. Only 7 of us. Lucy C[atherine] took Mary to Senior Citizens dinner at church, then they came to club. Sorry to miss the dinner at church. I made cherry dessert for club. Rained in night.

Thursday, February 22, 1990. Rained most of day, over 2 inches, 40s. Most rain we have had for [a] long time. We defrosted freezer & cleaned it out. We went to grocery store. Got donuts & milk for Prime Timers. Lloyd Singleys took us. Started to snow while we were at meeting. Had 2 inches snow.

Friday, February 23, 1990. Fair, 30s. Most of snow gone. Did cleaning. We went to town at 9:00. Arlene & I put quilt in frame for auxiliary. I quilted. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. Took car to Bairds. Windshield wipers didn't work. We worked at hospital until 3:00. Ron left for health meeting at Nashville Tennessee. Went with people from Peoria.

Saturday, February 24, 1990. Partly cloudy in morning, snow flurries, very windy & temp falling, in 20s. When gusts 50 mph. Baked cherry dessert & carrot cake. Finished cleaning. Read some. Jo here for supper. Had Swiss steak & sweet potatoes. Jon had company. Allens called. Randy & Deb flew to Phoenix Arizona today. Brittany at Allens.

Sunday, February 25, 1990. Clear, 6° above. We went to church. Bluffton choir sang. Mike Boge from seminary preached. Had carry in dinner. Were home in p.m., rested. We went to Home Builders at Bob Kauffmans. [We] were co-hostess. I took cherry dessert. The Davises told about Russia & showed slides.

Monday, February 26, 1990. 18° – 38°, cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. I washed some blouses in p.m. & read.

Tuesday, February 27, 1990. Fair, 30s, nice day. I went to prayer group at Alma [Galloway]'s. Pete worked outside awhile. I took Mary to see Dr. Olson at dialysis in p.m. She's doing alright. We took Jo to Denny's for supper. We went with her to church to Xerox Mary's insurance papers, etc.

Wednesday, February 28, 1990. Fair, 19° – 33°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home about 2:00. Rested awhile, read. Wrote Orvie & Evelyn. Ron home from Nashville about 8:00. Allens to Jeffs.

Thursday, March 1, 1990. Clear, nice day, 44°. I made pie crusts for MCC sale. Cleaned the cupboard in bathroom. We worked in yard in p.m. Raked up sticks, etc. from ice storm.

Friday, March 2, 1990. Beautiful day, 55°. Went to hospital at 9:00 [to] auxiliary meeting. I quilted some. Pete took Mary home from dialysis & made packets. I had hair done & got groceries for Mary. I did some laundry for her.

Saturday, March 3, 1990. Fair, 37°. Finished cleaning. Made butterscotch pie. Gave Rons some. We volunteered at hospital, 3 – 7. Went to Rons awhile. Marty & another man came in evening.

Sunday, March 4, 1990. Fair, 40s, nice day. We went to church. Mary along with us. First she has been to church since last November. She & we to Steves for dinner. Had nice time. Marty & friend left at noon for Columbia [Missouri]. Paul called in p.m. They're fine. Amy has been accepted to Brooks College at Long Beach California. Allens [called] from Dallas. Jeffs are okay.

Monday, March 5, 1990. Mostly cloudy, 42°, rained in late p.m. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We raked some branches but didn't work long. Was chilly. We read some. I wrote to Elaine R[eynolds].

Tuesday, March 6, 1990. Cloudy, windy, 30° – 33°. Roads slick early in places. Were okay here. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Was going to Women's Fellowship but [it] kept misting & near freezing point [so didn't go]. Did some reading. Called Allens. They had good trip to Jeffs.

Wednesday, March 7, 1990. Cloudy, 30s. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:00. Cleaned corner cabinet & cleaned the east room upstairs. Pete took Mary home from dialysis.

Thursday, March 8, 1990. Rained most of day. Tornadoes sighted in southwest counties. Thunderstorm watch out until 8:00 PM. I went with Jeanette to HEA. I finished cleaning upstairs in p.m.

Friday, March 9, 1990. Fair, 63°. Did some cleaning. We went to hospital at 9:00. I quilted. Pete made packets & took Mary home from dialysis. We had lunch at Dairy Queen. Got groceries. I made rhubarb crisp. Pete trimmed grapes.

Saturday, March 10, 1990. 60s. A rainy day. Had some heavy rain & thunderstorms. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Baked cookies, gave Rons some. I did Mary's laundry. I sorted some letters, pictures, etc. Had over 2 inches of rain.

Sunday, March 11, 1990. Partly sunny, 74°. We went to church. Took Mary. She, Lucy C[atherine] & we to Golden West. They bought our dinners. Were home in p.m. & evening. Read.

Monday, March 12, 1990. Fair, windy, 80°. Broke all records. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Rested some. Cleaned some kitchen cupboards.

Tuesday, March 13, 1990. Fair, 78°, broke records again. I went to prayer group at Mary K[auffman]. Pete to Mall. Mary & we had lunch with Rosa [Girdler] & Dorothy [Scogin]. Frieda & Harold [Shinall] busy. We ate at Denny's. Mary got groceries. I finished cleaning kitchen cupboards. Pete raked back yard. Jo here awhile. Gave her my slip with lot of crocheting on it that I made when I was a girl.

Wednesday, March 14, 1990. Cloudy, had some showers, 60s. We volunteered at hospital. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. Mary & we had income tax taken care of.

Thursday, March 15, 1990. Mostly cloudy in morning, temp dropped, 50s. I made lasagna & cleaned the broom closet. Made peanut butter Rice Krispie bars & cleaned silver service.

Friday, March 16, 1990. Fair, 60s. We went to church at 7:00 a.m. Made 77 shoo-fly pies. Put first pie in at 7:45, last one out at 11:15. Esther Brown, Ina [Sutter] & Lois Jett helped. Pete helped package. Got home about 1:00. We went [with] Ron to sale. Came home with Paul & Ann M[iller]. Ron stayed to clean up. Jon there in p.m., helped.

Saturday, March 17, 1990. Partly cloudy, windy, 40s. Had shower at 4:00. Did weekly cleaning. Rested awhile. We volunteered at hospital, 2 – 7. Rons to MCC [relief] sale. Jo got quilt at sale.

Sunday, March 18, 1990. Fair in morning, some clouds, 51°, colder. We went to church & to small group at Zehr girls. I took peach dessert. We went to church at to: 30. Open house for Harvella S[tutzman] who is moving to Colorado. Lucy C[atherine] took Mary to lunch & to church for open house. I was at Rons awhile. Wrote to Jeffs.

Monday, March 19, 1990. 23° in morning, 31°, windy, snow flurries until afternoon. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Took a hamburger & rice casserole to Mabel Bertram. Our small group is taking meals this week. Were home in evening. Pete sold beans for \$5.77. I wrote to Andy. Jon [went] to Nebraska.

Tuesday, March 20, 1990. Clear, frosty, 18° in morning, 40s. Pete took car to Bairds. It quit on us yesterday on way home. Got hot. They put in new piece. I went to prayer group with girls from town. Was at Jeanette's. We went to vote. Met Ben at train station. Was due 1:10, was an hour late. Good to see Ben. I got supper. Had chicken.

Wednesday, March 21, 1990. Fair, windy, 50°. We volunteered at hospital. Ben went with us. He helped Pete make packets. They took Mary home from dialysis. Mary came home with us. We went to Garfield club at Evelyn S[chwoerer]. Mary here for supper. Had waffles & sausage. We took Mary home. Ben to choir practice with Ron.

Thursday, March 22, 1990. Cloudy. Rained in morning, 40s. I made shoofly pie. We went to town at 10:45 to bank & to Prime Timers dinner at Farm Bureau. Catered, had program after dinner. Ben stayed here. I got supper. Rons were here. Had lasagna & pies & salad.

Friday, March 23, 1990. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 30s. Did weekly cleaning. Went to hospital at 9:00. I quilted. Pete sorted mail. He took Mary to grocery store & took her home. I delivered mail. We went to Birkelbaws, got apples. Ben slept late. I did his laundry in PM. Mary & we took Ben to Ozark House for dinner. Was good. Jo has vacation. Ben & I talked to Pauls.

Saturday, March 24, 1990. Fair, 30s, nice day. Snow south of us. St. Louis had 6 inches. Glad we missed it. Rons took Ben to train. He left at 9:11 for Chicago. Rons to sale at Heyworth. I baked coffeecake braid. Finished cleaning. Washed 2 loads & ironed. Shampooed my hair.

Sunday, March 25, 1990. Clear, 40s. We went to church, came home for lunch. Rested & read. Jeanette went with us to Home Builders at John Bertsches. Carol Reitan speaker. Jon home from Nebraska. He stayed at Allens last night. Mabel & Karen to Florida.

Monday, March 26, 1990. Clear, beautiful day, 40s. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We had lunch with Laura at Schooners. Pete helped Paul M[iller] put manure on truck patch. I went to College of Nursing at 5:00. Helped with phonathon until 8:00. Rons to northern Illinois.

Tuesday, March 27, 1990. Clear, 52°, lovely day, light breeze. I got ready for prayer group. Jeanette, Lucy C[atherine], Shirley [Krahn], Mary [Kauffman] & Alma [Galloway] were here. I washed bedding from our bed. Dried [it] outside. Cleaned 2 closets in our room & one in guest room. Pete trimmed some trees. I was at Jo's awhile.

Wednesday, March 28, 1990. Cloudy, 52°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Cleaned our bedroom in p.m. Took drapes to cleaners. Were home in evening. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I baked cake for Ida King funeral dinner.

Thursday, March 29, 1990. Cloudy, misted and drizzled and foggy all day. I cleaned west bedroom. We went to Ida King's Memorial service. Saw Harold Kenagys & Wilbur Albrechts. I went with Dorothy Singley & Jeanette to fashion show at Farm Bureau.

Friday, March 30, 1990. Cloudy, 45°, chilly wind. Did weekly cleaning. Went to hospital. I quilted. Pete worked on packets & took Mary home from dialysis. Ron took Mary to dialysis all week as Jo on vacation. Ron & we had pancakes & sausage at Consistory (Kiwanis). Jo here awhile getting conference things finished up.

Saturday, March 31, 1990. Cloudy, 40s, light rain in p.m. Rons and we left at 8:15 for Chicago. Jo & we had breakfast in Chenoa while Ron met with Phil Harland for income tax. Left there at 9:45. Got to Chicago at noon. Went to Oak Brook Mall. Spent some time there. Drove downtown & to aquarium. Met Marjorie & Ben at International House on University [of Chicago] campus. We had dinner together. Then to Motet Choir at Rockefeller Chapel. Very nice concert. Left there at 9:45. Got home at 12:00. Full day.

Sunday, April 1, 1990. Partly sunny, 62°, nice day. We got up late. Went to church at 10:00. Got there for part of service & Sunday School. Got sandwiches & brought them home. Were home in p.m. & evening. Allen called. They're coming Saturday for Matthew's birthday. Marjorie flew back to Worcester this p.m. Rained in evening.

Monday, April 2, 1990. Cloudy, windy, cold, 30s. Did the laundry. We went to Edna *Rebbers* (sp?) Funeral. Saw some of our relatives. Was an Amish funeral. Large crowd. We went to Dr. Bertsche's office at 3:00. Had checkup but need complete physical [on] May 4. Went to Eastland. Got sun suit for Matthew's birthday. YWCA volunteers are taking Mary to dialysis.

Tuesday, April 3, 1990. Clear, 51°. Pete to men's Lenten breakfast. I cleaned bathroom. Went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]'s. Mary & I had lunch at Bishops. Took her to see Dr. Olson at dialysis. I cleaned hallway & Cedar closet. Dr. Oyer here in p.m., got picture for Meadows celebration. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship. Dawn Harris spoke.

Wednesday, April 4, 1990. Cloudy in morning, few sprinkles, sun shone at noon & again in late p.m. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I cleaned kitchen in PM & washed curtains. Paul Millers here in p.m. Made garden.

Thursday, April 5, 1990. Mostly clear, 40s, chilly Northwest wind. We cleaned the living & dining rooms & cleaned the rugs. Jeanette & we to Denny's for supper. We got 4 dressed hens from Evelyn Schwoerer.

Friday, April 6, 1990. Clear, cold wind, 40°. We went to quarterly exiting meeting at hospital. Good crowd (30). Had delicious luncheon. Took Mary to get groceries. I baked bars & shampooed my hair. Jo here awhile in evening.

Saturday, April 7, 1990. Clear, 19°, cold, 40s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. Made vegetable soup. Rested some. Ron & others planted trees at Ropp Cemetery. Allen & Shirley got here at 3:00 p.m. We, Allens, Rons & Mary to Steves for Matthew's birthday. Bill [Ramseyer]s there too. Allens here all night. Paul called from Chicago.

Sunday, April 8, 1990. Fair, warmer, near 60. Allens & we to church. Rons, Allens, we, Mary, Steves, Bills & Jon to Dragon Palace Chinese restaurant. Allens took Mary home. Rons here awhile before Allens left at 2:00 for home. We & Mary & Jo to church. Choirs gave Messiah. Ron & Steve sang. Cindy directed. John met Paul at 7:47. Came on Amtrak. Paul came to church. He enjoyed the program too. Rons here after program. I had cherry pie & ice cream.

Monday, April 9, 1990. Cloudy, drizzled most of day, 50s. I washed 3 loads in morning. Paul slept late. We met Ron at Grand Café at 11:45. He took us to Counseling Center & to his office. We came home awhile. Took Paul to ISU at 3:00. He left on bus to O'Hare. Will fly back home. Glad he could come even [though] time was short. Did rest of laundry.

Tuesday, April 10, 1990. Misty in morning, cloudy, chilly. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete did some errands. We went to Seth Swifts to get rest of income tax papers he hadn't filled out. I didn't feel good in p.m. Rested. Baked sugar cookies that I had stirred up last night.

Wednesday, April 11, 1990. Partly cloudy, windy, cold, 41°. 27° in morning. We went to hospital. I worked until 10:00. Went to HEA district meeting at Farm Bureau, [had] potluck. I took broccoli salad. I got Pete at 2:00. Iced sugar cookies.

Thursday, April 12, 1990, 27° – 40s. We went to hospital at 7:00 to get ready for bake sale. Sold out by 11:00. Didn't have a lot of baked things. We sowed some lettuce, spinach & radishes. Pete took down the snow fence. We didn't go to church. Didn't have communion. Rons gave us a lily for Easter. Bake sale \$171.15.

Friday, April 13, 1990. Cloudy, rainy in p.m., 42°. Did some of weekly cleaning. Volunteered at hospital. Had no one to do mail so I quilted some too. Rons left in morning for weekend in St. Louis. I colored eggs & made lemon dessert. Had about ½ inch rain. Mabel Bertram passed away.

Saturday, April 14, 1990. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy in p.m. I finished cleaning. Made Jell-O salad. Fixed Easter baskets for Rons & Steves. Rested awhile. Didn't feel good again. We volunteered at hospital, 3:00 – 7:00. Cleaned silverware.

Sunday, April 15, 1990. Easter. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 62°. We went to church, had communion. Mary, Steves & Jon here for dinner. Had chicken casserole & lemon dessert. We went to Kibler's [Funeral Home] for visitation for Mabel Bertram. Took Mary home. Stopped at Paul M[illers]. Ann had back problems.

Monday, April 16, 1990. Foggy in morning, partly cloudy in p.m., 62°. Did the laundry. Went to Mabel Bertram's funeral. I took salad. We were asked to have lunch with family at 11:30. Service was at 1:00. I stirred up refrigerator rolls. Were home in evening.

Tuesday, April 17, 1990. Clear, 50°, chilly Northwest wind. We went to town. I went to prayer group at Mary Kauffmans. Pete to mall. Mary & we met Dorothy S[cogin], Rose G[irdler], [Elva]

Carr & Frieda & Harold S[hinall] at Bennys. Mary got groceries. I baked pecan rolls & we cleaned the fruit room. Gave Rons some rolls.

Wednesday, April 18, 1990. Clear, nice day, warmer, 55°. We volunteered at hospital. Mary & I to club at Sandy Schwoerer. I went with Lucy C[atherine]. Pete spaded some of flowerbeds. We went to Rons for supper. Ron & Pete settled up.

Thursday, April 19, 1990. Cloudy. Had a few sprinkles. We cleaned the recreation room. Went to Mary's in PM. Helped her with some cleaning.

Friday, April 20, 1990. Cloudy, 65°. Rained most of morning, ¼ inch. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to hospital at 9:00. I quilted. Went to Eastland after lunch. Didn't find anything. We set out 4 cabbage, 4 broccoli & 4 cauliflower plants. Bob Kauffmans left for Tucson. Harvella Stutzman moved to Colorado. Rained in evening. Rain for the day 2/3 inch.

Saturday, April 21, 1990. Cloudy in morning, fair, 60s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Worked outside awhile in p.m. Cindy & children here awhile. Steve at meeting in Minneapolis. We went to Fairgrounds to pig sale. Ron sold some. Ate at Steak 'n Shake.

Sunday, April 22, 1990. A beautiful day, 70s. We went to church. Had birthday service. Evelyn [Bertsche] preached. We ate at '76. Were home in p.m. & evening. Cindy & children hereawhile.

Monday, April 23, 1990. Fair, 80s, very warm. Did laundry. Pete mowed lawn & did some of spading. I cleaned off flower garden.

Tuesday, April 24, 1990. Fair, windy, hot, 85°, tied records. I went to prayer group at Alma [Galloway]'s. Pete & I to hospital at 10:30. I helped piece a quilt for auxiliary. Didn't get it all set together. We went to Volunteer Recognition at 3:00. Mary there too. We each got a Begonia. Jo got a United Way award for volunteering at Planned Parenthood.

Wednesday, April 25, 1990. Fair, had a shower in p.m., 83°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to College [Hills] Mall. Looked for dress-suit & [went] to Farm & Fleet but found nothing. I baked bars for Jo. Made rhubarb crisp for our suppers. Pete spaded some around flower beds.

Thursday, April 26, 1990. Fair, windy, 86°. Pete to Volunteer Men's Breakfast at hospital. I baked coffee[cake] braid. We cleaned the furnace & laundry room. Pete spaded around new shrubbery. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. We all ate at Bonanzas & then to Farm Bureau for program.

Friday, April 27, 1990. Partly cloudy, windy, 81°. Were under thunderstorm watch in evening. Did some cleaning. Pete plowed flower garden. I worked on the garden paths. Went to town at 2:00. I had hair done. Pete got Mary's dry-cleaning & took it to her.

Saturday, April 28, 1990. Cloudy, rained in morning, ¼ inch. Cooler. I went to Alumni Homecoming at Lakeside Country Club. Laura S[tamback] there too. Was good to see some of the old friends. We volunteered at hospital, 3:30 to 7:00.

Sunday, April 29, 1990. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Had lunch at Falcon Restaurant. Were home in PM. We went to Music Festival at our church. Large crowd, 500. About 75 in choir. Cousins from Eureka where there.

Monday, April 30, 1990. Mostly cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 44° – 59°. Windy. We washed & ironed. Had lunch with Laura S[tamback] at Paradise Gardens. Pete spread manure on garden & plowed it. I trimmed the raspberries. Wrote to Evelyn & Orvie.

Tuesday, May 1, 1990. Fair, 57°. Pete mowed lawn. I went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]s. I took Mary to St. Joe at 1:30 to see Dr. Olson. She seems to be doing okay. I made a salad. Mary, Jo & I to Mother – Daughter Dinner at church. Cindy & Katie couldn't go. Pete worked outside. Did some spading. I didn't feel good at night, pulse rapid.

Wednesday, May 2, 1990. Partly cloudy, 30s in morning, 63°. We volunteered at hospital. I quilted. We went to Wayne Fagerburg's funeral at 2:00. Was at Kiblers. Were home in evening.

Thursday, May 3, 1990. Rainey, chilly day, 49°, windy. I baked cookies & made Rhubarb crisp. Gave Rons some of each. Cleaned out drawers. Read some. Put carton of Rhubarb in freezer.

Friday, May 4, 1990. Rained hard 5:00 a.m. Drizzle most of day. Had over 1 inch rain. We went to auxiliary meeting. I had physical at 11:00. Had lunch at hospital. Pete took Mary to get groceries. I had mammogram, also EKG. Quilted some & helped finished putting auxiliary quilt together.

Saturday, May 5, 1990. Partly cloudy, 62°. Had shower in evening. Pete to men's breakfast. We went with Tom Yoder to Genealogical Meeting at Metamora [Mennonite] Heritage [Museum]. Good crowd & interesting program.

Sunday, May 6, 1990. Clear, beautiful day, 63°. We went to church. Freeport Children's Choir gave program. We had hamburger at McDonald's. I got supper. Had roast duck & shortcake. Ron & Jo here. Ron preached at church North of Peoria (Mennonite). Jo with him. Pauls called. Andy is engaged. They're all coming Memorial Day.

Monday, May 7, 1990. Clear, 68°, windy. Did laundry. I washed bedroom & bathroom rugs in p.m. Pete trimmed Ramblers. Gardeners were out planting. We planted a Peace Rose Rambler by the garage. We planted cucumbers.

Tuesday, May 8, 1990. Fair, 80°, windy. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Pete took Mary to bank. Pete worked outside some in p.m. I put 2 containers of rhubarb in freezer. Made rhubarb crisp.

Wednesday, May 9, 1990. Cloudy in p.m., 67°. Very windy. Were under tornado watch from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00. Rained some in evening. We volunteered at hospital. I had blood work done at 8:00. Pete mowed lawn when we got home. I cooked chicken & made salad.

Thursday, May 10, 1990. Clear, 38° – 68°. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Eastland and to grocery store.

Friday, May 11, 1990. Clear, nice day, 60s, not windy. Did some cleaning. I went to hospital. Quilted awhile. Pete worked outside. We washed Windows & put screens in. Cindy & children came at 4:30. Cindy wanted to take us to Denny's for supper so we went. Steve at [Camp] Menno Haven. I had card and note from Martys.

Saturday, May 12, 1990. Cloudy, rained early a.m., drizzled. Rained hard in evening. I finished cleaning. Rested, didn't feel good in morning. Pulse very slow, 40s. Felt better in PM. We volunteered at hospital, 3:00 – 7:00. I quilted awhile. Had 1.3 inches rain.

Sunday, May 13, 1990. Clear, nice day, 66°, cool. Allens called in morning to wish me happy Mother's Day. We went to church. Rons, Jon, we, Mary & Steves had dinner. Wey (sp?) Ching Restaurant. Rons gave me 2 rosebushes, Mary gave me \$10. A nice Mother's Day.

Monday, May 14, 1990. Cloudy in morning, sun shone a while in p.m. 70°. Washed & ironed. Went to Dr. Bertsche at 2:15. Pete had physical. Went to Niepagens, got Pansies & Petunias. Had card & check of \$15 from Allens. I set out some plants in evening. Spaded some of flowerbeds. Wrote Allens thank you note.

Tuesday, May 15, 1990. Cloudy, rained in p.m., windy in evening, 72°. I didn't go to Jeanette's prayer group. Took Mary to Dr. Ocheltree at 10:15. We had lunch with Dorothy S[cogin], Frieda Shinall, Rose G[irdler] & Elva C[arr]. Took Mary to get groceries. We set out Petunia plants, some Dusty Miller & Coleus plants. Fixed flower box.

Wednesday, May 16, 1990. Rained early a.m. Thunder storm, 70s, cloudy. We went to hospital, volunteered. Pete had blood work done at Health Center. Pete to church at 12:00 to Senior Citizens Dinner. I made salad for him to take. Mary & I with Jeanette & Dorothy S[ingley] to Bloomington Square [Restaurant] Garfield [club] luncheon at 1:00. Had 1 1/3 inches rain. Marty came in evening.

Thursday, May 17, 1990. Fair, 60s, very windy from West. Marty here awhile in morning. He left for home around noon. I stirred up cookies, baked them in p.m. Baked Rhubarb bread & crisp. Went to nurses luncheon at Grand Café. I gave Rons cookies. Pete mowed lawn.

Friday, May 18, 1990. Clear, nice day, 70s. We worked outside awhile. I did some trimming. Did some cleaning. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to Golden HEA's tea, 1:00 – 3:00. Mabel along too. We planted 2 rosebushes Rons gave me.

Saturday, May 19, 1990. Cloudy, windy. Rained most of morning, ½ inch. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked brownies. Finished weekly cleaning. Cleaned some furniture. Got groceries at 4:00. Were at Rons awhile. They had been to sale at Fairbury. Mike Emericks got to Rons late night.

Sunday, May 20, 1990. Mostly cloudy, cooler in p.m., 60s. We went to church. Were home for lunch. Back to church at 2:00. VORP program & farewell for Jim Stutzman. Jim will be leaving soon for Virginia & school. We had dessert. I took brownies but didn't need them. Pauls called. They're coming next Sunday. He thought Allens were coming too.

Monday, May 21, 1990. Cloudy, chilly, 55°. Did laundry. We met Laura [Stamback] for lunch at Barney's. Got some groceries. I made 2 casseroles of lasagna. Put in freezer.

Tuesday, May 22, 1990. Clear, 71°, fine day. I got ready for prayer group. 8 here. Pete worked outside. I painted 4 lawn chairs. Rons got 3 at sale. We planted north side of flower garden after supper. Jo took our car to school today. Pete planted squash. Talked to Allen. They are coming Sunday evening.

Wednesday, May 23, 1990. Cloudy, rained in morning, 1/3 inch. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I made 2 pie crusts. Were home in evening.

Thursday, May 24, 1990. Cloudy, had light shower in p.m., 65°. I had permanent in morning. We had new garage door put on south side of garage. I cleaned the refrigerator. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I worked outside awhile, pulled weeds.

Friday, May 25, 1990. Rained early a.m. and most of forenoon, 1 ½ inches. I did weekly cleaning. Went to bank & got groceries. Took Mary to get groceries. I baked ham in p.m. Got lettuce & spinach from garden. Didn't feel good again in morning. 71°.

Saturday, May 26, 1990. Foggy early, cloudy, 60s. Rons left at 8:00 for Ohio. Took Mike Emerick's van & trailer with pigs. I did laundry. We took flowers to cemeteries & volunteered at hospital, 2:00 – 6:00.

Sunday, May 27, 1990. Fair, 71°. We went to church. Didn't stay for Sunday School, came home for lunch. I made potato salad & got some things ready for supper. We went to Lakeside at 2:00 for Laura S[tamback's] 80th birthday. Allens got here at 7:00, Pauls 9:30 & Randys 10:30. Good to see all of them. Allens & Randys to Steves all night. Rons home at 8:30.

Monday, May 28, 1990. Fair, nice day, 70s. We got up late. Pauls, Allens and Randy's here for lunch. Allens to Cemetery. Some of others went to Ropp Cemetery. We all & Mary, Mabel, Gordons, Steves, Carol, Karen, Kenny & girlfriend were at Rons for dinner. Had a good time. At dinner Paul announced Andy & Rachel's wedding June 6 in San Francisco.

Tuesday, May 29, 1990. Fair, nice day. Pauls to town to shop. We & Mary met them in town at noon. Mary took Pauls to Bergners for lunch. We & Pauls to Rons for supper. Jo had food left from Monday night. Allens & Randys left at 7:30 for home. Glad they could come.

Wednesday, May 30, 1990. Fair, 70s. We visited with Pauls. Andy & Rachel to town in p.m. Paul gave us a copy of his new book, "Heritage of China." Marj & I got lettuce & spinach for her to take to Michigan. Paul, Andy, Rachel & Pete & I to Ropp Cemetery. Stopped at Rays. They wanted to see milking operation. Pauls took Rons, Jon & us to Bennigan's for supper. I gave Andy his quilt & we gave them \$60 for [wedding] gift. Finished planting flowers.

Thursday, May 31, 1990. Beautiful day, 70s. Pauls, Randy & Rachel left for Michigan to family reunion & wedding at 9:30. Glad they could come. We washed sheets, towels, etc. & straightened up house. Pete trimmed shrubbery. Jeanette took us to visitation for Willard Yoder at Danvers. We ate at Carlock. We miss Pauls.

Friday, June 1, 1990. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 83°, windy. Went to town at 8:30. Had hair done. Went to memorial service for Bill Diesel. Rosa G[irdler], Esther Brown & Homer Parks there, [and] several other nurses. Went to hospital. I quilted & Pete helped with a mailing. Pete mowed lawn. I worked outside awhile.

Saturday, June 2, 1990. Cloudy, looked rainy, very windy. Dust blowing in p.m. Tornado watch out in PM. Pete to men's breakfast. I put 4 cartons of spinach in freezer. We went to Darryl Nester & Lori Millers wedding at 2:00. Rons keeping some of their guests overnight.

Sunday, June 3, 1990. Hartley cloudy, windy again, colder in p.m. We went to church. Had communion. Ate at Denny's. Were home in p.m. & evening. I wrote to Emil K[looz]. Pauls went back to MA, Andy & Rachel back to California.

Monday, June 4, 1990. Cloudy in morning, cleared off, 40s in morning, 66°, cool. We did laundry. Rested some. Had pain in chest & back, like pleurisy. Ron & Jon left this morning for Rochester Minnesota Mayo Clinic. Jon to see Dr. about his hand. Jo's school out today. She [was] here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, June 5, 1990. Mostly cloudy, 60s. Had little shower in p.m. I cleaned some silver dishes. Went to town at 10:30. Delivered Mobile Meals. Got Mary, had lunch together & took her to bank. Worked in garden a little. Paul called. They got home last evening at 5:00. Amy graduated from high school.

Wednesday, June 6, 1990. Cloudy, had a shower in morning, 72°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked bars & quick coffeecake. Jo worked at school to finish up. Andy & Rachel Mend were married in San Francisco.

Thursday, June 7, 1990. Mostly cloudy, 76°. Rained in p.m. & evening. I washed pantsuits, slacks, etc. & rugs. Put some winter clothes away. Pete worked outside awhile. Had 1 inch rain.

Friday, June 8, 1990. Mostly cloudy, 70s. Did some cleaning. Went to auxiliary meeting. Pete delivered mail & took Mary for groceries. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. Jo & we to Meadows [Home] in evening to their Centennial. Saw Norman Verclers & others.

Saturday, June 9, 1990. Clear, little cooler, 79° – 80°, nice day. I finished cleaning. Rested some. Franzie [Loepp] here awhile in morning. We volunteered at hospital, 2:00 – 6:30.

Sunday, June 10, 1990. Clear, 82°, beautiful day. I got food ready for lunch. Rons & Jon had flea market at ISU. We went there little while. Went to Woizeski reunion at Gordon's. 12 there. Bev & Bill Woizeski, Jeanette & husband *Tjacks* (sp?), Clarence Siegs, Mabel & Gordons. Is to be at Jeanette's in Decatur. She is president too. We went to Rays 25th wedding anniversary open house. Talked to Allens.

Monday, June 11, 1990. Fair, nice day, 80s. Washed and ironed. Steve to Plow Creek to get strawberries. Got us a box (6 – 8 boxes). Put 4 jars in freezer. Gave Mary [a] box & kept several boxes out to use. Made 3 ½ pints jam. Pete plowed garden. I wrote to Pauls.

Tuesday, June 12, 1990. Fair, hot, 89°, windy. I went with Jeanette to Bloomington Square [Restaurant] where our prayer group met. Pete & I delivered Mobile Meals, then Mary & we met Dorothy S[cogin], Rose G[irdler] & Elva Carr at Bennys restaurant. Carol's father, Mr. Geppenger, here in p.m.

Wednesday, June 13, 1990. Fair, hot, 93°, breezy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Rested & read some in p.m. Tornado watch in evening, later at 9:00 under tornado warnings. Some sighted north of Normal & Towanda & between Danvers & Yuton. Lot of lightning & thunder. Had nearly inch of rain.

Thursday, June 14, 1990. Cloudy in till late p.m., 81°. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to HEA. Had installation of officers, then boarded Peoria Charter Bus. Went to Peoria. Got on Spirit of Peoria Boat, had lunch, then 45 minute ride on the river. Bus took us back to Town Hall. Got home about 3:00. Was nice trip. Pete cleaned out eaves etc.

Friday, June 15, 1990. Fair, near 90°. Did some cleaning. Ron & Jon put air conditioner in. We took Mary to dialysis to see Dr. Olson. Steves here awhile in evening. Jo here too. Virginia Porst called in evening. She plans to come to Ropp reunion.

Saturday, June 16, 1990. Cloudy in morning, fair, hot and humid, 95°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Put carton of broccoli in freezer. Rested awhile. Pete mowed lawn. I worked a little in garden. Some of gardeners here. Tornado watch out again.

Sunday, June 17, 1990. Had rain early a.m. Partly cloudy, 80°, humid. Tornado watch out again in p.m. Had light shower. We went to church. Mary took us to dinner at Bishops for Father's Day. We went to Congregational meeting, voted on a full-time assistant to pastor. Lot of discussion &

dissatisfaction. Vote carried. We were at Rons in evening. Had good dinner. They gave Pete by *broad faced* (sp?) pear tree & planted it. Allen & Paul called.

Monday, June 18, 1990 a beautiful day, cooler, less humid. Washed & ironed. We met Laura [Stamback] at Barney's Caboose. Pete & I to Eastland. I got print dress at Sears. I hoed & fed the roses.

Tuesday, June 19, 1990. Fair early, cloudy, 73°, had rain in p.m. I worked in garden awhile in morning. We delivered Mobile Meals at noon. Had lunch at Wendy's. Rested & read some in p.m. Had a severe thunderstorm. Lightning struck tree by the red shed. Had lots of wind & 3 inches of rain & storms west of us.

Wednesday, June 20, 1990. Rained in morning, some sunshine in p.m., 70s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. We picked up limbs, etc. from storm last night. Marty got to Rons at 6:30.

Thursday, June 21, 1990. Fair, 80s, had thunder shower at 3:30. Had a quiet day. Did usual work. Pete did some trimming. Rested & read some. Ron & Marty to Henry. Marty judged at Fair, got along fine. We were at Rons for supper. Had an inch of rain in night. Steves to Iowa.

Friday, June 22, 1990. Cloudy, waterways running full of water. Ground resaturated. 70s, windy. Did some cleaning. Went to hospital at 9:00. I quilted. Pete did the mail. Took Mary to get groceries. I helped Jo cleaned silverware in afternoon. Marty left for home at 8:30.

Saturday, June 23, 1990. Mostly cloudy, wind [from] northwest, 73°. Finished cleaning. Pete cut some weeds. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30.

Sunday, June 24, 1990. Dutiful day, 55° – 81°. We went to church. Ate at '76 Truck Stop. Jeanette, Alta [Litwiller], Mary & Alma [Galloway] there. We took Mary home. Rons met Marty at New Berlin. Marty judging hogs. We were home in PM & evening. I transplanted flowers.

Monday, June 25, 1990. A nice day, 85°. Washed and ironed. Ruth & Emerson Miller here in morning. Had nice visit. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. He plowed garden. I hoed some. Got some cauliflower & broccoli in to eat. I picked peas for supper. Paul Miller here, picked some.

Tuesday, June 26, 1990. Partly cloudy, warm, 80°. We went to town in morning, got shower gift for Darren Ropp's fiancée. Delivered Mobile Meals. I helped Jo in p.m. They had Ron's board members for dinner. Franzie [Loepp]s here in evening.

Wednesday, June 27, 1990. Hazy, humid, 91°. We volunteered at hospital. Helped put another quilt in frame for auxiliary. Went to College Hills [Mall]. We went to Rons for supper. Had stirfried food. Very good. Jo took Mary to Cohens, she got new springs & mattress.

Thursday, June 28, 1990. Partly cloudy, 90°, humid. I worked in flower garden. Pete did some trimming. I washed blouses and sweater. Rested some. Cindy & children here awhile after she got off work. Steve at [Camp] Friedenswald. We went with Lloyd S[ingleys] to Prime Timers.

Friday, June 29, 1990. Started to rain around 4:30 & rained most of a.m. Had nearly 2 inches. Sun came out late p.m. 80°. We did weekly cleaning & rested. I didn't feel good all morning. Cindy & children here for supper. She brought pizza mix. Talked to Allens. They're having rain too.

Saturday, June 30, 1990. Mostly cloudy, 80s, humid. Thunderstorm watch out. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. We picked some of Paul Millers peas. Put 3 ½ pints in freezer, had some for lunch. Put 2 packages of cauliflower in freezer. Picked few raspberries.

Sunday, July 1, 1990. Clear, nice day. We went to church. Ate at Grand Café. Jo & I went to shower at Carol's for Sandy, Darren's fiancée. Were home in evening.

Monday, July 2, 1990. Clear, 82°, nice day. We washed. We picked beans (Paul Miller couldn't get them). Canned 7 quarts & 3 pints. Picked peas. Put 5 pints in freezer. Gave Mary some, also beans. Jo left at 8:30 for Ohio.

Tuesday, July 3, 1990. Clear, good breeze, more humid, 93°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete delivered mail, I quilted. Got groceries. Pete mowed lawn. I canned 3 quarts beets. Picked nearly pint [of] raspberries. Mary got new mattress. Ron & Jo brought her old mattress here, put [it] on guest bed.

Wednesday, July 4, 1990. Clear, hot, 98° – 100°. We got Mary at dialysis. Brought here here for the day. I made chicken casserole & raspberry custard pie. Ron here for supper. Had hamburgers, etc. Jon busy. Ron took Mary home. We watched fireworks. Steves came to watch. Cindy worked in morning & went to friends.

Thursday, July 5, 1990. Partly cloudy in morning, fair, 80s, less humid, wind from north. I worked in flower garden. Pete picked peas. Put 2 pints in freezer. Ann M[iller] here, picked their beans. Washed mattress cover & pad from bad in W[est] room. Picked nearly pint [of] raspberries.

Friday, July 6, 1990. Clear, fine day, near 80°, 59° in morning. Did some cleaning. Worked in flower garden. Went to auxiliary annual meeting at 10:00. Got groceries. Worked in garden in evening.

Saturday, July 7, 1990. Clear nice day, 85°. Finished cleaning. Baked quick coffeecake. Got vegetables from garden. Picked nearly quart raspberries. We got Mary's groceries. Volunteered at hospital, 3 – 7.

Sunday, July 8, 1990. Fair, hot, 90s. We went to church. Ate at Denny's. Lawrence Aaras there. Were home in PM. I wrote to Jeffs.

Monday, July 9, 1990. Fair, hot & humid, 91°. Washed and ironed. Picked beans, canned 6 quarts. Made some Swedish Slaw. Picked nearly quart raspberries. Gave them to Jo. She got

home from Ohio at 2:00 a.m. Thunderstorm. Rained. Paul called. They're going to Memphis [on the] 19th. They're giving him a party for his book.

Tuesday, July 10, 1990. Cloudy, had over 1 inch rain since yesterday. We took our drivers test. Went to leave there. Car wouldn't start. Baird's told us in. Went to hospital. Jo came for us. Took Mary & we to Bennys. Met Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler] & Shinalls. Took Mary to see Dr. Olson & went shopping. Mary got skirt & blouse. We came home with Jo.

Wednesday, July 11, 1990. Cloudy. Had more rain in night & this a.m. 70°. We went to hospital with Ron. Came home at 2:00 with Jon. Car still not fixed. Helped make lap robes for auxiliary. Picked quart raspberries, put 2 jars in freezer. Picked beans, put 4 packages in freezer. Gave Jo some beans & cucumbers. Put 3 cartons of Swedish Slaw in freezer.

Thursday, July 12, 1990. Mostly cloudy, 58° – 70°. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. Had lunch at Country Kitchens. We & Glenn Maxwells went with Marjorie Kehl to Diamond Star [Mitsubishi] auto plant. An interesting place. Jon here for pizza. Rons to Chicago to Bro-Menn meeting.

Friday, July 13, 1990. Cloudy, chilly, 63°. Rained in evening. Did weekly cleaning. Jon took us to town. Got our car. Went to hospital. I quilted. Pete did some mailing. Came home after lunch. Pete mowed lawn. I pulled some weeds. Baked cookies.

Saturday, July 14, 1990. Cloudy, cool, 71°. Showered in p.m. Had ¼ inch last evening. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Went to Birkelbaws. Got bushel [of] transparent apples. Picked quart raspberries. Put jar in freezer. Rons home from Chicago.

Sunday, July 15, 1990. Cloudy, sun shone in evening. We went to church. Evelyn B[ertsche] had good sermon. We ate at Red Lobster. Were home in p.m. & evening. Allen called in evening. They're having lots of rain.

Monday, July 16, 1990. Rained in morning. Partly cloudy p.m., 81°. We did laundry. I cooked 2 kettles of applesauce. We picked nearly quart [of] raspberries. Put jar in freezer. Gave Jo some.

Tuesday, July 17, 1990. Fair, nice day, 84°. I canned 2 ½ quarts beets. Jo here for lunch. We worked outside some, hoed in flower garden, fed roses. Paul M[iller] here, plowed truck patch. Put 3 ½ pints applesauce in freezer.

Wednesday, July 18, 1990. Fair, warmer, near 90°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Lucy C[atherine]'s. Gave her necklace for her birthday. She's going to Arkansas. She gave me a little alabaster jar. Went to Eastland. I got skirt. I baked apple pie. Gave Rons some. Put 1 pint raspberries in freezer. Cooked apples.

Thursday, July 19, 1990. Fair, had thunder shower in evening, ¼ inch. More humid, near 90°. I worked in flower garden in morning. Cooked some applesauce in p.m. Ron to hog show in Indianapolis.

Friday, July 20, 1990. Cloudy, rained in morning, had over an inch of rain. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted. Pete took Mary to get groceries. I picked pint [of] raspberries, gave them to Jo. I made 2 quarts dill pickles.

Saturday, July 21, 1990. Mostly cloudy, 70s. Rained in evening and night. We picked beans, canned 6 pints. Pete mowed lawn after lunch. I finished cleaning. Ron home from Indianapolis about 5:00. We went with Rons to Darren Ropp & Sandra *Birkelbaws* (sp?) wedding at Baptist Church at 7:00. Reception at ISU Bone Center. Large crowd.

Sunday, July 22, 1990. Had nearly 2 inches rain last 24 hours. Rons left for [Mennonite] World Conference at Winnipeg. We went to church. Were home in p.m. & evening. Sunshine in p.m., 70s.

Monday, July 23, 1990. Beautiful day, 78°. I was sick in morning. Some better in PM. We did the laundry. I made 2 quarts dill pickles.

Tuesday, July 24, 1990. Fair, 81°. Picked beans. Canned 6 quarts. Made apple crisp. Jon had lunch with us. Rested & read some. I wrote to Evelyn & Jeffs.

Wednesday, July 25, 1990. Fair, nice day, 83°. We volunteered at hospital. I helped Arlene & others make some lap robes for bazaar. We went to church at 5:00 for picture taking for new church directory.

Thursday, July 26, 1990. Fair, 80s, nice day. We picked beans. Canned 3 pints. Gave Mary some. I stitched binding on lap robes for auxiliary. Marty here. Men it's. He judged at Fair near Chicago.

Friday, July 27, 1990. Cloudy in morning, light shower early a.m., fair in p.m., more humid, 86°. Did some cleaning. Went to hospital. I quilted. Pete did some work for Arlene. I cooked applesauce & made salad dressing. Picked few raspberries. Wrote to Pauls.

Saturday, July 28, 1990. Cloudy in morning, fair, humid, 80s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. Made 2 apple pies for freezer. Made 2 quarts dill pickles. Rons at Allens all night.

Sunday, July 29, 1990. Partly cloudy, humid, 81°. We went to church. Mary took us to bishops for our birthdays. Rons got home from conference in Winnipeg at 4:30. We went to open house for Duncan Millers' 50th wedding anniversary. Had [a] good visit with Dick. Jo here in evening. Had a shower in evening. Rons gave me a basket & Pete [a] paperweight. Mary gave me \$40 for permanent.

Monday, July 30, 1990. Cloudy in morning, fair, cooler. We did laundry and met Laura [Stamback] at Perkins at 11:30. Pete mowed lawn. I picked cucumbers, made 4 quarts dill pickles. Laura took us to Bloomington Square for our birthdays. I got \$15 from Allens & 20 from Pauls.

Tuesday, July 31, 1990. Beautiful day, 76°. Pete did some trimming in yard. I worked in flower garden, picked beans. Gave them to Jo. Rons took us to Shakespeare play at Ewing Park. Had supper on lawn. Nice evening. Jon & girlfriend along.

Wednesday, August 1, 1990. Fair, 51° in morning, 76°. Mary's shunt cloudy again. Jo & I took her to St. Francis [Hospital in Peoria]. She was admitted but didn't go to OR. Surgeon busy. We got home at 4:00. Pete volunteered at hospital. Allen called to wish me happy birthday. Robert Earls here in evening to get some of Pete's material on Ropp history. Nancy Kampmeier called, [she] is coming Friday.

Thursday, August 2, 1990. Fair, warmer, 80° plus. I picked cucumbers. Made 4 quarts dills. Scrubbed porches. Jo and we left at noon for St. Francis [Hospital]. Mary went to OR at 2:00 to get shunt opened. They took her to dialysis from recovery room. We got home at 7:00. We went to grocery [store]. I made lasagna.

Friday, August 3, 1990. Partly cloudy, 80s. Rained in evening & in night. Did some cleaning. Went to auxiliary meeting at 9:30. Quilted awhile. Pete delivered mail & [we] came home at noon. Jo to Peoria at 1:30. Brought Mary to her apartment. She's doing fairly well. I got supper. Nancy Kampmeier & Rons here. Mabel was to come. She thought [it] was Saturday night.

Saturday, August 4, 1990. Rained in morning, had 1 ½ inches rain since last night. Fair in p.m., 82°. I finished cleaning. Pete wrote letters. We took Mary to get groceries. We volunteered at hospital, 2:45 to 7:00. Rons to Columbia Missouri [to] see Marty & to hog sale.

Sunday, August 5, 1990. Fair, nice day, 80°. We went to church. Took Mary to Grand Café for dinner. Her back is hurting her. Wasn't up to going to church. She & we went to open house at Phoenix [Towers] for Elsie Stahly's 90th birthday. Steves here in evening. Brought us a Rose of Sharon bush for our birthdays and anniversary.

Monday, August 6, 1990. Partly cloudy, cool, 70°. Did laundry. Went with Bob & Gail Earles on tour of where the Ropp ancestors lived. Got home at 6:15. The Earles took us to Denny's for our 58th anniversary. We went to Rons awhile in evening. They enjoyed seeing the house. Was at full day.

Tuesday, August 7, 1990. Clear, cool, 47° in morning, 70s. Fine day. I worked in flower garden. Pete wrote letter. Mary & we had lunch at Denny's with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall]. Dorothy baked angel food cake for Pete. Frieda gave Pete a book, me a hanky. Pete mowed lawn. Had dried fruit tray from Deb & Randy.

Wednesday, August 8, 1990. Nice day, 71°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Senior Luncheon at church. I took salad. Were home at 2:00. Rested. Ron worked on barn that he & Jon are tearing down. We went there awhile. Pete cut some weeds in beans & dug onions. Called Deb, thank her for the fruit.

Thursday, August 9, 1990. Nice day, 70s. Irene Dunn here in morning. Ron & Jo came over, had good visit. Sherry & Lyndel (sp?) moved to Washington State. We put 13 packages corn in freezer in p.m. Had a call from Phoenix [Towers] at 4:20. Mary fell outside. Rescue [squad] took her to St. Joe. Jo & we went to hospital at 5:00. She has broken leg just below hip. Dr. (unclear) saw her. Has bad break & painful. We came home at 10:00. Jo stayed later. Ron took barrows to Springfield fair in evening.

Friday, August 10, 1990. Rained some in morning. Fair in p.m. We went to hospital at 9:00. Dr. from Peoria to see Mary. They gave her dialysis in her room. Started at noon, finished at 3:00. Ron came home long enough to see Mary, back to fair. Tom Kaufman & Steves there too. We came home at 5:00. Jo at hospital to part of time. Steves here in evening. Planted our Rose of Sharon.

Saturday, August 11, 1990. Fair, 86°. I went to beauty shop at 8:30. We did some weekly cleaning. We went to hospital at 11:00. Jo came little later. Mary went to surgery at 1:30. Dr. Ervin put a plate with screw in her leg. They finished at 4:30. She got along all right. Cindy with us too & Rosa [Girdler] there awhile. Jo home to chore at 6:00. She & Ron back to hospital after he got home from fair. He got first & 4th on Barrows. They stayed until 11:00. We came home at 10:00.

Sunday, August 12, 1990. A rainy day. We went to church. Rons to hospital at 9:00. We went after church. Took Rons to dinner at Bishop's. Mary doing fairly well, quite a lot of pain. They got her up in chair while they made her bed. Rons home at 2:00. We came home at 7:30. Mary had some company. Jo called Arthurs last night. Allen called, also Evelyn. Orvie isn't doing very well. I called Pauls, they're packing.

Monday, August 13, 1990. Clear, nice day, 70s. We did the laundry. Went to St. Joe [to] see Mary. She had dialysis for 4 hours. Seems just a little confused. We stayed, helped her with her supper. We got ½ bushel peaches. Got home after 6:30.

Tuesday, August 14, 1990. Fine day, 70s. Painters (5 of them) came at 7:00 to paint our house & painted north side of garage. Finished about 4:30. Glad to have it done. I put 3 quarts peaches in freezer. Made pint [of] preserves. I went to hospital in p.m. Mary seems little better but some confusion. Was in chair an hour. Tried her with walker, didn't go well. Pete mowed lawn. Ron to Springfield in evening with hogs. Georgia called.

Wednesday, August 15, 1990. Fair, little warmer. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to St. Joe to see Mary. She isn't doing very well. Very confused & restless. She had dialysis. Jo

there too until 4:00. We stayed until 6:00. Jo took us to Denny's for supper. Hard to see Mary in this condition.

Thursday, August 16, 1990. Mostly cloudy, 80°. I put 4 jars of peaches in freezer. We went to St. Joe at 11:00. Mary is better, not so confused, getting dialysis again. They walked her a few steps & she was in chair ½ hour. Steve & Cindy both there during day. Jo to fair. Ron did quite well at Springfield, had Jr. Reserve Champion gilt.

Friday, August 17, 1990. Mostly cloudy, hazy and humid, 80s. Did some cleaning. Went to hospital at 10:00. Mary some better. Jo & Leudtke met with Mary. Jo now has power of attorney & Mary signed living will. Glad those things are taken care of. Therapists are helping Mary to use walker. Ron to meeting north of Chicago. We were at Steves for supper.

Saturday, August 18, 1990. Fair, hot and humid, 95°. I baked cake & finished cleaning. We went to town at 11:00. Pete to Info Desk. I had my hair done. Then went to hospital. We worked until 3:30. Went to see Mary. She is doing fairly well. Ron home from Chicago.

Sunday, August 19, 1990. Fair, hot and humid, 95°. We went to church. Had Wellness Sunday. Ron preached, was good. We went to see Mary in PM. She's about the same. Evelyn called. Orvie is not doing very well. Georgia, Allen & Pauls called. Good to talk to them. Ron & Jo here awhile in evening. Had cake & ice cream & peaches [for Ron's birthday]. Gave Ron pair of walking shorts.

Monday, August 20, 1990. Had over an inch of rain early a.m. Rained hard in evening. We did the laundry. I canned 2 quarts tomato juice. Went to hospital at 2:00. They moved Mary to extended care. She had dialysis. She didn't feel well in night. Some pain and shortness of breath.

Tuesday, August 21, 1990. Cloudy, had over 2 inches rain since early Monday morning, 70s. I baked cookies. Pete wrote some letters. We went to hospital in p.m. Mary feels better. Had her walking several times. Tires her out.

Wednesday, August 22, 1990. Mostly cloudy, 77°, misted little in morning. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to see Mary. She didn't feel as good as yesterday. I went to Dr. Ocheltree, had wax removed from my ears. I stirred up refrigerator rolls. Were home in evening.

Thursday, August 23, 1990. Fair, 80s, nice day. I baked rolls & brownies. Fixed things for supper. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I worked in flower beds. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers picnic at Dawson Lake.

Friday, August 24, 1990. Fair, humid. Did weekly cleaning. Worked outside awhile. Went to see Mary. She's doing fairly well. Took some drinks & cookies to Ron & Jon. They're tearing down an old barn. Steves to Allens. Wish we could have gone.

Saturday, August 25, 1990. Mostly cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 83°, humid. I finished cleaning. Pete picked some tomatoes. Canned little juice. Went to church at 1:30 to look at proofs of our pictures. Got groceries. Rons stopped to see Mary.

Sunday, August 26, 1990. Fair, humid. We went to church. Ate at bishops. Went to see Mary. She sat in chair several hours. Still doesn't have an appetite. Rons to Flanagan. Ron preached. Evelyn & Orvie called. He is better again. Allen called. Jeffs accepted call to go to Medicine Lodge Kansas.

Monday, August 27, 1990. Fair, hot, humid, 93°. We did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Garden Paradise. Went to see Mary. She didn't feel so well. Had some trouble breathing & vomited her medicine. I canned 3 quarts tomato juice.

Tuesday, August 28, 1990. Fair, hot, humid, 90s. Had shower in town but none here. Had bad tornadoes in Joliet area. I had a permanent in PM. We rested some. I have some cold. Had temp this evening, also yesterday. Franzie [Loepp]s & Jo here awhile in evening. A very bad tornado at Plainfield [Illinois] & part of Joliet. People killed & many injured.

Wednesday, August 29, 1990. Had a thunderstorm & wind & nearly inch of rain at 1:30 a.m. Fair, in 80s, not quite as humid. We volunteered at hospital. Went to see Mary. She is improving some. I rested. Had 101° temperature late PM.

Thursday, August 30, 1990. Fair, 83°, less humid. I baked coffeecake braid. Still don't feel good. Went to Dr. Bertsche at 3:45. Have acute bronchitis. [He] gave me some antibiotics. Temp 99°. Pete mowed lawn.

Friday, August 31, 1990. Fair, 82°. Did weekly cleaning. Went to see Mary awhile. Got groceries. I feel some better. Georgia called. Arthur & Dave [Yoder] are coming tomorrow to see Mary.

Saturday, September 1, 1990. Fair, 93°. We did laundry. I baked ham, rested in p.m. Still have some temp. Arthur, Cathy & Dave got to town about 3:00. They went to see Mary. They, Rons & we had dinner at Golden West.

Sunday, September 2, 1990. Cloudy in morning, fair, 80s. We didn't go to church. I still don't feel good. Cough hasn't brought up much. Rons & Art, Dave & Cathy to church. They had lunch at Bloomington Square. Paul, Marj & Amy got here at 3:30. Good to see them. They, Dave, Art & Cathy & Rons here for supper. Had ham & pasta salad. Jo brought mellon. Had good visit.

Monday, September 3, 1990. Had light shower early a.m., fair, 80s. We all got up late. Pauls & we to Rons for brunch. Pauls & we to see Mary at 2:00. She's about same. Jon & Amy to Pekin, looked for boots for Amy, didn't find any. We all went to Rays for wiener roast. We took pasta salad. Celebrated Mabel's birthday.

Tuesday, September 4, 1990. Fair, hot, 93°. Took it easy. Didn't sleep too well last night. Coughed. Pauls to town in p.m., did some shopping & saw Mary. Pete took Mary over to dialysis to see Dr. Olson. Steve and children here in evening. Had apple pie & ice cream.

Wednesday, September 5, 1990. Fair, hot, 94°. Marj did some laundry. I didn't do much. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. Jon took Amy on his bike to Wapella [to] look for boots. Pauls took us to Barney's for our anniversary. Rons, Jon & his friend along. Pauls to town in p.m. Saw Mary & did some errands. Pauls did some packing. Paul talked to Allen.

Thursday, September 6, 1990. Fair, another hot day. Pauls left at 7:40 for Chicago, then flying to California. Glad they could come. We washed sheets, towels, etc. Jo called at 11:00. Mary's shunt is clogged again. She is very upset. Pete & I to hospital. Ron there awhile. Jo came at 1:30. School dismissed on account of heat. Dr. Sawyer saw Mary. He'll try to open the shunt tomorrow.

Friday, September 7, 1990. Mostly cloudy, had shower, cooler. We went to hospital at 10:00. Mary was to go to OR to have shunt opened at 10:30. Took her little before 1:00, got back to her room after 5:00. Dr. Sawyer had little trouble, were a number of clots. We got home about 6:00. Jo stayed later. Ron to Plainfield [to] help clean up from tornado. Virginia Porst called. She's in town.

Saturday, September 8, 1990. Cloudy, 70s. We went to Ropp reunion at Elms. Virginia Porst went with us. Lehmans from Goshen, Mrs. Baumgartner from Florida where there. 38 present. Gordon left early as usual. Pete Chairman. Ron had quiz which was fun. Same officers & committees reelected. Went to see Mary. She had dialysis. Allen called.

Sunday, September 9, 1990. Fair, 78°. We went to church. Had lunch at bishops. Went to St. Joe [to] see Mary. Took her a piece of custard pie. Zehr girls, Alta [Litwiller], Marge Weaver & her mother & 2 Bible class friends were to see Mary. Jo here awhile in evening.

Monday, September 10, 1990. Mostly fair. We did laundry. Rested some. Went to Jeanette's. She gave us some melons. Rons & we took Virginia to Ten Sen [Chinese restaurant]. Jeanette went with us. Jo to see Mary. She is to move to Mennonite.

Tuesday, September 11, 1990. Partly cloudy, 80s. We went to St. Joe. Ron and Jon moved Mary to Mennonite Long-Term Care. Got her settled 11:00 a.m. Got along pretty well. She ate some dinner but didn't keep it down. We came home at 2:00. I didn't feel good last night & not much good today. Rons had a French couple. They had wiener roast at Rays.

Wednesday, September 12, 1990. Very foggy in morning, fair, 86°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went to Dr. Bertsche's at 12:30. Can't seem to get over bronchitis. Got some medicine. A taxicab with chairlift took Mary to dialysis. He was late. We rested in p.m.

Thursday, September 13, 1990. Foggy in morning, fair, 80s. Franklin Basingers here awhile in morning. Were to be here at 9:00, got lost, came at 10:30, left at 11:00 for home. I went to HEA. Was late. Had committee meeting for next meeting. I went to town, got some clothes for Mary, took them to hospital. She had therapy. Stomach still not settled. I still don't feel up to par.

Friday, September 14, 1990. Had shower in morning, fair, windy, much cooler, 70s. Did weekly cleaning. Cleaned upstairs. We went to Mabel's for supper. Virginia Porst & Jeanette there. Ron at [Gail] Bressners all day getting ready for sale. Jo flew to Sioux City South Dakota to meeting.

Saturday, September 15, 1990. Clear, nice day, 70s. I finished cleaning. Pete to men's breakfast. Ron here for dinner. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 to 7:00. Mary is getting some better. I feel little better today. Paul called from LA. They took Amy to college yesterday and are ready to leave tomorrow for Taiwan.

Sunday, September 16, 1990. Clear, much cooler. We went to church. Ate at hospital. Stayed with Mary awhile. I didn't feel very good. Had some diarrhea. Allen called. They go to Omaha for *Roundup* (sp?) Tuesday. Paul & Marj left for Taipei Taiwan at 5:00 our time. Sorry to see them leave. Allen called. They're okay.

Monday, September 17, 1990. Fair, 40s in morning, 68° – 70°. We did laundry. I canned 2 quarts tomato juice. I washed bedding from our room in PM.

Tuesday, September 18, 1990. Cloudy, rained in p.m. and evening. Chilly, 50s. I cleaned closets in bedrooms. Rested most of day. Didn't feel good. Rather nauseated & still cough. Can't get rid of bronchitis. Deb called to see how everyone is doing & wanted Mary's address. Ben called. He's coming from Chicago on Thursday.

Wednesday, September 19, 1990. Cloudy, 61°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Mary seems to be doing better. Garfield club was at Verna W[allace's] but I didn't feel like going. We cooked some squash. Put 2 jars in freezer.

Thursday, September 20, 1990. Fair, fine day, 70s. I canned 4 ½ quarts tomatoes. We met Ben at the train after 1:30. Train was due at 1:06. I got things ready for supper. Ben helped Jon take nails out of boards.

Friday, September 21, 1990. Rained most of morning. Fair in p.m., 70°. Did some weekly cleaning. We & Ben to town at 11:00. He got a jacket at Pennys. Ate lunch at Steak 'n Shake. I had hair done at Norma's. We went to see Mary. She was tired. Had x-ray of her leg. Stopped at her apartment, got more clothes for her. Andy called from California. Ben called Paul at Taipei Taiwan. Could hear him well.

Saturday, September 22, 1990. Had shower in morning, fair, 60s, colder in p.m. & windy. We went to Mennonite Heritage Festival. Jeanette went with us. We worked awhile in p.m. at registration. Ben was home. [He] went for a bike ride in p.m. Andy left for Tokyo Japan.

Sunday, September 23, 1990. Fair, windy, cold, 50s. We went to church. Then came home with Rons. We went to small group at John Bertsches. Went to see Mary. Evelyn & Orvie & Georgia called. Ben with Ron & Jon. Worked on barn. We went to Rons for supper, ate late. Jon put *Neuf* (sp?) [dog] away. He was mean at times. I feel sorry for Ron.

Monday, September 24, 1990. Clear, 32° in a.m., 60s. We did laundry. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Bob Evans. Stopped to see Mary. She's having back problems again. Jon & Ben worked on barn. Pete & I went to watch them. Had letter from Pauls.

Tuesday, September 25, 1990. Clear, warmer, 79°, nice day. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. We took Ben to train at 10:56. Train 30 minutes late. He went back to Chicago. School starts next Monday. Was glad to have him. I cleaned our bedroom with Pete's help. Allens got home today from South Dakota, Black Hills. Steve & children here awhile.

Wednesday, September 26, 1990. Fair, warmer, 82°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete to dentist at noon. Went back to hospital. I finished the quilt for auxiliary. Went to therapy with Mary. They think she can go home & doesn't need more therapy. But Mary doesn't feel she is ready to go home, is still weak.

Thursday, September 27, 1990. Clear, warm, 88°. I cleaned the west bedroom. Pete mowed lawn. We rested some. Jo home from school, has a cold. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers. I picked few apples.

Friday, September 28, 1990. Rained in morning, 72°, sun shone short time in p.m. I went to hospital in morning. Quilted awhile on baby quilt. Saw Mary. She was tired after dialysis. I baked pumpkin bread & shampooed my hair. Pete outside awhile.

Saturday, September 29, 1990. Cloudy, had light shower late evening. 60°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Went to Rons. Helped them get ready for Ron's staff. We went to church. Got roaster, etc., also to grocery store. Rested awhile. Went back in p.m. I made 2 pans of baked apples. Jo had barbecue, scalloped potatoes, baked beans & salad. 70 there. Ron took them on hayrack ride.

Sunday, September 30, 1990. Fair, cool, 60s. Went to church. We had dinner with Mary at hospital cafeteria. She enjoyed it. Cindy came to hospital in p.m. Played organ awhile for Mary & some others. Chet Roths there awhile. Georgia called.

Monday, October 1, 1990. Mostly fair, 40s in morning, 60s. We did laundry. Cleaned bathroom & rested awhile. Took Mary's laundry to her in evening & went to meeting at church (Long-Term Care Insurance).

Tuesday, October 2, 1990. Fair, nice day, 70s. I went to prayer group at Alta L[itwillers]. I cleaned Cedar closet & hall way in p.m. Pete worked outside some. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship. Japanese ladies there, demonstrated flower arrangements & paper work.

Wednesday, October 3, 1990. Cloudy, windy, rained in morning and p.m. We volunteered at hospital. I finished baby quilt. Arlene & I put another baby quilt in frame. I cleaned furniture & drapes in p.m. Mary felt very tired today & her leg pain in her.

Thursday, October 4, 1990. Fair, windy, 70s. Cleaned the dining and living room. Cleaned the rug. Mabel had car accident at College & 150. She was admitted to Brokaw. Has broken ankle. Her nose & chest were hurt. Sharon Gardiner & her husband here in p.m. Cindy & children here awhile.

Friday, October 5, 1990. Clear, nice day, 83°. We went to auxiliary meeting at hospital. Had quarterly meeting & program. Saw Mary at noon. I went to beauty shop, had hair done. Went to see Mabel. She has black eyes & broken nose. Also [hurt] her heel. Put a cast on her foot. Ron to Michigan. Is to be the speaker at meeting.

Saturday, October 6, 1990. Fair, windy, 83°, nice day. Ray combined our beans. Glad they're done. I baked brownies. Cooked chicken for HEA next week. Fixed meatloaf. We planted some daffodils bulbs. Allen called in evening. Wants us to come. Beans made 64 bushels per acre.

Sunday, October 7, 1990. Cloudy, rained and misted, cooler in p.m. We went to church. Didn't stay for Sunday school. Mr. Lay, his wife & son came at 10:30. I got things ready for dinner. Went to Garfield club's 75th anniversary celebration at Carlock Community Building. Mr. Lay enjoyed it very much. Good crowd. We went to see Mary. Jo, Alta [Litwiller] & Ruth Ann there. Ron home from Michigan.

Monday, October 8, 1990. Cloudy, rainy day, 53°. Did laundry and cleaned fruit room. I stamped some tea towels. Wrote to Amy. Pete sold beans for \$6.15 per bushel.

Tuesday, October 9, 1990. Rained most of day, chilly, 45°, windy. I went to prayer group. Met at Bloomington Square. Pete & I had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Freida [Shinall]. We were to take Mary to see Dr. Olson at dialysis. They canceled appointment. We went to see Mary. Went to her apartment, watered plants. Did little shopping for Mary.

Wednesday, October 10, 1990. Cloudy, cold, 44°. Rained. Had over 2 inches rain last 3 – 4 days. We volunteered at hospital. Went to volunteer meeting & luncheon at Brokaw. Had work done on car, aligned & radiator flushes. I fixed 2 chicken casseroles for HEA. Mabel was moved from Brokaw to Long-Term Care Mennonite. Jo took Mary to dialysis. Ron got her.

Thursday, October 11, 1990. Clear, 29°, frosty, 60°. Nice to see the sun. I went to H&A. Jeanette, I & Pat *Bell* (sp?) only committee there. Roberta, Carol & Dorothy Singley made dessert for Mabel. We had chicken casserole. Got along okay. 30 there. Pete & I to town at 2:00. Went to see Mary & Mabel. We did some packing.

Friday, October 12, 1990. Clear, lovely day, 60s. We left at 8:00 a.m. for Allens. Got here at 3:00. Had good trip & good to be here. Allen helped Kiwanis Club serve chili supper at high school. Shirley & we joined him for supper.

Saturday, October 13, 1990. Fair, cloudy in p.m. We all slept late. Randys came at 10:30. Good to see them. Shampooed my hair. Shirley pinned it up. Deb & I went to Nevada. I got pair of shoes. Went to Ames. Looked for suit but didn't find any. Deb got gift for Katie. Rained little in night.

Sunday, October 14, 1990. Fair, nice day, 60s. We all went to church. Had dinner at Allens. Randys left at 3:34 home. We watched TV. Had pizza for supper. Was nice to be with Randys too.

Monday, October 15, 1990. Mostly cloudy, 60s. Allen & Shirley to work in morning. Pete & I cooked 2 pumpkins for Shirley to freeze. Allens home at 1:00. They took us to Clear Lake to see Pam & Mick. Had a good dinner. Mick's mother was there too. They have a nice home. Ashley is quite a girl. Got home at 11:00.

Tuesday, October 16, 1990. A nice day, 60s. We left Allens at 8:10. Got home around 3:00. Had a good trip for which we are grateful and glad we got to go. Did some laundry. Georgia called in evening.

Wednesday, October 17, 1990. Fair, warm, 73°. Rained in evening, Windy. Under tornado watch. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. She is doing pretty good. I went to Garfield club at Dorothy Singley's. Pete mowed the lawn.

Thursday, October 18, 1990. Cloudy in morning, clear in p.m., windy, 49°. I baked coffeecake braid. We did weekly cleaning. I cleaned kitchen cupboards in p.m.

Friday, October 19, 1990. Fair, 29° – 54°, nice day. We went to hospital at 7:00 for auxiliary bazaar bake sale. Had a lot of baked things. Had little left over. Served lunch. We got Mary at dialysis. I made vegetable soup. Heavy frost this morning. We got our flu shots. Bake sale \$444.35.

Saturday, October 20, 1990. Fair, 66°, nice day. Ron & I to hospital at 9:00. Took Mary to her apartment for weekend to see how she gets along. I came home at 2:45. I got her lunch. Had soup & pudding. Jo had class until 2:00. She got groceries for Mary. I went to Steve. Took Shirley's gift for Katie. Bill Ramseys there. We gave Katie nurse & doctor set. Pete & Tom Yoder to Genealogical meeting at Metamora.

Sunday, October 21, 1990. Cloudy, 40s. I didn't feel good early a.m. We went to church. Jo & we took Mary to Bloomington Square for dinner. She got along okay last night. Jo to school after dinner. We stayed with Mary until 3:00. Ron to Elkhart with Don Nesters this morning. Back Tuesday evening. We wrote to Pauls.

Monday, October 22, 1990. Clear, nice day, 28° – 58°. We did the laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. We met Laura [Stamback] at Shoney's Restaurant at 11:30. We washed windows & put storm windows in. Jo took Mary back to hospital after school. She got along pretty good on her weekend pass. Pete sold corn, 959 bushel for \$2.22.

Tuesday, October 23, 1990. Fair, 31° – 63°, nice day. I went to prayer group at Joyce S[chmucker]. Baked coffeecake braid. Cleaned broom closet & back of stove & refrigerator. Pete worked outside awhile. Ron back from Elkhart.

Wednesday, October 24, 1990. Fair, chilly, 55°. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to hospital. I cleaned kitchen & washed curtains. Baked cherry pie for chili supper at hospital. Pete mowed garden. Jo here little in evening.

Thursday, October 25, 1990. Clear, nice day, cool. I went to women's meeting at Carlock. Jeanette with me. Got home at 2:30. Pete & I to bank & hospital. Took coffeecake & brownies for alumni bake sale & cherry pie for chili supper. Jeanette took Dorothy S[ingley], Pete & I to chili supper. I gave them tickets. We all went to Prime Timers. Lloyd [Singley] harvesting.

Friday, October 26, 1990. Clear, 29° – 57°. Did weekly cleaning. We got Mary at dialysis. I quilted while Pete had car greased. We went to Beichs, got candy. Shampooed my hair. Pete worked outside awhile. Evelyn called. They took Orvie to nursing home last Wednesday. He isn't doing very well. Evelyn couldn't take care of him.

Saturday, October 27, 1990. Fair, 60°, rather windy. Pete to men's breakfast. Jo & we moved Mary back to Phoenix [Towers]. Phoenix had their bizarre. Mary & we had lunch there. We worked at Info Desk, 2:00 – 6:30.

Sunday, October 28, 1990. Clear, 31° – 54°. We went to church. Rons & we and Mary to Bishops for dinner. Mary paid for our dinners. We stayed with her until 2:30. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at John Bertsches.

Monday, October 29, 1990. Clear, 65°, breezy, beautiful day. We did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Barb Beamer put in Care Line for her. Hope that will help. I washed blouses, summer clothes and our raincoats. Mary getting Mobile Meals.

Tuesday, October 30, 1990. Another fine day, 75°. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. We cleaned Recreation room in PM. I went with Jeanette to women's meeting.

Wednesday, October 31, 1990. Clear, 70s, beautiful day. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. We went to Seniors luncheon at church, back to hospital. Delivered 2 days' mail. Took some of food from church to Mary. Steves here. Children dressed in cow costumes.

Thursday, November 1, 1990. Fair, fine day, 73°. We went to hospital at 9:00. I had auxiliary board meeting. Pete delivered Upper Room to patients. Went to College Hills Mall. We cleaned

laundry & furnace room in PM. Mary went to council meeting at Phoenix. Alta [Litwiller] & Ruth Ann took her out to eat.

Friday, November 2, 1990. Fair, 76°. Another lovely day. We did some weekly cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. We got groceries. I made salad dressing, sweet pickles & tapioca. Worked outside little. Gave Jo coffeecake. Fred Amstutzs from Bluffton there. Ron to Chicago in p.m.

Saturday, November 3, 1990. Partly cloudy, 73°, light sprinkles in evening. I baked coffee[cake] braid & finished cleaning. Finished some embroidery work on tea towels. Rested some & did some reading. Have another beautiful rose bud. Ron home from Chicago.

Sunday, November 4, 1990. A chilly rainy day in 40s. We went to church. Pete & I took Mary to Denny's for dinner. I helped her with her laundry. Came home at 3:00. Allen called in evening. They are okay. Jeffs are moving to Medicine Lodge Kansas next Thursday.

Monday, November 5, 1990. Cloudy, rained, mixed with little snow, windy & cold, 40s. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. I washed sweaters & tea towels that I made for Christmas. Canned quart [of] pears & made 2 pints of pear marmalade. Had 2 inches rain.

Tuesday, November 6, 1990. Partly cloudy. I went to prayer group at Helen P[attons]. Pete & I had lunch with Frieda [Shinall]. Rosa [Girdler] gone to Arizona & Dorothy [Scogin] forgot. We voted. Got some apples & cider at Apple Barn. I cleaned some of silver. Jeanette with me to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, November 7, 1990. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 34°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. Went to Eastland, got pair [of] slacks for Mary. I didn't feel good in p.m., pulse rapid.

Thursday, November 8, 1990. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 19° – 41°. I went to HEA. Dorothy S[ingley] and Jeanette went with me. Pete worked some on genealogy. We went to hospital at 2:00. Communications wanted pictures of auxiliary quilts they had won & quilters. Jeffs moved to Medicine Lodge Kansas where he has a church, Trinity Bible Church.

Friday, November 9, 1990. Cloudy, light shower in morning, 41°. Did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to bank & got some groceries for her. I made fruitcakes in PM. Allens to Medicine Lodge Kansas.

Saturday, November 10, 1990. Very foggy in morning, fair, 45°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Cleaned some upstairs. Baked apples, gave Rons & Mary some. We volunteered at hospital, 3:00 to 7:00. Took Mary's groceries to her.

Sunday, November 11, 1990. Fair, 50s. We went to church. Had small group at Leo Deschs. I took salad. We went with Earl & Ann [Kaufman]. Went to Mary's few minutes on way home. She was home all day.

Monday, November 12, 1990. Beautiful day, 51°. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We defrosted her refrigerator & helped her do her laundry. We had lunch at Dairy Queen. Allen called. They got home from Medicine Lodge Kansas at 4:30. Jeffs got moved. Hope things go well for them.

Tuesday, November 13, 1990. Another nice day, 52°. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's new home. I baked ginger cookies & cleaned silverware in p.m. Gave Rons some cookies. Pete crushed leaves.

Wednesday, November 14, 1990. Clear, warm, 70°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. I went to Garfield club at 12:30. Ate at Bloomington Square. Pete worked at hospital. We got groceries. I stirred up rolls in evening. Talked to Ben. He's doing fine. Plans to come for Thanksgiving.

Thursday, November 15, 1990. Another fine day, 69° – 70°. I baked rolls & made vegetable soup. Made white bark candy & caramels. Pete put up snow fence.

Friday, November 16, 1990. Fair, windy, cooler, 50s. We did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. I wrapped some gifts (tea towels for girls). Made lasagna & shampooed my hair.

Saturday, November 17, 1990. Fair, nice day, 53°. I finished weekly cleaning. Baked yummy cookies & iced them. Made 4 pie crusts. Jo here awhile at noon. Pete cleaned out the gutters.

Sunday, November 18, 1990. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 50°. We went to church. Mission Sunday. Bob and Linda Houda spoke. Dinner at church. We didn't stay. Went to Steves for dinner. Jo took Mary to dialysis & got her. Took her out to eat. We stopped at Mary's, got her laundry.

Monday, November 19, 1990. Cloudy, 49° – 50°. Did laundry. I baked some southern bars. We cooked a big squash. Our HEA wrapped socks at Salvation Army. I didn't feel like going. Ben called. He's coming Wednesday evening.

Tuesday, November 20, 1990. Fair, 50s. Did little cleaning upstairs. Got Mary at dialysis, took her home. Made salad for her to take to Phoenix [Towers] Thanksgiving dinner this evening. I had permanent at 11:30. I made sugar plum cookies.

Wednesday, November 21, 1990. Cloudy, light showers, 60s. We volunteered at hospital. Got groceries, got turkey with stamps at Jewels. Gave Jo bouquet for her birthday & \$10. I made chili. We met Ben at train station [at] 5:50 p.m. Allens & Randys stopped here awhile on their way to Steves. Good to see them.

Thursday, November 22, 1990. Fair, nice day. I made 3 pumpkin pies. Then did his laundry. I went to Jo's awhile. Made oyster dressing. Renée here in morning. Allens & Randys came in PM. Boys took our air-conditioner out. We all went to Rons for dinner late PM. I took pies,

applesauce & pickles. Cindy brought some things. A nice Thanksgiving & much to be thankful for. Mary at home.

Friday, November 23, 1990. Fair & very windy, 50°. Did some cleaning. Ben & we took Mary home from dialysis. Went to Eastland. Got a small silver dish for Fransens anniversary. We met Allens, Randys, Jo & Renée at Shoney's. Cindy came too. Allens & Randys left for home at 2:45. Glad they could come. Rons, Marty & Russell Stuckey here for supper. Had lasagna.

Saturday, November 24, 1990. Fair, 50s. I washed tablecloth and bedspread, etc. We took Ben to train at 10:56. Train an hour late, left at 11:50. We went to Werner Fransen's 25th wedding anniversary at church. Had program. Ron sang with choir. Served a meal. Borst soup & *Kringle* (sp?) cake.

Sunday, November 25, 1990. Fair, nice day, 50°. We went to church. Mary & we to Red Lobster for dinner. She used her walker. I helped her with the laundry. Marty & Renée left for Columbia [Missouri] at 5:00 p.m. Jeanette with us to Home Builders at Gerlof Homans.

Monday, November 26, 1990. Cloudy, light drizzle at times, 64°, windy in p.m. & evening. We did the laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. Met Laura S[tamback] at Paradise Gardens at 11:30. Rained in night, over ½ inch.

Tuesday, November 27, 1990. Cloudy, rained in p.m. and evening. Were under tornado watch late p.m. One touched down south of Pekin. 66°. I had prayer group. Jeanette, Alma [Galloway], Shirley [Krahn], Joyce [Schmucker], Lucy [Catherine] & Helen [Patton]. I made carrot cookies in p.m. Pete read, etc. Had around 2 inches of rain. Addressed some Christmas cards.

Wednesday, November 28, 1990. Clear off in a.m. Windy, cold, 36°, quite a change. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Card Shop on way home. I stirred up sugar cookies. We took Mary home from dialysis.

Thursday, November 29, 1990. Clear, nice day, 40s. I baked & iced sugar cookies & made Snickerdoodle cookies. Made salad. Mary called about 5:30 having severe chest pains & her back. Jo & I went to town. Rescue squad were there. Took her to St. Joe. Took EKG, x-rays etc. Think may be blood clot. Ron & I came home. He chored. We ate supper & [went] back to hospital.

Friday, November 30, 1990. Fair, 50°, windy. I had hair done at 8:30. Went to Mary's apartment & to hospital. Mary had scan of lungs. Got back to her room at 11:30. I went to church. Had quilting day. Harvey S[tutzman] there. We went back to hospital at 2:00. Mary resting some better, taking pain medication. She didn't have dialysis. Peoria Dr. to see her tomorrow. She's still getting oxygen.

Saturday, December 1, 1990. Partly cloudy. Did some cleaning. I made pumpkin bread. We put dirt around the roses. We went to Lory Stutzman & husband Edon Mast wedding reception. We

& Rons to St. Joe. Took Mary home. Hope she is up to it. They kinda ruled out blood clot in lungs. Jo & I got Mary some supper.

Sunday, December 2, 1990. Cloudy, rained, sleet and some snow in p.m. and evening. We went to church. Took Kentucky [Fried] Chicken dinners to Mary's. She isn't feeling very good. We got her groceries. We went to church at 4:00 for decorating the trees. Took soup for supper but decided to come home on account of weather.

Monday, December 3, 1990. Cloudy, windy, cold, 30s. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Did some laundry for her. Allen called. They were having a real blizzard, lots of snow & strong wind. Everything closed. Randy was to leave for the East but airports closed. I stirred up crescents cookies. Wrote Christmas notes. Snowed some in evening.

Tuesday, December 4, 1990. Clear, cold, 21° – 27°. Prayer group met at Denny's. Went to Mary's apartment, fixed things for her lunch. She isn't doing very well, week and can't eat. Pete and I met Dorothy S[cogin], Rosie [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall] at Bennys. I baked Crescent cookies in p.m. I went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette.

Wednesday, December 5, 1990. Fair, 17° – 47°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. We worked at hospital until 1:30. Got groceries, made some pudding. Wrote some Christmas notes. Called Arthur [Yoder]. Georgia still having lot of pain in her face.

Thursday, December 6, 1990. Fair, 38°. Went to Mary's apartment. Took her to their coffee hour. Pete swept her rugs. I dusted, cleaned the kitchen & bedroom floors. Mary not doing very well. We went to Prime Timers Christmas dinner at Farm Bureau. Stopped at Walmart, got kitchen towels for club. I wrote Christmas notes in evening.

Friday, December 7, 1990. Fair, 34°. Did some cleaning. Went to town at 10:00. Took Mary home from dialysis. Rosa [Girdler] there, brought some food that Dorothy S[cogin] got. I got Mary's lunch. She is weak. Pete & I to Mall awhile. Then Pete to dentist, Dr. Barnes.

Saturday, December 8, 1990. Fair, fine day, 50°. Pete to men's breakfast. I did some cleaning. Jo & I to town at 11:00. I got a navy suit at Von Maur. Jo did some shopping. Pete & I volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 7:00. Allen called in morning. They're okay & busy.

Sunday, December 9, 1990. Clear, beautiful day, 56°. We went to church. Took Mary to Golden West for dinner. I helped with her laundry. We got fruit from 7th Day Adventists. Ron cut our Christmas tree. Carolers from church were here. I wrote to B[ill] Dunns & others.

Monday, December 10, 1990. Clear, fine day, 54°. We did laundry. Took Mary to bank & home. I took a chrysanthemum plant to Jeanette for her Christmas. She gave us peanuts. We put cones on roses. I wrapped Christmas presents.

Tuesday, December 11, 1990. Clear, nice day, 56°. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Went with Jeanette. Pete got me. We shopped some at Mall. Went to Mary's, took her to dialysis at 1:00 to see Dr. Olson. He gave her medicine for head & nose. Jeanette & we to visitation for Susie Ropp. We ate at Hen House.

Wednesday, December 12, 1990. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., light mist in evening, 56°, colder in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. I took Dorothy S[ingley] & Jeanette to Garfield club at Maxine [Alwes]. 7 there. Had nice time. I took 2 towels for gift exchange. Got 2 large candy bars. Elsie Stahly passed away this evening.

Thursday, December 13, 1990. Fair, 37°. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to HEA. Jeanette along. Had silent auction. Money went to adopted family. Took cookies for the family. Olympia chorus sang. I made some Rice Krispie treats.

Friday, December 14, 1990. Fair, 37°, cloudy in evening, showered. Did some cleaning. Took Mary home from dialysis. She was rather weak. I got Navy suit at Von Maur, got a knit skirt for Mary, book for Matthew. We got ½ bushel of oranges from Mr. lay. Jo home, has bad cold.

Saturday, December 15, 1990. Mostly cloudy, windy, 40s. I made Christmas salad & bread pudding. Finished cleaning. Put up some decorations. Ron carried our tree in but [we] didn't get it decorated. I helped Jo outside in p.m.

Sunday, December 16, 1990. Cloudy, chilly. We went to church. Had surprise luncheon. We were guests at Wilbur Bauman's. Jeanette & Watkins there. We went to Mary's. Did her laundry. She isn't doing very well. We went to open house at Alma [Galloway] & Ina [Sutter]'s new homes at the church. I went to Jo's, helped her. They had BroMenn people for 6:30 dinner. Ron has outside decorated again.

Monday, December 17, 1990. Cloudy, rainy, Misty, 39°. We did laundry. Mary home from dialysis. She seems so weak. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Grand Café. We decorated our Christmas tree. It's a big tree, almost fills living room. Ben flew to LA. He & Amy left there this p.m. for Taiwan to see Pauls.

Tuesday, December 18, 1990. Cloudy, 37°, snowed some in morning in town. Just a few flakes here. I went to prayer group at Joyce S[chmucker's]. Went to Mary's, got lunch for her. I baked coffeecake braid in p.m. Rested awhile. Jeff Schab resigned from Bro-Menn.

Wednesday, December 19, 1990. Cloudy, 37°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. We enjoyed the Hospital Christmas dinner. Had a lot of mail to deliver. Finished after dinner. Took Lloyd Singleys a coffeecake, gave Rons one. I got a woven table cover at gift shop for Jo.

Thursday, December 20, 1990. Fair, 40°. Made vegetable soup & some sweet pickles. Pete wrote letter. Rested some. Defrosted freezer. Jeanette brought me a Violet. Fixed box of cookies for Allens.

Friday, December 21, 1990. Rained, 30s, froze some ice on trees. Roads slick west of us. Very foggy in morning & again in late p.m. & evening. We went to Eastland at 9:00. Got pair of slacks for Mary & pair of blue ones for me. Took Mary home from dialysis & got her groceries. I had hair done. Rested awhile & wrapped gifts. Had some sleet & snow in evening.

Saturday, December 22, 1990. 11° high, mostly cloudy, cold. Roads not good. Some snow in evening. I did usual work. Jim Springer here late p.m. Wanted some Ropp history. A quiet day.

Sunday, December 23, 1990. Cloudy, zero in morning. Snowed in p.m. We went to church with Rons. Jo took Mary to dialysis & took her home. Rons, Mary & we to Steves for dinner. Gave Katie set [of] little cooking dishes, Matthew a book & top. We got pictures & book. I gave Cindy towel & dishcloth. Gave boys \$60, rest \$25.

Monday, December 24, 1990. Fair, 3° below, 14°. We did laundry. I made salad & chili. Got things ready for supper. We went with Rons to Christmas Eve service. Rays, Mabel & Rons here for chili & oyster stew. I got a sweater from Deb & Randy & Brittany. Pete got blue shirt & tie. Got \$30 from Pam & Mick, gift certificate from Pennys.

Tuesday, December 25, 1990. Fair. Allens called. They were alone. We got \$30 from them. Paul called from Taipei. They are fine. Children are there. We went to Rons for dinner. Mary there too. I got white sweater & red one & pair of slacks, quilt book & towel, ornament from Jon. Pete got belt, shirt, tie, calculator & 2 books, & we got box of cheese & meat. \$100 from Mary, Pete [got] \$60.

Wednesday, December 26, 1990. Clear, 6° below, 11°. We volunteered at hospital. Ron took Mary to dialysis. We took her home. I shortened my new slacks. Were home in evening. Had wedding picture from Rachel & Andy.

Thursday, December 27, 1990. 3° below in night, 22°. Cloudy. Started to snow about 1:00 p.m. Kept it up until 6:00 p.m. I did some laundry. Jo & we took Mary to Gailey's at 2:00. [Were] there until 4:30. Home in evening.

Friday, December 28, 1990. Cloudy, foggy, 33°. Misted and rained in evening. Did some weekly cleaning. Took Mary home from dialysis. We got groceries. Deb called in p.m. They were going to Allens this p.m. Rained most of night.

Saturday, December 29, 1990. Cloudy, 40°, foggy. Rained, had over 2 ½ inches since yesterday. Had water in basement, came in every room. Electricity off early a.m. Ron found breaker at pole had been thrown. Jo helped sweep up water. Steve left at 6:00 for Allens. We sent gifts for grandchildren & [sent] cookies. Gave girls towels.

Sunday, December 30, 1990. Much colder. Froze ice last night & had sleet. Church was called off as many others were. I made apple crisp & got things ready for supper. Had roast beef. Rons, Jon & Tonya were here. Rons to town in morning, Roads weren't too bad. Allen called. Orvie's about same. Martys got home at 10:20 p.m.

Monday, December 31, 1990. Clear, 2° below, 18°. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis, did her laundry. I took Mary some soup & dessert. We went to Rons for supper. Had gift exchange with Marty & Renée. I got lovely silk flower bouquet. Pete got book & deer meat. We gave them \$25. I gave Renée dishtowel & cloth.

Tuesday, January 1, 1991. Clear, 1° below, 20s. Rons & Martys here for 10:00 breakfast or brunch. Had egg casserole, bacon, applesauce, rolls & coffeecake. Marty's left for Missouri at 2:15. We watched parade. NCHS band was in parade. I read some. Pete watched TV. Had nice holiday & much to be thankful for. Thankful to have Rons nearby.

Wednesday, January 2, 1991. Cloudy, 24°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. Ron took her. We stopped at Brokaw [to] see Alma Galloway. She's having back problems. We took Christmas tree & decorations down.

Thursday, January 3, 1991. Clear, cold, zero – 16°. Pete worked on historian report for church. I baked coffeecake braid. Cleaned the oven in PM.

Friday, January 4, 1991. Fair, 7° above – 20s. Did some cleaning. Took Mary home from dialysis. Got her groceries. Pete swept her rugs. We got groceries.

Saturday, January 5, 1991. Had over 2 inches snow last night. 33°. Some slick roads. Snowplow out. Had a quiet day. Finished weekly cleaning. We read some. Allen called at noon. They had 6 inches snow. Jeffs are still there, going home Monday.

Sunday, January 6, 1991. Partly cloudy, 25°. We went to church. Had lunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken. Went to Mary's, took her some soup and custard. Helped her with laundry. We went to love feast and communion with Jeanette.

Monday, January 7, 1991. Fair, 27°. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We met Laura [Stamback] at Bob Evans for lunch. Ironed in p.m.

Tuesday, January 8, 1991. Cloudy, 31°, misted in evening. Went to prayer group. Met at Bob Evans. Pete and I took Mary to Bennys. Had lunch with Dorothy S[cogin], Rose G[irdler] & Freida S[hinall]. Took Mary to bank. Evelyn called at 4:00 p.m. Orvie is much worse. Took worse yesterday. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship. Had some freezing drizzle.

Wednesday, January 9, 1991. Cloudy, 30s, Rhodes rather slick in places last night, but better this morning. We volunteered at hospital. I stayed at church in p.m. Jeanette quilted there too. I came home with her. We took Mary home from dialysis.

Thursday, January 10, 1991. Cloudy, windy, some rain and sleet mixed with some snow late PM into evening. I went with Jeanette to church in morning. Quilted. Jeanette here for lunch, had pizza. Electricity off at 5:30 to 7:15. Ate supper by lamplight. Talked to Evelyn. Orvie not good, very restless today.

Friday, January 11, 1991. Orvie passed away at 4:00 p.m. our time. Thankful he can be at rest. Cloudy, 32°, very icy in yard & some roads. Trees, etc. covered with ice. Schools closed. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Jo got her, took her home. Jo had dinner with us. Had pork chops &

sauerkraut. I made pineapple upside down cake. Talked to Allens. Bill & Evelyn leave for Missouri in morning. Funeral Wednesday.

Saturday, January 12, 1991. Mostly cloudy, 33°, some snow flurries in morning. Finished weekly cleaning. Made chicken rice soup. Gave Mary some. Did some reading.

Sunday, January 13, 1991. Cloudy, windy. Some snow blowing. We went to church. Ron preached a very good sermon (Peace). We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Went to Mary's. Helped with her laundry. Rons there awhile too. Mary about same. Still problem with her head.

Monday, January 14, 1991. Clear, nice day. Good to see the sun, 39° – 40°. We did laundry. Went to visitation for Mary Ann Ropp. Ron had the service at 10:00. We took Mary home from dialysis. She didn't feel very good during dialysis. Georgia called in morning. Evelyn called. Orvie's funeral at 10:00 Wednesday a.m. Talked to Allens. I ordered flowers for the family.

Tuesday, January 15, 1991. Cloudy, 30s. We packed suitcases. Ron, Pete and I left at 1:00 for Missouri. Started to rain at Pittsfield and rained all the way to Harrison. We got to Columbia at 6:00. Had dinner with Marty & Renée. Left there at 8:10. Got to Motel Super 8 at 10:10. Talked to Bills. They're at same motel. Visitation for Orvie was in evening.

Wednesday, January 16, 1991. Cloudy, chilly, Bills took us to breakfast at Harvest House. Went to Sycamore Grove Church at 9:15. Orvie's funeral at 10:00. Allen & Shirley & Arthur & Cathy there. Saw some of cousins. Allen, Ron & Arthur & David & Lester pall bearers. Ron had little part in service. We had dinner at cottage. Allens & we back to Cemetery. Took some pictures. We left home at 1:40. Got here at 10:00. Were tired. US went to war against Iraq.

Thursday, January 17, 1991. Cloudy, 30°, light snow or drizzle in PM. We got up late, were tired, but rested & read some. We went to Mary's apartment awhile in p.m. Took her some roses out of the bouquet [we] had for Orvie's funeral. We got groceries.

Friday, January 18, 1991. Fair, nice day, 36°. Did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We did some cleaning for her. We got bushel [of] apples at Birkelbaws. I made apple crisp & cooked apples. Evelyn called in evening. They got home in PM. Had a good trip.

Saturday, January 19, 1991. Nice day, 40°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Made vegetable beef soup but didn't feel very good in morning. Blood pressure 100/60. Better in PM. We took Mary some soup. Cooked apples & apple crisp. Volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30.

Sunday, January 20, 1990. Cloudy, snowed in morning, temp dropped during day. We went to church. Had dinner & annual meeting. Congregation voted for Steve's ordination. We went to Mary's awhile. Talked to Allens. They had good trip home from Orvie's funeral.

Monday, January 21, 1991. Clear, cold, 11° above, 12°. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. She wasn't feeling very well, having problem with her head. Pete had dental appointment at 5:00, got home [at] 6:30.

Tuesday, January 22, 1991. Clear, 3° below, 24°, windy. Went to church, quilted most of day. Got home at 4:00. Jeanette there in morning. Ina [Sutter] came at 3:00. Pete did some typing. I wrote to Andy & Rachel.

Wednesday, January 23, 1991. Fair, 31° in morning, colder in p.m., windy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Mary home from dialysis. Took her back to dialysis at 2:00 to see Peoria Dr. She has sinus infection, ordered antibiotics for her, also blood pressure medicine. Went to Eastland. Got hose, etc. for Mary.

Thursday, January 24, 1991. Clear, 18°, nice day. I went with Jeanette to church. Quilted until 11:30. Went to Prime Timers dinner at Farm Bureau. Pete went with Lloyd [Singley]s. Jeanette back to church at 2:00. Got home at 5:00.

Friday, January 25, 1991. Fair, 3° above, snowed in evening. Did some cleaning. Took Mary home from dialysis, got her groceries. We had lunch in town. Went to church, quilted for 3 hours. We went to Paul Millers for dinner. Earl Kaufmans were there too. Had good time. Had over 1 inch snow.

Saturday, January 26, 1991. Clear, 3° above, 20°. We were without water all morning. Rod on pump broke. I made doughnuts and salad. Finished cleaning. Made potato soup. Gave Mary some. Gave she & Rons doughnuts.

Sunday, January 27, 1991. Cloudy in morning, clear p.m., 30s. We went to church. I went to Mary's awhile. She was having trouble breathing. We went to small group at Gerlof [Homan]s. Went back to Mary's. She felt some better. Did her laundry. Ina [Sutter] there awhile.

Monday, January 28, 1991. Fair, nice day, 13°. We did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. I quilted awhile at church. We went to Evelyn Maxwell's funeral at 2:00. Went back to quilt. Jeanette there too. Pete came home. Mary called here. She was having trouble breathing. Pete came. We went to [her] apartment. Jo came, took Mary to Dr. & took her to St. Joe. We got home at 9:00.

Tuesday, January 29, 1991. Cloudy, 24°, colder in p.m. Started to sleet and snow about noon, turned to all snow, windy. I went with Jeanette to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]'s. We went to church, quilted awhile. Pete came. We went to St. Joe. Took Mary to Mennonite Long-Term [Care], room 150. Her breathing some better. Had over 2 inches of snow. Our drive drifted.

Wednesday, January 30, 1991. Fair, 10° – 21°. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to Mennonite. She was quite weak. Has oxygen most of time. We went to her apartment, got some clothes & her mail. [She] had 17 cards. Jon opened our drive.

Thursday, January 31, 1991. Clear, 7° in morning, 20s. I quilted awhile in morning. Did some errands. Went to hospital. Mary about same, had chest pain in night. Went to Gailey's at 1:00. Went to hospital, had a little party for Mary. Had ice cream, cake. Steves, Ina [Sutter], Jeanette [Colter], Lorene [Reeser], Evelyn [Bertsche], Kay, Don N[ester], Jon & Tonya, Jo & we. Ron had meeting. Mary got near 50 cards & several bouquets. Talked to Georgia in evening.

Friday, February 1, 1991. Fair, 22° – 40°, nice day. Went to hospital at 9:00. I had auxiliary board meeting. Got Mary at dialysis. She's about same. We returned her Caroline to hospital. Went to church after lunch. Quilted awhile.

Saturday, February 2, 1991. Fair, 40°, fine day. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked cookies. Made cauliflower soup. Did some cleaning. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 7:00. Mary about same. Georgia called.

Sunday, February 3, 1991. Another lovely day, 51°. We went to church. Went to hospital. Had dinner at cafeteria with Mary. She seemed a little stronger. We came home at 3:00. Evelyn called in evening.

Monday, February 4, 1991. Mostly cloudy in p.m., 48°. Lot of snow & ice has melted. We did laundry. Took Mary to Mennonite [Long-Term Care] after dialysis. She seems little stronger. I stopped at church, quilted until 12:30. I stamped some tea towels in p.m.

Tuesday, February 5, 1991. Foggy in morning, 50°. Partly cloudy. Our prayer group went to Meadows Home to see Alma G[alloway] who is [a] patient there. Helen [Patton], Lucy [Catherine], Jeanette [Colter], Shirley [Krahn], Joyce [Schmucker] & I. Jeanette drove. Pete & I met Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Freida [Shinall] for lunch. We took Mary to dialysis to see Dr. Olson. She seems little better. Jeanette & I to women's meeting. We quilted. Was foggy.

Wednesday, February 6, 1991. Foggy day, 35°, chilly. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got Mary at dialysis, took her to Mennonite. I quilted at church in p.m. Pete came home. I came with Jeanette. Jo here awhile after school. Steves having colds.

Thursday, February 7, 1991. Another foggy day, 34°. I went to church at 9:00. Came home at 4:00. Quilted. Jeanette there in morning. I Ina Sutter, Sue [Byler?] there. Got quite [a] lot done. Pete home. Wrote to Pauls.

Friday, February 8, 1991. Foggy, chilly, 32° – 34°. Did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. We took her to cafeteria for lunch. Got groceries & quilted at church several hours. Made chicken casserole & stirred up sugar cookies. Shampooed my hair. Jo here awhile after school.

Saturday, February 9, 1991. Foggy in morning, 50°, fair at noon. I baked sugar cookies, gave Rons & Steves some. I fixed chicken casserole & made salad & peach dessert. Marj Weaver & children here for supper. Barry was on call. Worked all day & was busy until late. Sorry he couldn't come. Allen called. He won trip to Hawaii in June.

Sunday, February 10, 1991. Clear, nice day, 38°. We went to church. Lucy C[atherine] and we took Mary to Bishops for dinner. She used her walker, got along fairly well. We got oranges from Seventh Day Adventists. Were home in evening.

Monday, February 11, 1991. Cloudy, few flurries, 28°, chilly. Did laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. Went to her apartment, watered flowers & got mail. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Schooneys. I went to church, quilted. Pete came home. I came with Jeanette.

Tuesday, February 12, 1991. Clear, 17° – 30s. Nice day. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Went to church at 11:00. Quilted until 3:45. Ina [Sutter] quilted too. Rachel Zehr there short time. Pete looked through his dad's diary. No school today. Jo took care of some of Mary's things. Ron & Gale [Bressner] left at 8:00 PM for Fort Worth Texas.

Wednesday, February 13, 1991. Cloudy, 39°, misted & rained some in p.m. We took Mary to dialysis and got her. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got groceries. I went to church at 1:30, quilted until 4:00. Pete home. I came with Jeanette.

Thursday, February 14, 1991. Snowed some, very windy, colder during day. Visibility very poor at times. Bad traffic pileup on I 55 at Towanda. HEA called off. Jeanette & I to church. Quilted all day. Home at 3:30. Jo, Jon & Tonya here. Jo brought sausage. Had waffles & salad & cheesecake. Mary got flowers from Allens.

Friday, February 15, 1991. Clear, 1° below, wind chill, 30° – 40° below. Steve took Mary to dialysis & got her. Glad we didn't have to get out. Jo to school. I baked Hot Cross rolls. Gave Rons some. Did some cleaning.

Saturday, February 16, 1991. Clear, 35°, warmer, windy. We went to town at 12:00 to Mary's apartment. Got her mail. Met Jo. She took us to Hunan for Valentines [lunch]. We went to hospital. Visited with Mary awhile. We worked at Info Desk, 3 – 6:30.

Sunday, February 17, 1991. Fair, 36°, nice day. We went to church. Went to hospital, had dinner with Mary at the cafeteria. We visited Alma [Galloway] at Brokaw [a] few minutes. She isn't doing very well. I wrote to Jeffs. Talked to Allens. They're okay. Rained in night.

Monday, February 18, 1991. Cloudy, foggy in p.m. & evening, 46°, rained in morning. We did laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. Did some errands. Had lunch at McDonald's. Went to church, quilted. Pete came home. I came with Jeanette.

Tuesday, February 19, 1991. Cloudy, 39°. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. Went to church at 12:30. Quilted until 4:00. Pete going through files.

Wednesday, February 20, 1991. Clear, 50s, windy in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary to long-term care after dialysis. She is stronger. I went to Garfield club at Jean Ann Bates.

Took Mabel & Jeanette. Were home in evening. The war with Iraq has ended for which everyone is grateful. [That sentence on end of war was later crossed out.]

Thursday, February 21, 1991. Clear, 59°, lovely day. I went with Jeanette to church at 9:00. Quilted. Pete came at 11:00. We got Mary, took her to church, had Senior Citizens luncheon (potluck). She enjoyed it. First she had been at church since last August. Took her back at 2:00. I quilted more, got groceries.

Friday, February 22, 1991. Fair. We did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. Had lunch at Dairy Queen. Took Pete home. Went back to church at 12:00. Quilted until 2:30. Had a permanent at 3:00. Didn't feel good in p.m. Very distended & uncomfortable. Rons took us to Brokaw ER. Had x-rays, blood work. Admitted to room 2052. Had hypo. Rested some. Rons & Pete home at 12:30.

Saturday, February 23, 1991. Fair, nice day, 30s. I had 3 large stools so hope things are working out and won't have to have OR. Dr. Wemlinger or saw me for Dr. Bertsche. Dr. Trefgzer saw me. Had a Levine tube, continuing IVs. Had a fair night. NPO except few ice chips. Pete here all day. Steve & children came. Allen called. Ron & Jo & Jon here in evening.

Sunday, February 24, 1991. Cloudy. Slept fairly well. Doctors were in. Had x-rays & blood work done again. Dr. Trefgzer took the Levine tube out. Thankful to have it out. My throat real sore. Had x-ray & blood work. Hope things will go through & will be okay. Pete here. Ron came in evening, brought me a lovely plant.

Monday, February 25, 1991. Fair, colder, 30°. I had x-rays and blood work again. Have some stool. Didn't have breakfast until 10:00. Dr. Bertsche here at 7:00 a.m. Dr. Trefgzer here at 1:30. He thinks x-rays are okay. Have little more to eat. Cindy here. Steve took Mary to Mennonite, then came here with Ron at noon. Pete here in p.m. Had some callers. Tonya here, brought flowers.

Tuesday, February 26, 1991. Mostly cloudy, 30°, few flurries. I'm feeling better. Dr. Bertsche wants me to have Scan in morning. Dr. Trefgzer here in evening. Had some visitors, Cindy, Ron came at noon. Pete here in p.m. He went to Steves for supper. Evelyn [Bertsche] & Lucy C[atherine] here too. Lucy brought me a little basket with plants. Had some cards. Talked to Mary.

Wednesday, February 27, 1991. Cloudy, some snow flurries, 32°. I had CAT scan at 8:00. Got along okay. Dr. Trefgzer said everything looks okay and I'm grateful. Pete came early, went to hospital at 10:00, delivered mail. Ron here awhile at noon. Tom Kauffmann here in a.m. Ray & Mabel here. Marge Nester & Don stopped later. Pete here in p.m. Jo home, has a cold. Allen called. The war with Iraq has ended.

Thursday, February 28, 1991. Clear, 59°, lovely day. Pete brought me home at 11:00. Good to be home again. Rested & got the meals. Pete trimmed the grapes. Rons to see Bressners in evening. Gale's mother passed away. Ron stopped at hospital in morning to see me. Jo here after they got home from Bressners. She is feeling better.

Friday, March 1, 1991. A rainy day, 50°. We did some cleaning. I made potato soup. We went to town at 2:00, had hair appointment. Pete to Mary's apartment. Watered flowers & got her mail. I got her laundry. We got groceries.

Saturday, March 2, 1991. Cloudy, windy, turned colder during day. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Did Mary's laundry and some of ours. Rested some & did little hand work. Were to work at Info Desk, decided not to go. Allen called in p.m. They just got home from Des Moines, Farm Bureau meeting.

Sunday, March 3, 1991. Cloudy, cold, 27°. We went to church. Jo & we took Mary to Mennonite cafeteria for dinner. Went to her apartment. Jo got tax papers. We were home rest of day. I wrote to Pauls. Arthur called. They got home from Arizona. Georgia still [has] flu.

Monday, March 4, 1991. Fair, 40°, nice day. We did the laundry. Steve took Mary to Mennonite from dialysis. I went to church at 1:00. Quilted until 3:30.

Tuesday, March 5, 1991. Fair in a.m., cloudy in p.m., 54°. I went to prayer circle at Bob Evans. Pete & I took Mary to Bennys restaurant. Met Dorothy [Scogin] & Rose G[irdler]. We went to church, helped Ina [Sutter] finish the quilt. Took it out of frame. We're glad it's done.

Wednesday, March 6, 1991. Cloudy, windy, cold, 30s, sun shone late p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary to Mennonite from dialysis. I made 4 pie crusts for MCC [relief] sale. Jeanette home from Florida. We were home in evening. Helen Patton sent vegetable soup, salad & cake home with us. Very good. We appreciated her kindness.

Thursday, March 7, 1991. Clear, nice day, cool, 39°. I made 2 pie crusts. We met Earl Raders at Country Kitchens at 11:30. Had good visit. We went to Eastland. Did little shopping.

Friday, March 8, 1991. Fair, nice day, 50°. Did weekly cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. Watered her plants & got her mail. I had hair done at Norma's. Did little hand work & read.

Saturday, March 9, 1991. Mostly cloudy, windy, 39°, few snow flurries at noon. I baked 2 pumpkin pies, gave Rons one. Rested & read some. Got things ready for supper. Steves were here.

Sunday, March 10, 1991. Partly cloudy, nice day, 47°. We went to church & to small group at Edith & Rachel Zehr's. Stopped at hospital. Got Mary's laundry. She went to her small group at Don Nesters. Don got her & took her back. Jo here awhile in evening. Talked to Arthurs. Georgia is better, had the flu. Talked to Ben.

Monday, March 11, 1991. Partly cloudy, 56°, windy. Pete to Lenten breakfast at ISU. I did laundry. Took Mary to Mennonite from dialysis. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at International House. Did ironing, rested & read some.

Tuesday, March 12, 1991. Cloudy, rainy, windy day. I went to prayer circle at Joyce S[chmucker]. Pete & I took Mary to Ina Sutter's for dinner. Mary's shunt is clogged again. Took her to St. Joe at 4:00. Dr. Sawyer took her to OR at 5:00, opened the shunt. She was back in her room at 6:30. We got home after 7:00. Allen called, they had snow.

Wednesday, March 13, 1991. Cloudy, 32°, lot of snow north and west of us. Had some flurries, windy. A sad day. Harold Patton died at St. Francis Hospital at 12:30 p.m. Had heart attack last night in Peoria. Sure a shock. We volunteered at hospital. Mary to dialysis from St. Joe. We took her back to Mennonite Long-Cerm care. Ron & Jo left at 6:30 for hospital meeting in Miami Florida (flew). Talked to Allen.

Thursday, March 14, 1991. Fair, 40°, nice to see sun. I went to HEA with Jeanette. Pete & I to town at 1:00. Took a tray of meat & cheese to Helen Pattons. She wasn't home at the time. Ordered flowers for Harold's funeral. Took Mary her mail. I had hair done. Ron called from Florida.

Friday, March 15, 1991. Fair, 45°, nice day. Went to church at 7:00 a.m. We made 82 shoo fly pies. Put 1st one in at 7:30, last one out at 11:30. One of the ovens didn't work at first. Don Nester came & lit the pilot. We came home at 12:30. Rested. Had thought we would go to [MCC relief] sale in Van but decided not to [go]. Went to visitation for Harold P[atton]. Stood in line over an hour. Ate at Denny's.

Saturday, March 16, 1991. Fair, nice day, 56°. We went to Harold Patton's funeral at 10:30 at Metzler [Funeral Home]. Large funeral. We went to Cemetery. He was buried in mausoleum. We had dinner at church with family. Rested awhile. Mary & we to Dr. Barry Weavers for supper. Marge's folks there, Roy Martins. She's my cousin.

Sunday, March 17, 1991. Cloudy, rainy day. We went to church. Had dinner with Mary at hospital cafeteria. Jeanette with us. Were home in PM. Wrote to Arthurs. Evelyn called. Jo's flight from St. Louis to Bloomington canceled. Took them to Decatur. Came on a van. Got here at 1:30 a.m.

Monday, March 18, 1991. Partly cloudy, 50°. We did laundry. Took Mary to Mennonite [Long-Term Care] after dialysis. I baked hummingbird cake & chocolate chip bars. Cleaned up some in yard around the doors. Jo here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, March 19, 1991. Clear, lovely day, 57°. I had prayer circle. Helen [Patton], Lucy [Catherine], Jeanette, Shirley [Krahn] & Joyce [Schmucker] here. I baked coffeecake braid for bake sale. Cleaned boys room upstairs. Pete to town in morning. Had some work done on car.

Wednesday, March 20, 1991. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 60s. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. I took Mabel & Dorothy S[ingley] to Garfield club at Jeanette's. I stirred up sugar cookies. I didn't feel good awhile in a.m. Ron home from Miami Florida around 10:00 PM.

Thursday, March 21, 1991. Fair, nice day, 70s. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. We went to bank & grocery store. I finished cleaning the upstairs. Baked 2 loaves pineapple orange bread. Pete cleaned out garage.

Friday, March 22, 1991. Cloudy, rained before noon, 60s, very windy. Tornado watch in some areas. We did some cleaning. Took Mary to Mennonite from dialysis. I cleaned some of kitchen cupboards. Cindy & children here awhile.

Saturday, March 23, 1991. Cloudy, windy, 57°. Showered in evening. I finished cleaning kitchen cupboards & cleaned cabinets in bathroom. Finished weekly cleaning. Allen called. They had tornadoes near them last night. Harry Cookes had building destroyed & other damage done.

Sunday, March 24, 1991. Fair, nice day, 58°. We went to church. Choir sang Messiah. Ron had solo. Was very good. Jo took Mary to church. Rons, Mary & we to Bishops. Mary paid for our dinners. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at Paul Millers.

Monday, March 25, 1991. A fine day, 76°. Did the laundry & washed bedding from our bed. We worked outside in p.m. Cleared off flower beds. Paul Miller made garden. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Jo got her. Jo is on vacation. I was not feeling good in evening for about 3 hours.

Tuesday, March 26, 1991. Had thunderstorm and some rain at 2:00 a.m. Mostly cloudy, 82°. I went with Lucy [Catherine] & Helen [Patton] to Christian Women's Lenten breakfast at St. Luke's Church. Joyce [Schmucker] & Jeanette went too. Cleaned closets & the windows in our bedroom. Made chili. Jo here in evening. Brought pineapple spread from Florida. Ben called, he's coming Thursday PM.

Wednesday, March 27, 1991. Had rain in morning. Very high winds most of day. Tornadoes in Tazwell County. We were under tornado watch most of day. Canceled at 6:00 p.m. We went to bake sale at hospital. We sold out at 10:00. Didn't have very much. Made \$150. Jo got Mary at dialysis & talked to Home Care. I made lasagna & did some cleaning. Randys are coming tomorrow. Shingles blew off our roof.

Thursday, March 28, 1991. Fair, windy, colder. Had hair done at 9:00. We went to hospital. Jo took Mary to her apartment. We helped get her settled. Jo took Mary to lunch. We went to Prime Timers at 12:00. Jo met Ben at train. Was late, 2 – 2:30. Randys got here about 5:45. We had chili & soup. Good to see them.

Friday, March 29, 1991. Fair, chilly, 40°. We visited. Randy's to town at noon. Had lunch with Steves. I made lemon dessert. Ben did his laundry. I helped Jo awhile. We all, Randys & Steves

at Rons. Tonya & children there too. Rons gave us a beautiful Lily. Brittany & I colored eggs in morning.

Saturday, March 30, 1991. Fair, nice day. I made strawberry salad. Randys, Steves & Ben here for dinner. Had lasagna. Steve brought some too. Pete with Ron to Pontiac, looked at a car. Randys left at 2:30 for home. Glad they could come. I washed some sheets & towels. Didn't feel good in evening.

Sunday, March 31, 1990. Partly cloudy, chilly. We went to church. Ben with us. Jo took Mary. We all, Mary & Tonya & children at Rons for dinner. Ron took Mary home & took Ben to train at 6:50. Had a nice Easter. Allen called. They were at Randys for dinner.

Monday, April 1, 1991. A nice day, 59° – 60°. Washed. Took Mary home from dialysis. Home Care lady is to help her Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Jo went with us to Pontiac to see about car (Prism). Jo worked at school in morning & when we got back. We got home at 3:00. I ironed. We are undecided about the car. Had letter from Paul. He isn't coming home until mid August. Marj [coming] in mid-June.

Tuesday, April 2, 1991. Fair, nice day, 60°. I went to prayer circle at Alta [Litwiller]s. Pete & I & Mary met Rose [Girdler], Dorothy [Scogin], Frieda [Shinall] and Elva C[arr] at Bennys. I washed bedding from guest room. A Mr. Stutzman was to fix our roof. He thought it too windy. We decided not to get the car at Pontiac. I went with Jeanette to Women's Meeting. Dorothy S. spoke.

Wednesday, April 3, 1991. Fair, 73°. We volunteered at hospital. I got Mary at dialysis. Took her home. I finished cleaning our bedroom. Washed some rugs, also curtains in west room. Still didn't get our roof fixed.

Thursday, April 4, 1991. Cloudy, showered and misted most of day, 70°. I cleaned closet in west room & cleaned bathroom. I went to Dr. Bertsche at 1:30. Made arrangements for barium enema. Pete had income tax done at [Seth] Swifts.

Friday, April 5, 1991. Fair, nice day, 82°. We went to hospital at 9:00. Auxiliary board meeting & quarterly meeting. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. We had tour of new library & good luncheon. We got groceries for Mary. Pete spaded asparagus bed. I shampooed my hair.

Saturday, April 6, 1991. Fair, 82°, nice day. Tony *Haney* (sp?) fixed our roof. Glad it's done. I baked pecan rolls. Pete spaded around flowers & asparagus bed. I cleaned some of silverware. I'm on clear liquid diet in preparation for barium enema.

Sunday, April 7, 1991. Nice day, 78°, partly cloudy. We went to church. Took Mary. We, Ron & Jo to Steves for Matthew's birthday. We gave him money (\$5). I couldn't enjoy the dinner as still on liquid. Took fleets. Spent most of p.m. in bathroom & during night. Allen called, they're okay.

Monday, April 8, 1991. Mostly cloudy, 80°. We went to Brokaw at 8:30. Heart started to fibrillation after took the enema at 6:00. ER started IVs & got a shot in IV to slow my heart. Also had 2 EKGs & blood work. Went to x-ray at 11:00 for barium enema. Heart had quieted again. We got home at 2:30. Didn't feel very good in evening. Rested.

Tuesday, April 9, 1991. Cloudy, 67° in morning, temp dropped. In 40s most of day, windy. I feel much better & stronger. We did the laundry. Rested & read. Jeanette here awhile in p.m. I didn't go to prayer circle. Jo & Ron here short time.

Wednesday, April 10, 1991. Clear, 37° in morning, 50s. We volunteered at hospital. Worked in Library a while after lunch. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. Pete spaded some in garden. Also got income tax papers at Seth Swift.

Thursday, April 11, 1991. Partly cloudy, windy, 50°. I went with Dorothy Singley to HEA (district). I made salad for Mabel & I. Jeanette along. Jeanette took Pete & I to The Family Reunion Backyard Reunion. Katie was in it. She did real well. Cindy gave us tickets.

Friday, April 12, 1991. Mostly cloudy, 57°, windy. We took Mary home from dialysis. Got her groceries. We had lunch at Kiwanis, pancakes & sausage. Drove to Clinton to see about a car. Made no decisions.

Saturday, April 13, 1991. Cloudy, foggy, drizzled, 60s. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked bars & finished cleaning. Ron took us to Baums at Clinton at noon. May decide on one next week. We volunteered at hospital, 2:45 to 6:45.

Sunday, April 14, 1991. Had 1 inch rain last night, fair in p.m., 60°. We went to church. Don & Julie Martin, candidates for our church, were here. Had potluck dinner. We were impressed with both of the Martins. We visited Sim Nafzigers after the meeting. Allen called. They are okay. Had over 5 inches rain last week. Randys & Micks were there Saturday night.

Monday, April 15, 1991. Had over an inch of rain last night. Fair, 60s. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Bob Evans. Pete mowed lawn. I cleaned back of stove and refrigerator.

Tuesday, April 16, 1991. Clear, nice day, 70s. I went to prayer circle at Shirley K[rahn's]. I finished cleaning kitchen & washed curtains. Pete sprayed little apple trees & trimmed some of roses. Wrote to Pauls.

Wednesday, April 17, 1991. Fair, nice day, 60s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went with Mabel to Garfield club at Marie Hastings. Pete set out 4 cauliflower plants & 6 cabbage plants.

Thursday, April 18, 1991. Cloudy, 60°, windy. I washed some blouses. We went to town at 11:00. Took Mary to Brown's. She got a dress. We had lunch at Red Lobster. Pete & I to nurses

library. Identified some of pictures in archives. Larry Mohr had a stroke. Jo here awhile in evening.

Friday, April 19, 1991. Mostly cloudy, windy, 58°. Did some weekly cleaning. Took Mary home from dialysis. Got her groceries. Went to hospital. Helped make an Amish quilt for the bazaar. Didn't get it all pieced.

Saturday, April 20, 1991. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 55°. We went to El Paso in morning. Went to *Ribbee* (sp?), Looked at cars. Went to Elms for lunch, then to Hellers, looked at more cars. Got some pretty good prices. We got home before 3:00. Planted some (unclear) bulbs.

Sunday, April 21, 1991. Fair, nice day, 5°. We went to church. Took Mary to church. We had lunch at Golden West. Back to meeting at church. Congregation voted to ask the Martins to come as worship & music director & Christian Ed & youth director. We were at Rons for supper. *Cherlese* (sp?) birthday.

Monday, April 22, 1991. Fair, nice day, 66°. Merle Francis passed away at 6:00 a.m. Irene [Dovall] & we to hospital at 9:30. Looked for clothes. Went to funeral home. Made arrangements for funeral on Wednesday, 2:30. Ron has service. We had calls to make. Jimmy Grady called. He can't come. We got home at noon. Did laundry. Cindy & children here awhile. Steve in California. Jo here awhile. Allen called. We called pallbearers for Merle's funeral. 2 Troyers, Leon [Schmucker, Don N[ester], Earl K[aufman], Bob Reeser.

Tuesday, April 23, 1991. Mostly cloudy, 60°, windy and colder in p.m. Had shower in p.m. Pete sold some corn, \$2.50. I went to prayer circle at Jeanette's. We cleaned bookcases in PM. Pete sold beans, \$5.90. We met Jo at Eastland at 4:30. We shopped for dresses. Pete & I left at 6:10. Went to hospital for volunteer party. Had ice cream & program. Jo brought some dresses home for me to try. Kept one. Ron & Jo here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, April 24, 1991. 68°, clear, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in a.m. We went to Merle Francis's funeral at 1:30 visitation, service at 2:30. Ron had the service. Was nice service. Several of Troyer relatives, Irene D[ovall] with us to Cemetery. I took Irene back to town. Pete mowed lawn. Jim Grady called. He sent a plant & wanted [us] to have it. Azalea, beautiful.

Thursday, April 25, 1991. Cloudy, 62°. Pete to men's volunteer breakfast at Mennonite. I quilted awhile. We went to Leutke's office. Merle's will was read. Leutke is administrator. Oil checks go to Mennonite Hospital. Irene & Leon were there also. Jim Grady gets her personal things. We went to Prime Timers dinner at Farm Bureau at 12:30. Gaileys had program.

Friday, April 26, 1991. Fair, nice day, 78°. We got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. Pete to hospital, delivered Upper Room. I had hair done. Pete spaded around little trees. I made rhubarb crisp. Cindy brought pizza. She & children ate with us. They left at 9:00 to meet Steve at airport. He had been in California.

Saturday, April 27, 1991. Mostly cloudy, few showers in morning. Pete trimmed raspberries. I went to alumni homecoming at 1:00. Business meeting & tour of new classrooms, lab & library. Came home awhile. Winifred Maxwell got Marie Hastings & me. Went to dinner at Tiara ballroom. My class was honored. 60 years since graduation. We got corsages.

Sunday, April 28, 1991. Showered in morning, 77°, mostly fair. We went to church. Took Mary. She, Rons and we to Chinese restaurant to celebrate my 60 years since graduation. Ron & we to dedication of new library & classrooms, etc. Cindy had solo & directed college choir. Ron had benediction. Was nice program. We went to Song Festival at church.

Monday, April 29, 1991. Mostly cloudy, 78°, windy. We did laundry. Took Sport to vet in p.m. Gave him 2 shots. I baked cookies. Paul Miller here in p.m. Worked in his garden. Art Sieg at St. Joe. Doesn't respond, been there over a week. We were under tornado warnings for 2 hours in evening. Several sighted in area. Windy, had shower.

Tuesday, April 30, 1991. Clear, windy, 68°. I went to prayer circle at Joyce Schmucker's. Pete worked outside awhile. Paul Miller worked in garden. We went to Hellers at El Paso. We bought a new red Ford Tempo. Paid \$9728.25. Were home in evening. Had rain in evening & night, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

Wednesday, May 1, 1991. Clear, windy, 66°. We volunteered at hospital. Helped Arlene make some drapes for small chapel. I vacuumed the furniture & drapes. We took Mary home from dialysis.

Thursday, May 2, 1991. Clear, 74°, nice day. I took Mabel to the Golden HEA'ers. Had good dinner. *Roti-Ruder* (sp?) Out in morning, had trouble with drain. Pete plowed garden. We put out eggplants, pepper & tomato plants, onions, beets, carrots & spinach. Wrote to Pauls.

Friday, May 3, 1991. Cloudy, 60s. Rained late p.m. and evening. I did weekly cleaning. Pete mowed lawn. We got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. Took Merle's luggage to Irene D[oval] at hospital. I quilted awhile. Went to St. Joe. Saw Helen S[ieg]. Also saw Art [Sieg], he is in ICU. Things don't look good. Rons & we to '76 for supper. Ron drove our car. They liked the car.

Saturday, May 4, 1991. Cloudy most of day, fair in evening, 67°. We went to Genealogical meeting at Metamora. Tom Yoder with us. Got home at 3:00. I made salad. Allen called in evening. Steves there. Had 2.4 inches rain in night.

Sunday, May 5, 1991. Cloudy, rained in morning. Partly cloudy in p.m., 60s. We went to church. Had small group at Earl Kaufmans. I took salad. Got home at 3:00. Home in evening. We took Mary to church. She stayed at church for lunch with her small group.

Monday, May 6, 1991. Mostly cloudy, windy, cold, 40s. We did laundry. Pete did some trimming in yard. I washed windows in dining & living room. We went to St. Joe, saw Helen [Sieg]. Art is critical. We took Lucy C[atherine] to Denny's for supper.

Tuesday, May 7, 1991. Fair, nice day, 69°. We went to town. I went to prayer group. Pete did some errands. Mary and we had lunch with Dorothy S[cogin], Rosa [Girdler], Elva C[arr] & Frieda & Harold [Shinall]. I made a salad. We trimmed some shrubbery. I went to Mother-Daughter Dinner. Cindy & Katie there. Jo busy at school.

Wednesday, May 8, 1991. Fair, nice day, 70s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Helene Springer's funeral at 2:00. Ron sang. Rested some in p.m. Pulse rapid early a.m. Didn't feel good in morning, pulse slow. We planted cucumbers & squash in evening.

Thursday, May 9, 1991. Fair, nice day, 76°. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to HEA. Jeanette & Mabel along. Pete mowed lawn. I polished some furniture & put 3 cartons Rhubarb in freezer. Made some rhubarb crisp for supper.

Friday, May 10, 1991. Partly cloudy, 80°. We got Mary at dialysis, took her to bank & got her groceries. We finished cleaning dining & living rooms. Cleaned the rug. Paul & Emerson Millers here awhile in evening. Bob Woizeski called saying Clarence passed away this p.m. He will be cremated. Memorial service at Bloomington. Lucy C[atherine] had surgery.

Saturday, May 11, 1991. Partly cloudy, few light showers, 80s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. Carol & Mabel here, got Rhubarb. Lucy C[atherine] getting along well. We volunteered at Info Desk, 3:00 – 7:00. Jon & Tonya planting some garden. Had a card from Allens.

Sunday, May 12, 1991. Mostly cloudy, rained at noon. We went to church, took Mary. Rons, we, Mary, Jon, Tonya & children & Steves to Lake Bloomington for picnic. Ron prepared stakes on grill. Nice afternoon to be out. Rons gave Mary & me corsage. They gave me a rose bush & Jo gave [me] a skirt. Mary gave me \$10. Allens called. They're okay.

Monday, May 13, 1991. Fair, 86°, humid. Art Sieg passed away little afternoon. We did laundry. I got dinner. Had ribs & sauerkraut. Steve here, he enjoyed it. He helped Pete hang the screen door at back door. I fixed porch box. Paul Millers here in p.m. I wrote Jeffs.

Tuesday, May 14, 1991. Cloudy, 80s, cooled off during storm. Had tornado warnings out. 4 touched down in open areas. Had hard rain in some areas south & east of town. I went to prayer circle at Mary K[auffmans]. We planted rose bush Rons gave me. Put out glad bulbs & several rows of flowers & petunias.

Wednesday, May 15, 1991. Cloudy in morning. Rained hard in town. Little shower here, 83°. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. Had salad luncheon (Garfield). Was to be at Park. On account of weather, went to Sandy Schwoerer. We went to visitation for Art Sieg.

Thursday, May 16, 1991. Mostly cloudy, 87°. Had shower in town about 11:30. Tornado touched near Farmer City. Heavy rain east of town. We went to Art Sieg's funeral at 10:30. Had lunch at the church. Large crowd. We took Mary to see Dr. Olson at 2:00. Pete mowed lawn. Ron & Jon

to meeting in Chicago. Jo to BroMenn recognition dinner, Ron's 20th year. Allen & Shirley to Hawaii.

Friday, May 17, 1991. Mostly cloudy, 83°, humid. Under tornado watch in p.m. & evening. Did weekly cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. I quilted little while at hospital. Mary & we to Grand Café for lunch. Got Mary's groceries & took her to get her hair done. I shortened my Navy skirt Jo gave me.

Saturday, May 18, 1991. Cloudy, cool, 63°. Had 1 ½ inches rain last night. I finished cleaning. We pulled weeds in raspberries. Rested some. I baked rhubarb bread. Ron worked at Ropp Cemetery all day. Jo helped some. Ron helped plant some trees. Then he took tractor to mow. They raked too.

Sunday, May 19, 1991. Cloudy, cool, 50° – 60°. We went to church. Took Mary. We had dinner at Denny's. We were home rest of day. Wrote to Pauls.

Monday, May 20, 1991. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy, 78°. We did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Perkins. Went to see Lucy C[atherine]. Took her a few flowers. She's doing pretty good. We did some trimming in yard. I baked coffeecake. Jon got our bed put together. I was at Jo's awhile, took her blood pressure. She wasn't feeling well.

Tuesday, May 21, 1991. Partly cloudy, 80°, more humid. Had prayer circle here. Shirley [Krahn], Jeanette [Colter], Joyce [Schmucker], Mary [Yoder] & Alta [Litwiller]. Helen [Patton] in Kentucky. We cleaned west bedroom in p.m. Jo feeling better.

Wednesday, May 22, 1991. Fair. Had nearly ½ inch rain in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. I cleaned hallway & Cedar closet in p.m.

Thursday, May 23, 1991. Mostly fair, 83°, humid but more breeze. Pete mowed yard. I worked with plants. We went to Memorial service at Park Hill Cemetery for Clarence Woizeski. He was cremated. Ron had the service. Bob [Woizeski], Mary & Roger [Woizeski] came, also Bob's 2 sons. They all went back to Ind.

Friday, May 24, 1991. Fair, 86°. We did some weekly cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. I quilted awhile at hospital. Had lunch at Hardee's. I had permanent at 3:00. Ron & Jo to Bluffton about 4:00. Cindy with them. They were all going but Matthew got sick so Steve stayed home.

Saturday, May 25, 1991. Cloudy, 80s, humid, ½ inch rain in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I ate at cafeteria. We took flowers to 2 cemeteries. Drove to Troyer Cemetery. Pete got names of Ropps buried there. Stopped at Ropp Cemetery. I finished cleaning. Matthew not feeling very good.

Sunday, May 26, 1991. Mostly cloudy. Had wind and nearly ½ inch rain in p.m. We went to church. Took Mary. She took us, Steve & Matthew to Bishops for dinner. Matthew feeling better. Were home in PM. Rons & Cindy home from Ohio at 11:00. Talked to Allen. They're okay.

Monday, May 27, 1991. Clear, 90°. We got Mary at dialysis. Steve & children here for dinner. Had chicken casserole. Steve & Ron put in our air conditioner. Jo worked at school most of day. Ron busy working all day. Jon & Tonya plowed & hoed their garden. I helped Tonya sow some flower seeds. Pauls flew to Paris.

Tuesday, May 28, 1990. Clear, hot, 93°. I went to church with Jeanette where we met Helen [Patton], Alta [Litwiller], Joyce [Schmucker] & Mary [Kauffman]. We went to Meadows to see Alma [Galloway]. She seems better. Got home at 11:30. I went to Mabel's for lunch. Marie Hastings & Helen Webb there. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I rested awhile. Glad to have air conditioner in.

Wednesday, May 29, 1991. Cloudy in morning. Rained at noon, 80s, fair in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Had Chip Program brunch at 9:00. Took Mary home from dialysis. We cleaned Recreation room in PM. Marj to Berne Switzerland. Wrote to Andy's.

Thursday, May 30, 1991. Fair, 86°, breezy. Washed pantsuits & slacks, bathroom rug. Pete did some typing. I rested some & read. Were under thunderstorm watches all evening.

Friday, May 31, 1991. Partly cloudy, another hot humid day, 89°. Tornadoes sighted. Did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We met Helen Sieg at Shoney's for lunch. I had hair done. I baked shoofly pie. Gave Rons some. Marty's home. Under thunderstorm warnings in evening. Had 1 ¾ inches rain and electrical storm. Electricity off.

Saturday, June 1, 1991. Fair, 90°. Finished cleaning. We washed the car. Rested & read. Pete did some typing. Marty judging sheep show at ISU. Jo worked at school.

Sunday, June 2, 1991. Mostly fair, 88°. We went to church. Took Mary. We ate at Denny's. Were home rest of day. Marty here awhile before he left for home at 6:30.

Monday, June 3, 1991. Fair, 86°. Not humid. We did laundry. Finished cleaning basement in p.m. Worked outside awhile in evening.

Tuesday, June 4, 1991. Nice day, 78°, cool in morning. We worked outside in morning, flower garden. Mary & we had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Elva Carr. We got a flat of strawberries. Put 11 jars in freezer. Kept some to eat. Pete mowed lawn.

Wednesday, June 5, 1991. Another beautiful day, 56° and 77°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. I worked outside awhile in p.m. Jo's school out today.

Thursday, June 6, 1991. Fair, nice day, 70s. Rested most of day. Didn't feel good early a.m. We washed some bedding & rugs. Pete trimmed some shrubbery. Cindy & children here awhile in

evening, brought gifts from Allens they got in Hawaii. I got pin, Pete can [of] nuts. Jo worked at school.

Friday, June 7, 1991. Fair, 82°. Did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to bank & got her groceries. She & I had our hair done. Had lunch at Grand Café. I baked some bars in p.m. Jo worked at school all day. Steves to Bluffton – family reunion.

Saturday, June 8, 1991. Fair, warmer, 80s. Finished weekly cleaning. We worked in yard trimming, etc. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30.

Sunday, June 9, 1991. Fair, 86°, more humid. Jo, Pete, I and Mabel to Woizeski reunion at Mark *Tiarks* (sp?) At Decatur. 17 there. Ron there too. He spoke at Carlock church first. He left Decatur early as he spoke at Westminster at 3:30. Glad they could go. Vernon W[oizeski] there. Bev and Bill W[oizeski] there too. Reunion at Ron's next year. We have banner. Pete is president. Allen called.

Monday, June 10, 1991. Fair, 83°. We did laundry. We washed windows in kitchen & dining [room]. Put screens in. Transplanted some snapdragons [I] got from Jo.

Tuesday, June 11, 1991. Partly cloudy. Had few light showers, 82°. I baked coffeecake. Pete wrote some letters. Rested. Worked outside awhile in p.m. Jo here awhile in evening. I put 2 packages spinach in freezer.

Wednesday, June 12, 1991. Fair, 89°. We volunteered at hospital. Jo took us to Chenoa & Gridley cemeteries to get names of Ropp relatives buried there. She went to Glenn *Busnitz* (sp?) to get a mallet for Ron. We took Mary home from dialysis.

Thursday, June 13, 1991. Fair, hot, 90°. We finished washing windows in putting in screens. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. Rons took us to Barney's for Father's Day.

Friday, June 14, 1991. Fair, hot, 98°, rather breezy. We went to hospital at 9:00. Had auxiliary board meeting. We got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. Pete did some work at hospital. I quilted awhile. Rons & Jon left at 2:00 for St. Louis to meeting. We'll go on to Martys at Columbia [Missouri].

Saturday, June 15, 1991. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 89°, had thunderstorm at 4:30, 4/10 inches rain. We worked outside awhile. Fed roses, etc. We volunteered at hospital, 2 – 6:30. Ben called. He's going to Berkeley California with some friends looking for work.

Sunday, June 16, 1991. Mostly sunny, 82°, nice day. We went to church. Took Mary. We ate at Bishops. Were home in p.m. & evening. Allen called. Randys & Micks had been there. Rons home from Martys.

Monday, June 17, 1991. Clear, beautiful day, 83°. Did the laundry. Pete sprayed the foundation around the house. I removed some rust in sink & bathtub. Pete picked row of peas. Gave Jo some & we had [some] for lunch. Paul Miller got 5 gallon bucket.

Tuesday, June 18, 1991. Clear, nice day, 87°. We worked in flower garden awhile. Pete did some trimming. Rested and read some. Paul M[iller]s, Weins & Dorothy were in gardens in evening.

Wednesday, June 19, 1991. Clear, warmer, 90°. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. I quilted awhile after lunch. Got home at 2:00. Rested.

Thursday, June 20, 1991. Fair, 90° plus. Paul M[iller] gave us some peas. Put 2 pints in freezer. I was at Jo's awhile in a.m. Rested in p.m. Washed a sweater for [me] & one for Pete. Cindy, children & Jo here late PM. Steve has been at Plow Creek. Home this evening.

Friday, June 21, 1991. Partly cloudy, 89°, cooler in evening. We did weekly cleaning. Jo took Mary home from dialysis. We got groceries in p.m.

Saturday, June 22, 1991. Cloudy, cool, 70°. Pete to men's breakfast. Picked peas. Put 5 ½ pints in freezer. Gave Mary a pint. Pete mowed yard. We went to Eastland, got gift for Barry Weavers' baby. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30.

Sunday, June 23, 1991. Cloudy in morning, fair, 80s. We went to church. Took Mary. We ate at Golden West. Went to Mary's apartment awhile. Rons to Decatur. Marty judging their. He has been hired at the University of Missouri. Glad for him. We read some & rested. Jo here few minutes.

Monday, June 24, 1991. Fair, warmer, 83°. Did laundry. We took Mary home from dialysis. We had lunch at Long [John] Silver's with Laura [Stamback]. We podded some peas that Paul M[iller] left. Fixed some freezer cabbage slaw.

Tuesday, June 25, 1991. Fair, 88°. I baked cookies & cooked some chicken, baked a ham. Rested some. We went to grocery [store] at 4:00. Rons to Chicago after BroMenn dinner to get Marj who is coming from Taiwan.

Wednesday, June 26, 1991. Hazy, 91°, breezy. Rons & Marjorie got here at 1:30 a.m. Good to see Marj. Pete volunteered at hospital in morning & took Mary home. I didn't feel good in morning. Rested & visited with Marj. Rons here for supper.

Thursday, June 27, 1991. Fair, breezy, 90°. Marjorie & we met Jo in town at 10:30. Drove around Jo's school & east side of town. Had lunch at pizza place. Marjorie & we to Eastland. She got some shoes. Went to Mary's apartment awhile. Cindy & children here awhile. Steve to conference at Fort Wayne [Indiana].

Friday, June 28, 1991. Fair, 89°. We got Mary at dialysis. Took her to Eastland. She got pair of shoes. Got her groceries. Had lunch in town. I made 6 quarts dill pickles. Marjorie, we & Mary to Mabel's for supper. Ron cut tree down by powerhouses.

Saturday, June 29, 1991. Fair, hot, 93°. Finished some cleaning. Ron cleaned out power house & tore down most of the building. We spent some time outside. Marjorie made spaghetti for supper. Made 2 quarts dill [pickles].

Sunday, June 30, 1991. Fair, hot, 99°. We went to church. Took Mary. Marjorie, Mary & we at Rons for dinner. We took Mary home. Allen called in evening. They're okay. Picked nearly pint [of] raspberries.

Monday, July 1, 1991. Fair, hot, 97°. Light shower at 5:00, more South. Marjorie rented a car. She & Jo left at 9:30. Marj to Berne, Jo to Ohio. We did laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. Rested some in p.m. Picked a few berries.

Tuesday, July 2, 1991. Fair in morning, 87°. Had nearly an inch of rain in p.m. Glad for it. Cooler. I washed some bedding. Mary we met Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler], Harold & Freida S[hinall] for lunch. We took Mary to see Dr. Olson at dialysis. We got ½ bushel apples at Birkelbaws. Amy called. She thought Marj was here.

Wednesday, July 3, 1991. Mostly fair, 90°, less humid. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. I finished a quilt for auxiliary. I cooked applesauce in p.m. Picked a few raspberries.

Thursday, July 4, 1991. Partly cloudy, had little shower in p.m., cooler, 83°. Ron & Jon, Tonya & children to Ohio. I canned 4 quarts of beet pickles & canned 6 pints beans. Paul M[iller] & Franzie [Loepp] here in morning. Steves to Allens. We had a very quiet 4th.

Friday, July 5, 1991. Fair, hot, 94°. We took Mary to dialysis and got her. Got her groceries. She & I had our hair done. Had lunch at Grand Café. I made 4 quarts dill pickles. Water Jo's flowers & ours. Sowed some endive. Allens & their family to Ely Minnesota.

Saturday, July 6, 1991. Partly cloudy in morning, hot, 95°. I baked coffeecake braid. Pete to men's breakfast. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30. Watered flowerbeds in evening.

Sunday, July 7, 1991. Fair, windy, hot, 97°. We went to church. Bluffton college group gave program. We had our small group at Gerlof [Homan]s. Mary didn't go to church. Marjorie got here at 7:00 p.m. from Berne. Rons got home at 9:30. Glad they all had good trip.

Monday, July 8, 1991. Clear, 86°, nice day. Jo took Marjorie to [ISU] Student Center to bus to O'Hare. She was to get to Worcester at 6:00 p.m. We enjoyed having her. Will be glad when Paul gets home. Jo took Mary to dialysis, took her home. We did the laundry. I peeled apples to make applesauce. Made 4 quarts dill pickles.

Tuesday, July 9, 1991. Cloudy, drizzled & light showers most of day. Wish we could get good rain. I put 4 jars applesauce in freezer. Our prayer group had lunch at Golden West at noon. I made 5 pints bread-and-butter pickles. Pete mowed lawn. Temp 71°.

Wednesday, July 10, 1991. Cloudy in morning, fair, 83°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Eastland. I got mattress cover. Paul M[iller] dug his potatoes. They did well. [He] gave us ½ bushel. Rested some in p.m.

Thursday, July 11, 1991. Cloudy, had ½ inch rain in morning. We went to Birkelbaws, got ½ bushel apples & peaches. Got some culls at Jackson's. I put 5 jars peaches in freezer. Made 2 pints preserves. Dorothy Singley brought us about ½ bushel apricots. Marty got to Rons about 8:00. We were there awhile.

Friday, July 12, 1991. Had one half inch rain last night, fair, 88°. We got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. I canned 6 quarts apricots in p.m. Jo here awhile. We did some cleaning. Picked 1 pint raspberries & [a] few tomatoes. Ron & Marty to Melvin. Marty judged, then to Springfield to hog show.

Saturday, July 13, 1991. Partly cloudy, 80°, nice day. I cooked applesauce, put 3 jars in freezer. Put 3 jars peaches in freezer. We went with Tom Yoders to dinner at Metamora for Schertz House at Heritage Center. Enjoyable evening. Ron home from hog sale at Springfield. Bought 2 hogs. Marty home to Columbia [Missouri]. Steve called. They're in South Carolina with Bill R[amseymers].

Sunday, July 14, 1991. Clear, nice day, 80s. We went to church. Took Mary. We had dinner at '66. Were home in p.m. & evening. Rons to Peoria. He had 2 services at Presbyterian Church. Allen called. They're coming August 16 when Paul comes.

Monday, July 15, 1991. Fair, 80s, nice day. Little warmer. We did laundry. Jo took Mary home from dialysis. I made 2 pies (apple). Put in freezer. Made a little one for us. Hoed roses in evening.

Tuesday, July 16, 1991. Fair, 88°. Jo picked beans. We helped stem them. I got things ready for dinner. Jo here. We had ribs & sauerkraut. I made peach crisp.

Wednesday, July 17, 1991. Fair, near 90°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Rested some in p.m. Franzie [Loepp]s here in evening, worked in garden. I made a salad for tomorrow.

Thursday, July 18, 1991. Fair, hot, 97°. Some breeze. I transplanted some violets. We went to Seniors dinner at church. Took Mary & got her groceries.

Friday, July 19, 1991. Fair, hot, 97°. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to hospital auxiliary annual meeting at Jumers. Had good crowd over 50. Good meeting. Some of us got certificate of appreciation. We got new iron.

Saturday, July 20, 1991. Hazy, hot, 97°. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked brownies. Finished cleaning. Tonya & Jon got Weins corn (Weins are gone.) We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30. Stopped at Mary's. Swept her rugs for her. Jo gave us 12 packages corn.

Sunday, July 21, 1991. Fair, hot. We went to church. Had carry in dinner to welcome Don & Julie Martin. Mary there too. Had short business meeting. Were home before 2:00. Allen called in evening. Is hot & dry there too.

Monday, July 22, 1991. Fair, hot, windy, 97°. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Shopped some at Eastland. Met Laura [Stamback] for lunch.

Tuesday, July 23, 1991. Fair, cooler, 89°. Jo helped us make some sauerkraut. Pete & I to Roy Basting's funeral at 10:30. Jo & we to Birkelbaws. Got door piece for Lucy C[atherine]. She got one for Mary. We took Mary to Gailey's at 12:40. Wrote to Jeffs in evening.

Wednesday, July 24, 1991. Cloudy in morning. Had shower. More South of here. 77°, fair in p.m. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Mary home from dialysis. Worked outside awhile. Pete dug onions. Wrote to Paul.

Thursday, July 25, 1991. Fair, cool, 79° – 80°. Washed some windows. Washed the car. Worked outside awhile. Rons took us to Shakespeare play, "The Taming of the Shrew." Jo took our supper, ate on lawn. Had Brown's chicken. Jon & Tonya there too.

Friday, July 26, 1991. Clear, 54° – 82°, nice day, but very dry. We got Mary at dialysis. Got her groceries. Did some weekly cleaning. I canned 3 ½ quarts of tomatoes. Earl Kaufman here, got cabbage & squash & Paul [Miller]'s green beans.

Saturday, July 27, 1991. Fair, 80s. Pete mowed some yard and weeds. I helped awhile in morning. Went to grocery store. Rested some. Arthurs, Steve & Cathy got to town about 4:00. They, Mary & we to Rons for big dinner. Tonya & children there too. Jo had a birthday cake for me. Good to see Arthurs & Steves.

Sunday, July 28, 1991. Fair, pleasant day. We went to church. Took Mary. Arthur & Steves there. Georgia didn't go. Rons and we all went to Jumers at 11:15. Had brunch. Arts to Mary's awhile & rested. Came here for lunch. Jo helped me some. LeRoy Ropps from Wellman Iowa here awhile in p.m. Steve [Ropop] left by bus with youth for conference at Eugene Oregon.

Monday, July 29, 1991. Cloudy in morning. Had light shower early a.m. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. I canned 3 ½ quarts tomatoes. Georgia called in evening. They had a good trip home. Wrote to Marjorie.

Tuesday, July 30, 1991. Fair, nice day, 84°. We had lunch with Rose [Girdler], Dorothy [Scogin], Frieda [Shinall] & Mary. Dorothy baked an angel food cake for me. Had quite a few cards. Rons

took us to Chinese restaurant. Marty here awhile in evening. He's judging at Lincoln tomorrow. Mary gave me money for permanent & [got] \$15 from Allens.

Wednesday, July 31, 1991. Fair, 88°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Mary home from dialysis. Rested some in p.m. Pete picked tomatoes. I fed & watered roses. Pete watered shrubbery.

Thursday, August 1, 1991. Clear, hot, 93°. I canned 6 quarts of tomato juice in morning. Jo had lunch with us. Deb called in evening. She has been trying to call us since Monday. Allens tried to call on Tuesday, also Evelyn. Guess our phone isn't working well.

Friday, August 2, 1991. Fair, hot, 98° – 99°. We got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries & [went] to bank. We went to 4-H fair at 11:30. We got home about 2:00. Rested some. We went to Washburn's. Deb & Randy gave me an Azalea. Pete got cheese for his birthday.

Saturday, August 3, 1991. Cloudy, 90°, had shower early a.m. Had one in town in p.m. Finished weekly cleaning. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30. Went to Rons for Brandon's birthday party. Had pizza.

Sunday, August 4, 1991. Fair, 82°. We went to church. Took Mary. Rons & we to Chinese Restaurant for dinner. Mary paid [for meal] for our birthdays & anniversaries. We were home in PM. Allen called. I called Deb & Randy to thank them for our birthday gifts.

Monday, August 5, 1991. Cloudy, some light showers, 72°. We did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. I canned 9 quarts sauerkraut. Gave Jo 4 quarts. Rained in night.

Tuesday, August 6, 1991. Cloudy, rained some, cool, 60°. Had 1 inch [rain] last night which was welcome. I canned 3 ½ quarts tomato juice. Had a quiet 59th anniversary.

Wednesday, August 7, 1991. Mostly cloudy. Rained some, had more in town than here. We volunteered at hospital. I helped Arlene put part of quilt in frame. Jeanette there too. We took Mary home from dialysis. Jeanette here awhile, brought 2 melons. Rons took us to Denny's for dessert. Had pie. Denny's gave Pete & I each pie free.

Thursday, August 8, 1991. Rained in morning. Partly cloudy, 83°. I went to auxiliary board meeting at 8:30. Made lasagna, put in freezer. Canned 2 quarts tomatoes. Pete got mixed nuts from Deb & Randy.

Friday, August 9, 1991. Cloudy in morning, fair, 80°. We did some weekly cleaning. Took Mary home from dialysis. I had hair done. Had water problem, leak in pipe. Jon got it fixed. Did some packing. We, Lucy C[atherine] & Mary to Red Lobster for our birthdays. Lucy gave me a red blouse. I gave her door ornament.

Saturday, August 10, 1991. Fair, nice day. Jo, Mary & we left at 9:15 for Missouri. Got to Harrisonville at 5:30. Took Route 36. Had motel at Super 8. Went to Sycamore [Mennonite]

Church at 8:00 for the 125th year of the church. Saw many old friends & some cousins. Back to our motel. Tired.

Sunday, August 11, 1991. Fair, nice day. We went to Sycamore church at 10:00 or 2nd service. Arthur Y[oder] there. Georgia not feeling good. We all had dinner there. Didn't stay for p.m. service. Arthur took us to the cemetery & to Garden City & our home places. Enjoyed it. We went to Arthurs awhile, then all went to Cathy & Steve's for lunch. Nice home. Had motel at Blue Springs.

Monday, August 12, 1991. Another nice day, 83°. Left Blue Springs at 8:30. Stopped at Columbia Missouri, had lunch with Marty & Renée. Glad to see them. We got home at 6:00 after a lovely weekend & thanks to Jo for taking us. Mary got along quite well. Enjoyed the singing Saturday night & yesterday & seeing old friends & cousins.

Tuesday, August 13, 1991. Fair, nice day, 87°. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Got groceries. Pete picked tomatoes. I got vegetables ready for chili sauce. Ron to State Fair in evening. We took Jo to Denny's for supper. Had coupons from our birthdays.

Wednesday, August 14, 1991. Fair, 88°. We took Mary to dialysis and took her home. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete mowed lawn. I made 9 pints chili sauce. We went to visitation for Elizabeth Schroeer.

Thursday, August 15, 1991. Fair, 80s. I baked 2 cherry pies for Danvers Days. Baked brownies. Rested some in p.m. Jo to [State] Fair. Ron showed. Didn't do too well, 8th, large class. Ron home from fair at 10:00 p.m.

Friday, August 16, 1991. Fair, 91°. We did weekly cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. Did some shopping at Eastland. Allens to O'Hare at 11:00 p.m. to meet Paul returning from Taiwan.

Saturday, August 17, 1991. Fair, had shower in p.m. Allens and Paul got here at 1:50 a.m. Good to see them. Everyone slept late. All went to Rons at 9:45 for brunch. Had good time. Paul & Pete got Mary at 4:00. All had supper here. Except Allens went to his 40th high school reunion.

Sunday, August 18, 1991. Fair. Ron took Paul to ISU for the 7:05 bus to O'Hare. Allens left at 6:30 for home. He has meeting in northern Iowa this evening. Glad they could come even though time was short. We went to church. Home in PM. Dorothy [Singley] took my pies to Danvers. Church picnic but [we] didn't go.

Monday, August 19, 1991. Fair, cool, 73°. Did laundry and took Mary home from dialysis. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Bob Evans. Washed some pillow tops. Gave Ron \$25 for his birthday.

Tuesday, August 20, 1991. Mostly fair, 81°. I washed bedding from guest beds. Canned 3 ½ quarts tomatoes. Did some ironing. We went to visitation for Howard Stutzman at Carlock. Jeanette with us. Ate at Hen House.

Wednesday, August 21, 1991. Fair, 83°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. Jeanette helped me quilt at hospital. I started some violet plants. Gathered flower seeds. I stirred up refrigerator rolls.

Thursday, August 22, 1991. Fair, hot, 91°. I baked pecan rolls. We washed the car. I had a permanent at 1:30. Gave Mary & Rons some rolls. Were home in evening. Picked some beans for Mary.

Friday, August 23, 1991. Fair, 90°. We did some weekly cleaning. Took Mary home from dialysis & got her groceries. Went to hospital. I quilted awhile. Had lunch at Dairy Queen. Did some hand laundry. Picked tomatoes.

Saturday, August 24, 1991. Fair, hot, 93°. Finished weekly cleaning. Canned 3 quarts tomatoes. Made salad dressing. Rested some. Paul called in evening. He got home alright. His school starts Monday.

Sunday, August 25, 1991. Fair, hot, 94°. We went to church, took Mary. Ate at Grand Café. Home in PM. Rons to Metamora. He preached. Steves here in evening, had ice cream & cookies. Talked to Allens.

Monday, August 26, 1991. Fair, 93°. Washed. Took Mary home from dialysis. Did some ironing. Jon digging up the gas tanks that were buried. We went to Jeanette's, got some mush melons. Took her some grapes & glads. Pete sold corn, got \$2.48 [per] bushel.

Tuesday, August 27, 1991. Fair, hazy, 91°. Went to town at 9:30. I had auxiliary board meeting. Mary & we had lunch at Denny's with Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler], Frieda & Dr. Shinall. I had some fibrillation again in p.m., better in late p.m. & evening.

Wednesday, August 28, 1991. Fair, hot, 94°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Jeanette helped quilt. We took Mary home from dialysis. We took Ron & Jo to Fireside Inn at Lexington for their anniversary.

Thursday, August 29, 1991. Cloudy, had light shower, 89°. I canned 4 quarts tomato juice. We took Mary to dialysis at 1:45 to see Dr. Olson. Did some grocery shopping. Home in evening.

Friday, August 30, 1991. Fair, hot, 90s. Did weekly cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. I got things ready for supper. Deb, Randy & Brittany got here at 6:30. Had chicken casserole. Allen & Shirley got here at 9:00. They went to Cindy's. Steve at Retreat. Rons here short time.

Saturday, August 31, 1991. Fair, cloudy in p.m., cooler. Allens, Katie & Matthew here awhile in morning. They all & Randys to Yeakel Reunion at Park. Randys, Mary & we to Cindy's for supper. Rons busy. Steve at [Camp] Menno Haven Retreat. Randys here all night.

Sunday, September 1, 1991. Had light sprinkle in morning, fair in p.m., 83°. Randy's left at 5:20 a.m. for home. We went to church, also Allens. Rons to St. Louis for weekend. Allens, Mary, Cindy & children & we to Denny's for dinner. Allens stopped to change clothes. Left here at 1:10. He called, [they] got home before 7:00. Good to have all of them [here].

Monday, September 2, 1991. Partly cloudy, hazy, 85°. We took Mary to dialysis & took her home. Did laundry. Ironed in p.m. Rons got home at 10:00.

Tuesday, September 3, 1991. Cloudy, rained in p.m., ½ inch, 82°. I went to hospital at 1:00. Quilted. Zoe & her neighbors were there too. I went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette.

Wednesday, September 4, 1991. Fair, cooler, 80°. We volunteered at hospital. Jeanette helped me quilt awhile in morning. We took Mary home from dialysis. Jeanette took us to visitation for Phinas Yoder at Danvers. Had supper at '76.

Thursday, September 5, 1991. Beautiful day, 60s. I canned 3 quarts tomatoes. Worked in yard [a] little in p.m. We went to Service Company dinner at Fairgrounds. Jeanette brought us some melons. I gave her pecan rolls.

Friday, September 6, 1991. Fair, 88 – 90°. We got Mary at dialysis. Got her groceries. Took her to bank. I had hair done. Did weekly cleaning.

Saturday, September 7, 1991. Fair. We went to Ropp reunion at Elms in El Paso. 32 present. Some farmers busy. Several canceled. Same officers reelected. Pete & Darrell Ropp program committee. Rons had a quiz. Rons & we to Meadows to pig roast to raise funds for The [Meadows] Home.

Sunday, September 8, 1991. Mostly cloudy, rained in p.m. We went to church. Had small group at Werner [Fransen]s. Took dessert. Alcenés, Gerlof [Homan]s & Werner [Fransen]s [there]. Wrote to Evelyn.

Monday, September 9, 1991. Fair, hot, 93°, breezy. Did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Rested some in p.m. We had thunderstorm at 10:30. Had nearly an inch of rain.

Tuesday, September 10, 1991. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 86°, humid. I cleaned upstairs in morning. Went to hospital, quilted several hours. Pete mowed lawn.

Wednesday, September 11, 1991. Fair, 90°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 2:00. I made salad for HEA. Jon did some trimming in our yard.

Thursday, September 12, 1991. Fair, hot, 93°. I went to HEA. Took Mabel. We were on committee. Had barbecue left from Danvers Days. I took pineapple carrot salad. Got home at 1:00. Rested. Pete sold 400 bushels corn at \$2.41 per bushel.

Friday, September 13, 1991. Fair, hot, 93°. Did weekly cleaning. Went to bank & got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. Kay Ann F. brought us ½ bushel of apples.

Saturday, September 14, 1991. Mostly fair, hot, 90°. Pete to men's breakfast. I was at Rons most of day, helped Jo. Rons had his staff for barbecue. 62 there. Lots of work for Ron's. I made 2 pans of baked apples. Ron took people there on hay rack ride.

Sunday, September 15, 1991. Fair, 91°. We went to church, took Mary. She had small group at church. Helen P[atton] took her home. We got K[entucky] Fried Chicken. Ate at home. Allen called in morning. They went to Round Up at Minneapolis. Pauls called. They are okay. Amy leaves for California school last of this week. Ben in Chicago. Marjorie working some at Clark.

Monday, September 16, 1991. Light shower in morning, fair in p.m., cooler, 80°. A relief from the heat. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Steve & children here, got our tomatoes. Steve is on sabbatical for 4 months. Cleaned closets in our bedroom.

Tuesday, September 17, 1991. Fair, nice day, 78°. I cleaned our bedroom with Pete's help. Wash the bedding, etc. Rested. Had light shower in night.

Wednesday, September 18, 1991. Mostly cloudy, cool, 65°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. Jeanette at hospital, we quilted. We went to Alta L[itwillers] for luncheon (Garfield club). Pete came home. Jeanette & I back to hospital after meeting. We finished the quilt for bazaar.

Thursday, September 19, 1991. Fair, 30° here in morning, 56°. (Broke records) quite a change. I baked coffeecake braid. Did the weekly cleaning. Went to grocery [store] after lunch. Shampooed my hair. Pete dug sweet potatoes. All our gardeners dug their potatoes and all had a bumper crop. So we have plenty [of] potatoes.

Friday, September 20, 1991. Fair, 32°. We got Mary at dialysis. Packed suitcases. Steve & children, Pete & I left at 12:20 for Nevada [Iowa]. Got to Allens at 5:30. Had good trip. Randys & Micks with here. Was good to see everyone. Jo left after school for Sioux Falls South Dakota. [She] flew.

Saturday, September 21, 1991. Mostly cloudy, chilly. Allen, Steve, Randy & Mick went to play golf. Deb took Brittany to Ames for (unclear) shot. Shirley & Pam took children to Park. Men got home at 1:30. Pete & I to Ames with Deb & Brittany. I got sweater with Pam's Christmas money. We got white shirt for Allens birthday. Micks went home.

Sunday, September 22, 1991. Fair, nice day, breezy. Steve, Allen & Randy went golfing. Shirley, Pete & I to church. Deb [stayed] home with Brittany & Steves children. Randys [went] home at 4:30. We all went for walk. Pilgrims came awhile in evening. We had pizza. Ron took Mary to church. Jo home from South Dakota at 10 PM. I was sick in night (fibrillation).

Monday, September 23, 1991. Fair, nice day, 66°. Steve, children and we left Allens at 9:00, got home at 3:30. Had lunch at Machine Shed. Glad we could go and thankful for safe trip. Jo here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, September 24, 1991. Fair, 66°, nice day. Did laundry. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler], Harold & Frieda [Shinall] & Elva Carr & Mary. Pete dug glads. I gathered some more flower seeds.

Wednesday, September 25, 1991. Fair, 69°. We volunteered at hospital. Had a volunteer meeting this morning. I quilted on baby quilt. Jeanette there too. Stayed until 1:30. I cleaned closet in west bedroom.

Thursday, September 26, 1991. Clear, chilly, windy, 60°. Cleaned the West bedroom in morning. We went to Prime Timers luncheon at Farm Bureau at 12:30. We took Mary to dialysis at 2:30 to see Dr. Olson. She's doing okay. Got her groceries. Allen called to see how we are doing. Gave Jon check for his birthday.

Friday, September 27, 1991. Cloudy, few sprinkles, 59°. We took Mary home from dialysis. Did the weekly cleaning. Pete watered shrubbery, roses, etc. Allen & Shirley went to Medicine Lodge Kansas [to] see Jeffs.

Saturday, September 28, 1991. Clear, beautiful day, 70°. We went to Mennonite Heritage at Metamora. Jeanette with us. We worked, 12:00 – 2:00. Got home at 3:00. Went to hospital, volunteered, 3:30 – 6:30.

Sunday, September 29, 1991. Another fine day, 80°. We went to church, took Mary. We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Went to Rons. Marty & his judging team were there for dinner on their way back to Columbia. They judged at Springfield yesterday. Got 2nd. We went to Home Builders at Tom Yoders.

Monday, September 30, 1991. Fair, windy, 80°. Did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. I cleaned bathroom & washed curtains. Steve & Katie here in morning. Got some tomatoes. Wrote to Andys.

Tuesday, October 1, 1991. Fair, nice day, 78°. I cleaned Cedar closet. We went to Senior Citizens dinner at church. Took baked apples. We took Mary. Pete & I had physicals at Dr. Bertsche's. I had EKG & flu shots.

Wednesday, October 2, 1991. Partly cloudy, 84°. We had blood work done. Volunteered at hospital. Jeanette & I finished baby quilt. I had mammogram & chest x-ray. We took Mary home from dialysis. I cleaned hallway. We cleaned bookshelves. Had ½ inch rain in evening.

Thursday, October 3, 1991. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 68°. Cleaned the dining & living rooms & broom closet. Rained in night, .85 [inch].

Friday, October 4, 1991. Cloudy, 70°, showers off & on. Severe thunderstorm at 6:00 p.m. Under tornado warning. Several sighted west & east of town. Electricity off. Wind & rained hard. We took Mary home from dialysis. I cleaned some kitchen cupboards. Had tornado at Hopedale. Had .95 [inch] rain.

Saturday, October 5, 1991. Cloudy, partly cloudy, 57°, windy. Had light shower in evening. I baked 2 pumpkin pies & pumpkin bread. Gave Rons a pie. Cleaned rest of kitchen cupboards. Did some cleaning.

Sunday, October 6, 1991. Fair to partly cloudy, windy, cold, 50s. We went to church, took Mary. Had communion & installation of Don & Julie Martin. We & Jeanette ate at '76. We were home in PM.

Monday, October 7, 1991. Fair, 28° – 30° in morning, 59°. We did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Took her to bank. Edith Zehr here in p.m. Church council visiting all families. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Bloomington Square.

Tuesday, October 8, 1991. Fair, windy, 75°. I went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]'s. We washed windows & put in storm windows. Glad that is done.

Wednesday, October 9, 1991. Fair, lovely day, 87°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Cleaned the kitchen & washed curtains in PM. We took Mary home from dialysis.

Thursday, October 10, 1991. Fair, nice day, 67°. I went to HEA with Jeanette. Baked cookies in p.m. Gave Rons some. Pete sold 77 bushels of beans, \$5.40 [per bushel]. Called Allens to wish him a happy birthday. Gave him shirt.

Friday, October 11, 1991. Fair, another nice day, 70°. We did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis and got her groceries. We had lunch at Hardee's. Went to El Paso, had car serviced. We stirred up refrigerator rolls. Didn't feel good in morning.

Saturday, October 12, 1991. Partly cloudy, 61°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. Baked pecan rolls, gave Rons some. We volunteered at hospital, 2:00 – 6:30. Talked to Pauls, told them we wouldn't be coming at this time.

Sunday, October 13, 1991. Fair, nice day, 60°. We went to church, took Mary. We ate at Bishops, then took a drive to Funks Grove. Leaves were pretty. Some haven't turned. Jo here awhile.

Monday, October 14, 1991. Mostly cloudy, windy, few 1°. We did laundry. Stanley Steemer Carpet Cleaners here in p.m., cleaned living & dining [room] rugs. Jo got Mary at dialysis, took her shopping., [Got] shoes, jacket, skirt & blouse. No school, Columbus Day.

Tuesday, October 15, 1991. Clear, 33° – 50°. I went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]s. Moved things back in living room. We cleaned fruit room in PM. Went to Birkelbaws, got apples & cider.

Wednesday, October 16, 1991. Fair, nice day, 28° – 43°. We volunteered at hospital. I went with Dorothy S[ingley] to Garfield club at Danvers Tea House. Had good lunch. Lucy C[atherine] hostess. She took Mary. We took Mary home from dialysis. Jeanette helped me quilt. Gave Dorothy a squash.

Thursday, October 17, 1991. Clear, windy, 70°. I baked coffeecake braid. We finished cleaning recreation room. Went to hospital at 3:00 [to] set up tables, etc. for tomorrow. Took Mary to Walgreens. We went to Steves for Katie's birthday. Jon there too. Rons were busy.

Friday, October 18, 1991. Fair, clouded up in p.m., light shower in evening, 61°. Colder in evening. We went to hospital at 7:00 for auxiliary bake sale & mini bazaar. Served lunch. Had a lot of baked things. Had some left from lunch. Bake sale [made] \$502.30. Steve got Mary at dialysis. Brought her to hospital. Lorene [Reeser] & Alta [Litwiller] had lunch with her & took her home.

Saturday, October 19, 1991. Clear, nice day. I had hair done in morning. Finished cleaning. Ron & Jon took air-conditioner out. We went with Glenn Maxwells & Marie Hastings to Recognition Dinner for Scholarship Fund of Mennonite College [of Nursing]. Dinner at Consistory.

Sunday, October 20, 1991. Clear, nice day, 50s. We went to church, took Mary. She had dinner with her friends. We & Rons to Golden West. Were home in PM.

Monday, October 21, 1991. Clear, 60s, windy. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Got things ready for dinner. Steve was coming but Katie was sick so he couldn't come. Rested some. Pete has a cold. I cleaned some of silver service.

Tuesday, October 22, 1991. Fair, nice day, 77°. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. I met the nurses group (18) at Country Kitchen at 12:30. Took Mary to see Dr. Olson at 2:30. Also took some things to dry cleaners.

Wednesday, October 23, 1991. Fair, 77°. Had thunderstorm and rain in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. Jeanette & I finished quilting baby quilt. I cleaned silverware. Pete sold 1493 bushels [of] corn for \$2.43 per bushel. Had over 1 ½ inches rain.

Thursday, October 24, 1991. Cloudy, 74°, shower in evening. Cleaned the laundry & furnace rooms. We went with Lloyd S[ingleys] to Prime Timers lunch at Bishops, then to Farm Bureau for program.

Friday, October 25, 1991. Cloudy, rained in morning, 61° in morning, then 57°. We got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We did the weekly cleaning. Steves to Bluffton Homecoming.

Saturday, October 26, 1991. Cloudy, rainy day, rather foggy in morning. We went to Genealogical meeting at Metamora. Took Tom Y[oder] & Gerlof Homan. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 7.

Sunday, October 27, 1991. Cloudy, 50s, rather foggy. We went to church. Took Mary. We ate at Grand Café. Were home in PM. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at John Bertsches.

Monday, October 28, 1991. Cloudy, 60s, another rainy day, windy. Did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We volunteered at hospital, 10:30 – 1:30 on a special project (mailing). Thunderstorm in night. Allen called, they're okay.

Tuesday, October 29, 1991. Cloudy, rained in morning, 70°, temp dropped in evening. I went to prayer group at Helen P[atton]s. Pete & I had lunch with Dorothy S[cogin], Rosa [Girdler], Freida [Shinall] & Elva [Carr]. Mary had a permanent. I made pot [of] vegetable soup, gave Mary some soup.

Wednesday, October 30, 1991. Another rainy day, cold, 39°, windy. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. I washed summer dresses & sweater. We put storm window in storm door.

Thursday, October 31, 1991. Cloudy, misted, 50°. Sport was killed last night. Found him [on] side of road this morning. We'll miss him. I went to auxiliary board meeting at 9:30. Jon helped Pete bury Sport. Jon helped me clean the chandelier. Glad that's done. Steves & children here short time in their costumes.

Friday, November 1, 1991. Cloudy, very windy, temp 60° in morning, down to 33° by evening. Heavy snow North & West. We took Mary home from dialysis. Got groceries. Did some cleaning. Worked on Scrubbies.

Saturday, November 2, 1991. Partly cloudy, few snow flurries, cold, windy, in 20s. I made kettle of bean soup. Finished cleaning weekly cleaning. Ron & Jo here for supper, waffles & sausage. Allen called. They had ice & some snow. Worse at Des Moines & other places.

Sunday, November 3, 1991. Fair in morning, cloudy, 11°, broke record, 20s. We went to church. Took Mary to church. She went to Ina [Sutter]'s for dinner. We ate at Denny's. Enjoyed the choir. Ron sang solo (Beatitudes). Talked to Pauls. They had been in New York [to] see friends for weekend.

Monday, November 4, 1991. Fair, 9°, broke records, 20s. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. I worked on scrubbies. Morton builders started on big shed for Ron.

Tuesday, November 5, 1991. Rightly cloudy, 30s. I went to prayer group at Joyce S[chmucker's]. We went to vote. I baked 2 loaves of apple bread. I went with Jeanette to women's meeting. Light rain in evening.

Wednesday, November 6, 1991. Fair in morning, 35°, colder in p.m., cloudy, snowed in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. We helped her place orders of cheese for gifts. Got some groceries. Had 1 ½ inches snow.

Thursday, November 7, 1991. Fair, 13° in morning, broke records again, 4th day in a row, 20s. I baked fruitcakes & ginger cookies. Ben called, he is coming for Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 8, 1991. Clear, cold, 4° above in morning, 20s. Did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis, got her groceries. Cindy & children here awhile. She wanted us to go to Denny's with them for supper, which we did. Steve in Chicago.

Saturday, November 9, 1991. Clear, warmer, 8° above in morning, 30s. I made pumpkin dessert & finished weekly cleaning. Volunteered at hospital, 1:30 – 6:30. Allen called. Was cold there. They're okay.

Sunday, November 10, 1991. Partly cloudy, 44°, nice day. We went to church. Took Mary. She went with Earl K[aufmans] to her small group at Deschs. We went to Gerlof Homans (small group). Fransens, Homans, Parks & Alsenes [there]. Had nice time. Jo here short time in evening. Ron to Meadows. David Ijams & [his mother] Virginia [Porst] called.

Monday, November 11, 1991. Cloudy, 36°. Did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Susies. I made coffee cake in p.m. Worked [on] Scrubbies. Had little snow in night.

Tuesday, November 12, 1991. Cloudy, 37°. I had prayer group here. Shirley [Krahn], Helen [Patton], Lucy [Catherine], Jeanette & Joyce [Schmucker]. I had permanent in PM. Pete did some typing & reading.

Wednesday, November 13, 1991. Clear, 59°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went in at 9:00 and didn't feel good earlier. I went to Brokaw at 2:00 for retirement reception for [Dr.] John Stutzman. Saw some of the old friends, nurses.

Thursday, November 14, 1991. Cloudy, rainy day, 50s. I went to HEA with Dorothy S[ingley]. Jeanette here for supper. Had soup. She brought a quilt she wanted me to see.

Friday, November 15, 1991. Cloudy, misted some, 59°, foggy. Did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. We got groceries. We made caramels.

Saturday, November 16, 1991. Partly cloudy, 50°. I made casserole for dinner. We made Bark cookies. Finished weekly cleaning. Rons & Marvin Schrocks to Iowa for weekend. I made Southern Bars.

Sunday, November 17, 1991. Cloudy, 50°, some rain during day. We went to church. Took Mary. We ate at Perkins. Went to Walgreens. Mary got cards. We got oranges & grapefruit at Seventh Day Adventists. Rons home at 10:00.

Monday, November 18, 1991. Fair, 68°, breezy. Did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. We went with Jeanette to open house at Brokaw or BroMenn Regional Health Center. Ron there. We had tour of new facility. Very nice.

Tuesday, November 19, 1991. Cloudy. Rained in p.m. and evening, 67°. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's], then to Phoenix Towers. Helped ladies quilt. Had lunch there. Pete helped Jon put his cars in new shed. Had 1 2/3 inches rain.

Wednesday, November 20, 1991. Cloudy, some drizzle, 49°. Pete to hospital, volunteered. I got ready for Garfield club. Had 11 here. They played *Rummy Cubes* (sp?). I had pumpkin dessert.

Thursday, November 21, 1991. Clear, nice day, 50s. I made sugar plum cookies. Made 2 pie crusts. We and Mary had lunch with Rose G[jirdler]. Dorothy [Scogin] forgot it. We took Jo to Red Lobster for her birthday & gave her \$20. Ron busy at meeting. We cooked a big squash, put in freezer.

Friday, November 22, 1991. Fair in morning, 54°, cloudy in p.m. Did some cleaning. Took Mary home from dialysis. I had hair done. We got groceries. Made pot [of] vegetable soup. We put dirt on roses & put cones on.

Saturday, November 23, 1991. Cloudy, 47° in morning, temp dropped rapidly during morning, 20s. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked carrot cookies. Deb & Allen called in morning. They both had 8 inches snow. Flurries here in evening, very windy. We volunteered at hospital, 2 – 6. Jeff's called to tell us that Pat is pregnant. Glad to hear it.

Sunday, November 24, 1991. Cloudy, cold, 20s, windy. Snow showers. We went to church, Mission Sunday. Had dinner. We didn't stay. Jo took Mary to dialysis & got her. We took her out to eat. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at Paul Millers. We went for supper, had soup. 18 at meeting. We served pumpkin & apple bread & cranberry & orange drink. We were co-hostess.

Monday, November 25, 1991. Clear, cold, 7° – 24°. I didn't feel good in early morning, pulse rapid. We did the laundry & baked coffeecake braid.

Tuesday, November 26, 1991. Partly cloudy, 37°. I went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]s. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. We got groceries, got apples at Birkelbaws. I baked snickerdoodle cookies & stirred up crescents.

Wednesday, November 27, 1991. Cloudy, 47°. We volunteered at hospital. Met Ben at train at 1:30. Good to see him. I baked Crescent cookies in p.m. Marty & Renée at Rons.

Thursday, November 28, 1991. Rained in morning, 50s, windy in p.m. and evening. I made 2 pumpkin pies. Renée here awhile in morning. Ben & we to Rons for the day. I took pies & green beans. Mary [&] Renée's brother there too. Allen called in morning. They have their dinner tomorrow. We talked to Pauls. They had Chinese guests. Nice Thanksgiving, much to be thankful for.

Friday, November 29, 1991. Mostly cloudy, 60s. Did some cleaning. I made lasagna. Got things ready for supper. Rons, Martys & Ben here. Marty to Bloomington High School ballgame with Adam D[enzer]. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Jo & Renée took her home.

Saturday, November 30, 1991. Cloudy, windy, 40s early morning, turned colder, in 30s. We took Ben to train at 9:30. Glad he could come. I did some laundry in PM, sheets, raincoats & rug.

Sunday, December 1, 1991. Mostly cloudy, some sunshine, 30°. We went to church, took Mary. She had dinner with Lorene [Reeser] & Jeanette [Colter]. We ate at Avanti's. Home in PM. Made Christmas card list. Martys left early PM for Columbia [Missouri].

Monday, December 2, 1991. Cloudy, started to rain at 9:30, 32°. Some freezing in p.m. Yard & walks slick, also some roads. We did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. I stirred up sugar cookies.

Tuesday, December 3, 1991. Cloudy, snowed some, 28° in morning. Windy. Temp dropped during day. Snow blowing. Prayer group called off. Was to be at Jeanette's. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Addressed Christmas cards. I went with Jeanette to Women's meeting.

Wednesday, December 4, 1991. Clear, cold, 5° below, 9° above high. We volunteered at hospital. Also had quarterly auxiliary meeting & luncheon. Steve took Mary to dialysis & got her. We addressed Christmas cards & wrote some notes.

Thursday, December 5, 1991. Fair, warmer, 25° – 40°. We wrote Christmas notes. I cleaned the oven. Made salad, got things ready for supper. Steves were here. Had roast beef. Pat had a D & C today. Feel so sorry for them.

Friday, December 6, 1991. Fair, warmer, 49°. We got Mary at dialysis, went to bank & got groceries. We went to Prime Timers Christmas dinner at Farm Bureau at 12:30. Earl Kaufman & his group entertained. We got groceries. Wrote some Christmas notes.

Saturday, December 7, 1991. Fair, cloudy in evening, before degrees. Pete to men's breakfast. I did some cleaning. Made some chocolate Krispy Treats. Allen called at noon. They're okay. They talked to Pat. She is doing pretty well. We volunteered at hospital, 1:30 – 6:00. Got a bath set for Mary.

Sunday, December 8, 1991. Mostly cloudy, warm, 64°. Tornadoes touched down at McLean & Heyworth around 2 PM. We went to church, took Mary. Had sandwich & finger food & Congregational meeting. Home in evening. Wrote more Christmas notes. Car stopped on way to church. Did get it started.

Monday, December 9, 1991. Fair, 40s. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Went to mall. I got sweater with Lucy C[atherine's] birthday money. Got stainless steel silverware place setting for Deb. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Shoney's. Went to El Paso. Car stopped on us few times. Man fixed loose connection. Went to *Aldis* (sp?) & had car fixed.

Tuesday, December 10, 1991. Fair, 50°, nice day. Prayer group met at Bloomington Square. I baked banana bread for HEA silent auction. Packed box, cookies & fruitcake, for Pauls.

Wednesday, December 11, 1991. Partly cloudy, 50°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary home from dialysis. Stopped at her apartment on way home, got Christmas decorations out for her. Carolers here in evening. Brought plate of fruit. Jo here [a] few minutes.

Thursday, December 12, 1991. Rained in morning and evening, very windy, 62°, broke records. I took Mabel & Jeanette to HEA. Had silent auction & Christmas program. I wrapped some Christmas presents. Pete worked on his dad's biography & wrote to Roger W[oizeski].

Friday, December 13, 1991. Fair, nice day, near 50°. We did some weekly cleaning. Took Mary home from dialysis. Did some shopping. Got ear rings for Renée for graduation. Got poinsettia for Jeanette. Got Christmas tree at Casey's. Fixed cookie box for Allens. Ron to hog show at ISU. Had Grand Champion bred sow.

Saturday, December 14, 1991. Clear, windy, turning colder during day. I finished cleaning. Made cauliflower soup. We put up our Christmas tree. Ron & Jo left at 2:00 for Columbia Missouri to Renée's graduation, her master's degree. I made Bing Cherry salad for tomorrow.

Sunday, December 15, 1991. Clear, windy. We went to church. Took Mary. She went to Lorene R[eeser's]. We had surprise luncheon. We were at Edith & Rachel Zehrs. Peter Roths, Jeanette, Lois J. there. We went to Christmas program at church. Good program. Had cookies, etc. after program. We took Mary home. Rons home late.

Monday, December 16, 1991. Clear, 14° – 44°. Nice day. Did the laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Went to Walmart. Got little doll for Ashley. Deb called, they plan to come January 3rd. I put up decorations. Edith Miller passed away. Took Jeanette poinsettia. She gave us 3 boxes nuts. Pam sent us each \$10.00 Perkins [gift] certificate.

Tuesday, December 17, 1991. Fair, 40°, windy chili. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. We took some of the Christmas decorations we don't use to Thrift Shop. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler], Shinalls & Mary. I took scrubbies for ladies & cookies. Dorothy gave everyone bread. All got something.

Wednesday, December 18, 1991. Clear, 14° – 26°. Nice day. We volunteered at hospital. Had Christmas dinner, very good. I came home with Jeanette. Brought Mary. We went to Garfield club at Mabel's. Pete delivered mail. Didn't get to hospital until 2:00, had a lot of mail. He got home at 4:50. Mary & we to Edith Miller's visitation at Carlock. Took Mary home.

Thursday, December 19, 1991. Mostly fair, 32°. I baked coffeecake braid. We went to Edith Miller's funeral at 10:30. We went with Jeanette at 4:15 to the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, then to Downs to see the lights. Drove around in town. Lots of decorated homes. I gave Jeanette coffeecake & took one to Singleys. Gave mailman & Pantagraph carrier cookies.

Friday, December 20, 1991. Cloudy, 34°, some rain early. Roads slick early a.m. Rained most of afternoon. Steve got Mary at dialysis. We appreciated it. Did some weekly cleaning. Got groceries in p.m. Got a flower centerpiece for Jo.

Saturday, December 21, 1991. Partly cloudy, 30s. Finished weekly cleaning. Went to Jo's awhile. Helped some. They're getting ready for Ron's staff. We volunteered at hospital 2:30 - 6:30. Went to Rons. They had large group.

Sunday, December 22, 1991. Cloudy, foggy, 40°. We went to church. Ron took Mary to dialysis and got her. We took her to Bishops for dinner. We were home in PM. Steves here for supper, had pizza. They gave us 2 cheese balls & summer sausage, loaf of bread & apple butter. We gave them \$25 & [gave] children toys.

Monday, December 23, 1991. Cloudy in morning, cleared, 39°. We did laundry. I baked coffeecake braid. Gave Rons one. Rested some. Pete got [National] Geographic from Pauls. I got pin.

Tuesday, December 24, 1991. Clear, 40°, nice day. Had a quiet day. Jo here short time in morning. I cooked cranberries & fixed plate of cookies. We went to Christmas Eve services. Took Mary. We & Rons to Mabel's for supper. Rays there too.

Wednesday, December 25, 1991. Beautiful day, 46°. Mary & we to Rons at 2:00 for rest of day. Had our gift exchange. Pete got 3 books, \$150 as check to have his eyes tested. I got black & white blouse & red one, black skirt, blue coat sweater, necklace, stationery, ornaments. We gave children \$60, others \$25. Allens & Pauls called. Mary gave me \$100, [gave] Pete \$40. Nice Christmas. Gave Jo dish & pitcher.

Thursday, December 26, 1991. Another nice day, 44°. Did some reading. Rested. Wrote to Pam and Evelyn.

Friday, December 27, 1991. Mostly cloudy, 37°, frosty in morning, roads little slick. Rons took Mary to dialysis, then [went] on to Bluffton. Jo's niece getting married tomorrow. Ron has the wedding. We did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. Went to hospital, delivered the Upper Room. Got groceries. Made sweet pickles.

Saturday, December 28, 1991. Cloudy, 36° – 38°. I finished cleaning. Had invited [Dr.] Barry Weavers for dinner tomorrow but they decided best not to come as Barry is on call. Rested & read.

Monday, December 29, 1991. Cloudy, rather foggy, 34°, chilly. We went to church. Took Mary. We went with Jeanette to '76 for dinner. Were home in p.m. & evening. Steves got home at 4:00. I got a nice sweater & Pete got big book, Folklore and Legend, from Allens. Rons got home [at] 9:30.

Tuesday, December 30, 1991. Cloudy, 33°. We did laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. She has a cold. We got some groceries. Rested some. Made salad dressing.

Wednesday, December 31, 1991. Cloudy, 31°. We went to Mary's at noon. She is ill. Has had some bleeding from throat & nose. Very weak. Took her to Dr. Bertsche. Thinks she has pneumonitis. Admitted her to St. Joe [Hospital] at 2:00. Jo came after we had her admitted. Ron came too. We came home at 5:30. They stayed.

Wednesday, January 1, 1992. Cloudy, 41°. We took down Christmas tree & decorations. Ron with Mary until 2:30. Jo went in. We went to hospital at 4:30. Stayed until 9:30. Mary very restless. Rons were called in at 11:00. Her blood pressure very low. Had problems starting IV. Rons home at 4:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 2, 1992. Cloudy, Misty, foggy, 40s. Rons home at 4:00. Took Mary to dialysis. Blood pressure too low. Couldn't do it. Jo took us to hospital at 9:30. She went home at noon. We called Allen. Dr. Pffleder in to see Mary. DC [discontinue] IV. Ordered unit [of] blood. She has pneumonia in both lungs. Ron & we home at 6:00. Ron going back. Evelyn Bertsche with Mary until Ron gets back.

Friday, January 3, 1992. Cloudy, 41°. Dr. Pffleder saw Mary. Due to her condition, dialysis is canceled. Nothing more can be done. Jo went to hospital in morning. We went at 11:00. Stayed until 4:00. Mary very restless. Hard to get her breath. Randys got here at 6:00. We had chili. We all to hospital. Deb & I stayed until 10:00. Ron stayed with Mary all night. Jo there most of day.

Saturday, January 4, 1992. Cloudy, chilly. Pete and I to hospital in morning. Jo there too. Mary having diarrhea, tarry stools. Randy came in p.m. Steves home from Ohio at midnight. Cindy at hospital in morning. Randy & Brittany home at 2:30. Deb & we got home at 4:30. Allens, Pam & Ashley got here at 6:00. They went to hospital after supper. Deb went too. Pam & Ashley here all night. Allen stayed all night with Mary.

Sunday, January 5, 1992. Mary passed away at 1:10 AM. Allen was with her. Our hearts are heavy but thankful she is relieved from her suffering. Rons, Allens & we to Kibler Funeral home. Made arrangements for Service. Went to Steves for dinner. Ron & all working on the service. Randys & Pam left at 9:00 for home.

Monday, January 6, 1992. Cloudy, 40s. Had some callers, Marie Hastings, Ina S[utter], Dorothy S. Food was brought in. Did some laundry. Jeffs slept late. Glad they could come. We all went to visitation for Mary. Lots of people there. Allens left for home at 9:00 a.m. Paul Miller met Paul at airport in Champaign. Got here at 11:00 p.m. Good to see Paul.

Tuesday, January 7, 1992. Cloudy, 40s. We all went to church. Visitation [an] hour before service. Funeral service at 10:30. Ron officiated. Very nice service. Had dinner at church. 40+ there. Cousins from Eureka, etc. & friends. Paul, Jo & we left at 1:50 for Missouri. Stopped at Columbia to get Renée. Got to Harrisonville at 10:30 p.m. Ron & Jon left with Mary's body after 8:00 p.m. Got to Harrisonville at 2:30 a.m. Allens & Deb & Brittany got to Harrisonville at 7:00 p.m. Jeffs got there before we did. Steve went with Jeffs.

Wednesday, January 8, 1992. Mostly sunny, windy, 30s. Had visitation at 10:00 at Sycamore. Service at 11:00. Allens, Deb & Steve sang. Jeff read Scripture. Ron read Mary's life story. Rev. Ernest had prayer. Daves, Arts, Allens, Deb & Brittany had lunch at church. Took some pictures.

After saying goodbyes, we all left for home. Ron & Steve, Jon & Tonya & we kept together coming home. Stopped at Renée's. Got home at 11:00. Thankful for safe trip.

Thursday, January 9, 1992. Cloudy, chilly, 30°. We got up rather late. We were all tired. We did some laundry. Had a lot of mail, cards etc. Rested. Paul did my ironing. Jo here awhile. Worked on the book.

Friday, January 10, 1992. Clear, sunny. We did weekly cleaning. Paul helped. I fixed supper in crockpot. We went to town at 1:30. I had hair done. Pete took Paul to see new Brokaw [Hospital]. Rons & we met Luetke to read Mary's will. Estate all goes to nephews & Evelyn, except \$1000 to me. Jo & we to Mary's apartment. Jo & Ron ate supper here. Jo made list [of] all jewelry. Mary's estate \$140,000.

Saturday, January 11, 1992. Fair, nice day. Paul & we to Steves for dinner. Rested awhile in p.m. Rons & we to Tien Sun Restaurant for supper. Had apple pie here.

Sunday, January 12, 1992. Cloudy. Rons, Paul and we had breakfast at Cracker Barrel. Ron took Paul to airport at Champaign. He left at 11:00 a.m. Jo & we to church. We went to small group at Homer Parks. Jo to Peoria with Jon & Tonya. Allens, Georgia & Paul called in evening. Paul got home at 3:30. Ron & Jo here awhile. We miss Paul.

Monday, January 13, 1992. Cloudy, 38° – 40°. Had some flurries early evening. Did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Cracker Barrel. Home rest of day. Rested some. Have lonely feeling. Miss not getting Mary at dialysis. Had 2 ½ inches snow last night.

Tuesday, January 14, 1992. Clear, 20s, roads rather slick in morning. I went with Jeanette to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Pete got me. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler], Freida & Harold Shinall. We missed Mary. I wrote some thank you notes. Still getting cards & memorials.

Wednesday, January 15, 1992. Started to snow early a.m. Kept it up until noon. Wind turned to north. Had blizzard conditions. Winds up to 40+ miles per hour. Schools closed at 9:30 a.m. Temp dropped during day. Zero by sundown. Sun shone in p.m. I baked coffeecake braid. Had 2 ½ inches snow.

Thursday, January 16, 1992. Mostly fair, 10° below, up to 22° in PM. We went to town at 12:30. Took memorials to Leon [Schmucker]. Took coffeecake to dialysis nurses. They appreciated it. Went to church, got list of memorials. Got groceries. Still getting cards. Gave Jo coffeecake. Martys got here about 10:00 p.m.

Friday, January 17, 1992. Fair, few snow flurries, 20s. We did some cleaning. I baked coffee[cake] braid. Wrote more thank you notes. Renée here awhile in evening. Steve to [Camp] Friedenswald.

Saturday, January 18, 1992. Clear, zero in morning, 13°. I wrote to :oella De Poe & girls in Ohio. We went to Mary's apartment in p.m. Looked for lockbox key. Packed few things. Jo & we to Gordons at 5:00. They had open house, 4 – 6. Renée is sick. Guess [it's] flu. Jo, Marty & Ron at apartment too.

Sunday, January 19, 1992. Clear, 20s, windy in p.m., 38° – 40°. We went to church. Had annual meeting. We didn't stay. Went to Rons. Had our Christmas with Marty & Renée. I got a necklace, Pete sweater & turtleneck shirt. Renée feeling better. They left for Missouri at 5:00. We got citrus fruit at Seventh Day Adventists. Ron spoke at East Bend Church. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, January 20, 1992. Clear, 39°, nice day. Did laundry. I had appointment with Dr. Bertsche at 11:15. Gave me antibiotics [to] help my cough. To see him in 3 months. Went to Bergners, got black jacket. Had lunch at Perkins with Pam's gift certificate. We sorted Mary's pictures in p.m. Quite a job.

Tuesday, January 21, 1992. Fair, 48°, nice day. Snow melting. I went to prayer group at Bloomington Square. Pete did some typing. I wrote rest of thank you notes. Had 14 memorials to pastoral care, 23 to church. One to dialysis unit. I went to apartment, looked for key.

Wednesday, January 22, 1992. Cloudy, 38°, light rain in p.m., rained in evening. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete & I met Jo at Mary's apartment at 4:30. We packed dishes in China cabinet. Worked until 7:30. We ate at Avanti's. Got home at 9:00.

Thursday, January 23, 1992. Cloudy, 40°, colder in p.m., windy. We sorted more of Mary's pictures. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers at 11:00. Got home about 3:00.

Friday, January 24, 1992. Cloudy, snowed in night, one – 2 inches. Did all of weekly cleaning. We met Jo at Mary's apartment at 5:00. We worked until 8:30, packing, etc. We stopped at Denny's, had some soup. Ron to Barrow show at noon.

Saturday, January 25, 1992. Cloudy, 34°. Jo and we to Mary's apartment. Ron & Jon came at 3:00. Loaded Ron's trailer & truck & Jon's truck & cars. Ron made 2nd trip. A big job and lots of things. Will divide things when rest come home in summer.

Sunday, January 26, 1992. Fair, 30s. We went to church, home for dinner. Rons unloaded furniture, boxes etc. Jon got bedroom suite. We gave them our mattress & we kept Mary's mattress. A big job for Rons. Evelyn called.

Monday, January 27, 1992. Fair, cloudy in evening, 40°. Did the laundry. Sorted out some clothes for the Thrift Shop.

Tuesday, January 28, 1992. Cloudy, 30s. I went to prayer group at Joyce S[chmucker's]. We went to Mary's apartment at 3:30. Jo came at 5:30. Boxed all clothes, cleaned the apartment. Ron

came with truck. Loaded everything that was left. Jo & we ate at Grand Café. Got home at 9:30. Long day.

Wednesday, January 29, 1992. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 38°. We volunteered at hospital. Took clothes, etc. to Thrift Shop. I washed 3 loads of Mary's things, sheets, bedding, doilies etc. Paul called to see how we're doing. They are okay.

Thursday, January 30, 1992. Partly cloudy, 44°. Pete and I to Gailey's. Had eyes tested. I have to have lenses changed. Am using Mary's frame. Pete doesn't need any change. I washed 3 more loads of clothes. Ironed some. Wrote to Amy.

Friday, January 31, 1992. Cloudy, sun shone toward evening, 39°. We did some cleaning. I ironed some. Made bread pudding & meat casserole for dinner. Steve to [Camp] Friedenswald in p.m.

Saturday, February 1, 1992. Fair, nice day, 39°. Pete to men's breakfast. I had hair done while he was at meeting. Went to town at 1:00 to Eastland. I got pair [of] shoes. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30. Jeff & Pat called to see how we are doing. Good to talk to them.

Sunday, February 2, 1992. Fair, 42°, nice day. We went to church. Got Kentucky [Fried] Chicken, brought it home. Rested, read some. Sorted through Mary's knitting & yarn. I miss her. Paul called to see how we are. They're okay.

Monday, February 3, 1992. Fair, 61°, broke records in places. Did laundry. Rested some. I sorted some things in bookcase. Jo home, has a cold, [she] went to Dr. at noon. Had letter from Andy.

Tuesday, February 4, 1992. Cloudy in morning, missed, fair in p.m., 40s. I went with Jeanette to prayer group at Bloomington Square. Pete got me. Went to College Hills [Mall]. I got pair [of] shoes (walking). I washed raincoats, etc. Went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship. Jo home, [her] cold is better.

Wednesday, February 5, 1992. Fair, nice day, 44°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I got my new glasses at Gailey's. Did some errands. I made vegetable soup. Wrote thank you note to Elaine Reynolds for [her] memorial [contribution].

Thursday, February 6, 1992. Mostly fair, 43°, colder late p.m. Jeanette with me to church at 8:30. Quilted. Came home at 11:00. We went to Congerville for lunch. Was good. I cleaned drawer in China closet.

Friday, February 7, 1992. Hartley cloudy, 34°, snow flurries. Did some cleaning. I cleaned out drawer in China cabinet. We went to Paul Millers for supper. Ben Krahns & Earl Kaufmans there. Had good time & big meal.

Saturday, February 8, 1992. Fair, cold, 24°, rather windy. Finished cleaning. Read some. Steves here in p.m. Got Mary's Cedar chest, card table & chairs. Allen called late p.m. They're okay.

Sunday, February 9, 1992. Fair, nice day, 12°. We went to church. Steves & we to Perkins. Used our gift certificates from Pam. We were home in p.m. & evening. Didn't feel good awhile late p.m. Paul called, they're okay. Glad he called.

Monday, February 10, 1992. Cloudy, 36°, some rain, sleet and little snow. Did washing. Met Laura [Stamback] at Avanti's at 11:30. I took some cards etc. back to John Kibler. Got groceries. Did ironing & cleaned out drawer in cupboard. I didn't feel good, stomach cramps, kinda nauseated at times.

Tuesday, February 11, 1992. Partly cloudy, 37°. I had prayer group here. Shirley [Krahn], Helen [Patton], Lucy [Catherine Patton], Jeanette [Colter] & Joyce [Schmucker]. We met Dorothy S[cogin], Rosa [Girdler], Freida & Harold Shinall at Bennys for lunch. I stirred up sugar cookies. I felt better as day went on.

Wednesday, February 12, 1992. Cloudy, snowed some, no accumulation. We volunteered at hospital. I baked sugar cookies in p.m. Have some for Rons & Steves. No school today. Charles Russell from Albuquerque New Mexico called about Mary. He stayed with Marvin [Yoder]s when he was a boy. He's sending a memorial.

Thursday, February 13, 1992. Cloudy, 34°. Roads snow covered in morning. Had some mist in PM. I went to HeA with Dorothy S[ingley]. Crowd rather small. I made a salad in p.m. Got a memorial check, \$100 from Pauls for P.S. made a salad.

Friday, February 14, 1992. Cloudy, started to rain at noon. Kept it up all afternoon, 30s. We went to Senior Citizens dinner at church. Over 30 there. Harvella [Stutzman] here from Colorado. I had a permanent in PM. Jo here few minutes, brought package of meat.

Saturday, February 15, 1992. Cloudy, foggy in morning, 30°. Had to drizzle in PM. Finished weekly cleaning. Read some. We went to Chet Roths' 60th anniversary at church [at] 2:00. Went to hospital, [volunteered] 3:30 to 6:30.

Sunday, February 16, 1992. Cloudy, 40s. We went to church. Had lunch at Bishops. Got fruit at SDA [Seventh Day Adventists]. Were home rest of day. Ron home with cold. Allen called in evening. They are okay.

Monday, February 17, 1992. Partly cloudy, 47°. Did the laundry. Chelese here in morning. Steve here for dinner, had ribs & sauerkraut. I cleaned some drawers. Pete did some typing. Had 1/3 inch rain.

Tuesday, February 18, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 50°. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. I cleaned out some more drawers. Pete did some typing. Had letter from Andys.

Wednesday, February 19, 1992. Cloudy, 37°. Drizzle and few snowflakes during the day. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Gailey's. My left eye bothering me. Gave me drops. I took

Mabel, Dorothy [Singley] & Jeanette to Garfield club at Sandy Schwoerer. Evelyn called. They're going to Kansas. Bill's family ill.

Thursday, February 20, 1992. Fair, 53°, nice day, windy. I cooked chicken. Had chicken & biscuits for dinner. I made doughnuts. Gave Rons a dozen. Gave Jeanette some. Watched the Olympics.

Friday, February 21, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 40s, light rain late p.m. We went to town at 9:30. Had an appointment at Gailey's again. My eye no better. Gave me more drops. Seemed better in PM. I had hair done. Got groceries. Did some cleaning.

Saturday, February 22, 1992. Partly cloudy, nice day, 54°. My eye is better. Finished weekly cleaning. We volunteered at hospital, 1:30 – 5:30. Marty & his judging team got to Rons about 5:00. Jo had supper for them. We went over to see them when we got home. Talked to Ben. He's okay.

Sunday, February 23, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 50s. We went to church. Ate at Hardee's, home in PM. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at Joe Jantze's. Ron had the program. Paul called to see how we are doing.

Monday, February 24, 1992. Cloudy, 44°, light rain in evening. I went to auxiliary board meeting at 9:30. Did the laundry. I cleaned out my sewing basket. Deb called. They are going to Florida Wednesday to [a] meeting.

Tuesday, February 25, 1992. Cloudy, 34°. I went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]'s. I made tapioca pudding, fixed sweet pickles. Ron & Gale B[ressner] left at 7:00 PM for hog show in Texas. Marty going with them. I wrote to Jeffs.

Wednesday, February 26, 1992. Fair to cloudy, 40s. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 3:00. Didn't feel good a while in evening, fibrillation.

Thursday, February 27, 1992. Fair in morning, cloudy, 44°. I went to Gailey's at 8:20. Have to use tear drops. Dr. thinks my eyes are too dry. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers at noon. Had [a] big group. Got home at 3:00. Read some. Didn't feel good for awhile.

Friday, February 28, 1992. Fair in morning, 50s, cloudy in p.m., colder, windy. We did some weekly cleaning. I made salad dressing & baked coffeecake. Crocheted some. Wrote to Andys.

Saturday, February 29, 1992. Partly cloudy, 40s. Pete to men's breakfast. I had hair done. Finished the cleaning. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 7:00.

Sunday, March 1, 1992. Sunshiny, breezy, 72°, broke records. Jo went with us to church. We had lunch at Red Lobster. Spent some time planning for our 60th anniversary. Ron got home from Texas. Sold the boar for \$5000. Allen called. Shirley staying with Brittany. Randys are in Florida.

Monday, March 2, 1992. Beautiful day, 74°. We went to quarterly meeting of auxiliary. Voted to merge with Brokaw Service League. Will be called BroMenn Service Auxiliary. Had lunch. Were home at 12:30. We did laundry. Hung clothes outside. Jo here awhile. Brought the circle letter that had been missing for a year. Was in some of Mary's papers. I wrote in circle letter.

Tuesday, March 3, 1992. Foggy in morning, fair, 70°. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. Pete trimmed grapes in PM. I worked some in yard. Cleaned off flower bed by porch. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, March 4, 1992. Foggy in morning, fair, 70°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Gailey's. Pete had glasses adjusted & paid a bill. He worked outside awhile. I did some crocheting.

Thursday, March 5, 1992. Mostly cloudy, light rain in p.m., 60°. I went to dentist, Dr. Barnes. Have sore gum. We went to Walmart, got rugs for west bedroom. Got groceries. I worked on small Afghan Mary had started.

Friday, March 6, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 60°, light shower, under thunderstorm watch in evening. Did some cleaning. Worked upstairs. Washed curtains. Ron & Don N[ester] to Health Meetings at Indianapolis. Jo and Marge N[ester] went after school.

Saturday, March 7, 1992. Cloudy, 54°. I went to beauty shop at 9:00. Finished cleaning upstairs. Baked cake. Got things ready for carry in dinner at church tomorrow.

Sunday, March 8, 1992. Fair, nice day, 60°. We went to church. Comerata Singers from Bluffton there. Good program. Had dinner at church. Were home in p.m. & evening. Jo home from Indianapolis.

Monday, March 9, 1992. Cloudy, some rain in morning, 64°, windy. Temp falling early evening. Under thunderstorm watch. Did laundry. We had lunch at Chili's with Laura [Stamback]. Did little shopping.

Tuesday, March 10, 1992. Windy, cold, 27°. Snow flurries all day. Had rain & sleet last night. Big change from few days ago. I went to prayer group at Bloomington Square. Pete & I had lunch with Rosa [Girdler], Freida & Harold [Shinall]. Dorothy [Scogin] didn't come on account of weather. I made 4 pie crusts for MCC [relief] sale.

Wednesday, March 11, 1992. Mostly fair, 15° – 33°. We volunteered at hospital. I finished Jeanette's quilt. I cleaned bathroom closet & cabinet. Ron home from Health Meeting at Indianapolis. Snowed in evening, about an inch.

Thursday, March 12, 1992. Fair, 31°. I went to HEA. Took Dorothy [Singley], Jeanette & Louise. Mabel was busy. Pete to Gailey's, is glasses (frame) broke. Used an old frame until his frame is fixed.

Friday, March 13, 1992. Fair, nice day, 37°. Did some cleaning. We went to Eureka at noon. Had lunch there. Went to Roanoke [Mennonite] church, visitation & funeral for Joe Roth. Saw some cousins & friends. Had lunch at church.

Saturday, March 14, 1992. Mostly cloudy, snow flurries, 30s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Got things ready for small group here tomorrow. Made chicken casserole. Allen called in morning. They are coming next weekend. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30. Evelyn called in evening. I called Arthurs. Georgia about same. Snowed some in night.

Sunday, March 15, 1992. Fair, 40°. Snow soon gone. We went to church. Didn't stay for Sunday School. Small group here. Gerlof [Homan]s. Homer [Park]s. Elmer Alsenes & George Dicks [here]. I had roles, chicken casserole and drinks and relishes. Had nice time. We got oranges and grapefruit [from Seventh Day Adventists]. Paul called. They're okay.

Monday, March 16, 1992. Fair, windy, 50°, cloudy in evening. Did washing & ironing. Had several table cloths. Rested & read some.

Tuesday, March 17, 1992. Fair, 51°, nice day. I went to prayer circle at church. Helen [Patton] brought refreshments. We helped her mark items for the relief sale. I Ina Sutter & Lois Jett helped. We went to vote. I made 2 more pie crusts for the sale.

Wednesday, March 18, 1992. A rainy, windy, disagreeable day. 33°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I took Mabel, Dorothy [Singley] and Jeanette to Garfield club at Evelyn Schwoerer]. Wrote to Jeffs in evening.

Thursday, March 19, 1992. Fair, 40s, nice day. I cleaned some kitchen cupboards. Made chicken casserole. We did some of weekly cleaning.

Friday, March 20, 1992. Mostly cloudy, few sprinkles, 51°. We went to church at 6:40 a.m. Made shoofly pies for MCC [relief] sale. Made 81. First one in oven at 7:30, last one out at 11. I had hair done at 12:00. Got groceries. Allen called. They're coming this evening. Ron & Steve to MCC sale. Simon Nafziger passed away.

Saturday, March 21, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 50°. Allens, Steves & we left at 8:45 for MCC sale. Had sausage & pancakes. Rons & Jon ate with us. We bought some sausage & cheese. Large crowd. We got home about noon. Had a good visit with Allens. They & we to Steves for supper. Rained all evening. Rons got home from Peoria at 6:30. They helped clean up after the sale.

Sunday, March 22, 1992. Cloudy, windy, cold, 40s. Allens left about 9:00 for home. Rons came over awhile. We went to church. Had lunch at Denny's. We enjoyed Allens visit even though it was short. Wrote to Paul. Were home in evening.

Monday, March 23, 1992. Clear, nice day, 54°. We went to Simon Nafziger's funeral at 10:00. Ron sang. Evelyn [Bertsche] preached. Jeanette, Lucy [Catherine], Helen & we had lunch at Denny's. Did laundry in PM.

Tuesday, March 24, 1992. Clear, nice day, 60°. I went to prayer circle at Joyce S[chmucker's]. I cleaned rest of kitchen cupboards. Pete cleaned out garage. Stirred up refrigerator rolls.

Wednesday, March 25, 1992. Cloudy in morning, fair, 50s. I didn't feel good awhile. Went to volunteer at 9:30. I baked pecan rolls in p.m. & rested some. Marty at Rons awhile in evening. Gave Rons pan of roles. Called Pauls to wish him Happy Birthday. They are okay. Marty & some students at Rons [a] short time. We didn't see him.

Thursday, March 26, 1992. Rained in morning, 50s, temp dropped in p.m., fair. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers luncheon at Country Buffet, then to Farm Bureau for program. I cleaned broom closet in morning.

Friday, March 27, 1992. Clear, nice day, 50°. Did weekly cleaning. Ron and we to Chenoa to Phil Harland. Had income tax done. Cindy & children came in evening, brought pizza. Steve at conference at [Camp] Menno Haven. Jon here in evening. Had a good visit with him. He's working hard on house in Carlock.

Saturday, March 28, 1992. Partly cloudy, 50°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning & shampooed my hair. Had trouble getting it done. Didn't feel very good. We volunteered at hospital, 2:15 – 6:30. Was it busy.

Sunday, March 29, 1992. Cloudy, chilly, 40°, some rain. We went to church. Had lunch at Arby's. Home rest of day. Rested & read. Group from Bethel college gave program at church. Some African style music.

Monday, March 30, 1992. Cloudy, cleared late p.m., 50°. We went to Gailey's at 8:30. I had I appointment. Pete got his frames. My eye is better. Need to use tear drops. Did the laundry. Ron to Columbia Missouri to (blank). Jo had vacation.

Tuesday, March 31, 1992. Fair in a.m., cloudy p.m., light shower in a.m., colder in p.m. I went with Lucy C[atherine] to Women's Club Lenten breakfast. Our prayer group went. I cleaned back of stove & refrigerator. Were home in evening.

Wednesday, April 1, 1992. Cloudy, snow showers most of day, 40°. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at 1:45. I baked chocolate chip cookies & coffeecake. Gave Rons some cookies.

Thursday, April 2, 1992. Fair, 44°. I cleaned closets in our bedroom. Jo, Chelse, Pete & I to Bishops for lunch. We looked for drapes at Eastland & went to College Hills [Mall]. Didn't make any decisions. I went with Jeanette to Farm Bureau to Spring Fling style show. Dorothy [Singley] & Mabel along.

Friday, April 3, 1992. Cloudy, 46°. Rained in p.m. We did some cleaning. Went to town at 10:00. Had hair done. We went to Kiwanis Sausage & Pancake [lunch] at Consistory thanks to Leon [Schmucker]. Ron gave me a check for \$1000 of Mary's estate. I cleaned silverware in p.m. Isabel Basting & Chet Maguire passed away.

Saturday, April 4, 1992. Fair, 50°. I cleaned closet in guest room. Washed woodwork in kitchen & washed curtains. Made shoofly pie. Gave Rons some. Allen called. They're okay. Nice weather there, 60°, farmers are in fields. Called Georgia, she is some better.

Sunday, April 5, 1992. Clear, nice day, 57°. We went to church. Had lunch at Golden West. At 4:00 we went to Quilt Show at Miller Park. Then to visitation for Chester Maguire. Stopped to see Marie Hastings at Heritage. She is about ready to go home. Went to hymn sing.

Monday, April 6, 1992. Clear, nice day, 60°. We did laundry. Went to Isabel Basting's funeral at 10:30. Paul Miller here in p.m., made garden. Ray disc the ground after dinner. We sowed some lettuce & radishes in the garden. Raked some in backyard.

Tuesday, April 7, 1992. Cloudy in morning, fair, 60s. I had prayer group here. Helen [Patton], Lucy [Catherine Patton], Jeanette [Colter], Shirley [Krahn], Joyce [Schmucker] & Alta [Litwiller]. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin] & Rose [Girdler]. We went to Steves for Matthew's birthday. Jo, Jon, Tonya & children there too. Ron busy.

Wednesday, April 8, 1992. Clear, nice day, 67°. Pete to Lenten breakfast. Steve with him. I went to hospital with Jeanette. We quilted. Pete delivered mail. He came home with Jeanette after lunch. I went to Brokaw luncheon with board members of our auxiliary & Service League. We worked outside awhile. I cleaned off flower beds.

Thursday, April 9, 1992. Partly cloudy, 68° – 70°. I baked coffeecake braid & pumpkin bread for auxiliary bake sale. Did some cleaning. Had my hair done. Then called, he is coming for Easter.

Friday, April 10, 1992. Cloudy, rained. Cindy and children, Pete and I left here at 9:00 a.m. for Allens. Got there about 4:00. Made several stops for children. Micks, Deb & Brittany there. Randy in Canada. We all went to Gates Hall to Music Man. Allen in play & sang with male quartet. Very good. We all enjoyed it. Glad we could be there.

Saturday, April 11, 1992. Cloudy at Allens, 40s. Sun came out as we traveled toward home. Left Allens at 1:30. Got home at 8:00. Had a good trip. Rather tired. Was good to see all of Allens. Evelyn called.

Sunday, April 12, 1992. Fair, 33° in morning, 40s. We went to church. Rons & we had dinner at the Dragon Palace. Were home in p.m. & evening. Paul called. They are okay & busy. He was in Washington DC several days. Got home Saturday.

Monday, April 13, 1992. Cloudy, 51°. We did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Ground Round Restaurant. I baked coffeecake braid. Pete rolled the lawn.

Tuesday, April 14, 1992. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 60s. I went to prayer circle at Bloomington Square. Went to district HEA meeting at Farm Bureau at noon. We uncovered the roses. They don't look good. We sowed endive & set out 3 cauliflower & 3 broccoli plants & 7cabbage plants in garden. I raked some in yard.

Wednesday, April 15, 1992. Had rain, thunderstorm at 4:30 and again in evening. Fair during day, 80°. We volunteered at hospital. I took Mabel and Jeanette to Garfield club at Dorothy S[ingley's]. I iced coffee cakes & stirred up sugar cookies.

Thursday, April 16, 1992. Mostly cloudy, had several showers, 70°. We went to hospital at 7:00 for bake sale. Sold out before 11:00. [Made] \$280. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. We went with Jeanette to communion services at church. Ben called, he is coming tomorrow.

Friday, April 17, 1992. Cloudy. We did weekly cleaning. Went to town at 11:00. Got groceries, had my hair done. Pete did some errands. We met Ben at train station at 1:20. Good to see him. I had pork roast & made rhubarb crisp for supper. Jo here a while. Had ½ inch rain.

Saturday, April 18, 1992. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 70s, had rain in evening. I cooked eggs & fixed some baskets. Then and we went to Carlock to see Jon's house. He & Tonya were working. Jon has done a lot & still [has] a lot to do. We went to Cracker Barrel for supper. Ron & Mick Emerick's boys to pig sale at ISU. Pauls called.

Sunday, April 19, 1992. Cloudy, windy. Easter. We & Ben to church. Went to Rons for dinner. Jo's nephews left for Ohio in p.m. Tonya & children went to her folks in PM. I wrote in circle letters. Allen called, they're okay.

Monday, April 20, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 70°. Some showers. Tornado watch out in counties northwest of us. Did laundry. Took Ben to train at 11:00. Train one hour late. I took Jeanette to eye Dr. at 12:30. Didn't take long. Pete mowed lawn. We went to Jon Reimers for supper. Then to Memorial service at St. Joe Hospital. Kay & Evelyn there too. We went to Parkside School for surprise on Ray's 50th birthday. A big day.

Tuesday, April 21, 1992. Fair in morning, colder, 50°. Light shower. I went to prayer circle at Lucy C[atherine's]. We went to town at 2:00. I had appointment at Dr. Bertsche. I still have some cough. Gave me Inhaler.

Wednesday, April 22, 1992. Cloudy in morning, 30s. 48° – 50°, fair in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Dorothy Schwartz & I worked on program for Volunteer Party. I quilted some. We went to MYF spaghetti supper at church. Goshen jazz band there. We didn't stay for all [of] program.

Thursday, April 23, 1992. Partly cloudy, 68°. I cleaned the bathroom. We went to Prime Timers with Jeanette. Dorothy [Singley] and Mabel along. Dinner at 12:30. Ron gave program on Stress. He ate dinner with us too. We planted onions and worked outside awhile.

Friday, April 24, 1992. Cloudy, chilly, 47°. Did some cleaning. Went to church at 9:00. Forum on Religion & Health by Dr. Diane Komp. Sponsored by BroMenn Pastoral Services. Went to hospital at 1:00 to see Dorothy about volunteer reception Monday evening. I washed guest bed sheets & chair covers.

Saturday, April 25, 1992. Cloudy, cold, 45°. 31° in morning. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. We went to town at 1:30. Jo & we to Pennys [to] see about drapes. We volunteered at hospital, 3:00 – 6:30.

Sunday, April 26, 1992. Cloudy, cold, 50°. We went to church. Went to Bishops for dinner. Took the drapery samples back to Pennys and got drapes. Jo here short time in evening. Paul called. They want to buy our air tickets to Worcester whenever we want to go.

Monday, April 27, 1992. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 52°. We did laundry. Jeanette with us to volunteer night at hospital. Celebrated Mennonite auxiliary 65 years. Dorothy & I wrote history of auxiliary. She did the writing. Was nice evening. We were given corsages. Ron there too.

Tuesday, April 28, 1992. Clear, 26° in morning, broke record. 61°. I went to prayer circle at Shirley K[rahn's]. I washed bedding & rugs from our bedroom. I cleaned the room.

Wednesday, April 29, 1992. Cloudy in morning, fair, 70°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked rhubarb coffee cake & made rhubarb crisp. Gave Rons some coffee cake. Pam called. They plan to come Sunday p.m.

Thursday, April 30, 1992. Fair, 82°, nice day. Cleaned the west bedroom & baked coffeecake braid. Pete mowed the lawn. We set out a chrysanthemum plant. Steve & children here awhile. Cindy in Cleveland to workshop.

Friday, May 1, 1992. Fair, windy, 86°. We did weekly cleaning. Went to town, got groceries and bedroom drapes at cleaners. Made (not clear). Steve & children to Allens.

Saturday, May 2, 1992. Fair, nice day, 76°. We went to genealogy meeting at Metamora. Tom Yoder with us. Had good attendance. Got home about 4:00. Jo here awhile.

Sunday, May 3, 1992. Clear, nice day, rather windy. We went to church. Mick, Pam & girls got here before 4:00 p.m. They took us to Dragon Restaurant for supper. Cindy ate with us. We stopped at church, heard part of Spring Festival choir. We went to Rons, had dessert, ice cream & brownies. Steve & children home from Iowa.

Monday, May 4, 1992. Partly cloudy. Had little shower. Did some laundry. Steve & Mick went golfing. I made cherry – rhubarb [pie?] for dessert. We took Micks to Carlock to see Jon's house. Were under tornado warnings several hours. Several touched down in the area. Steves & Micks here for supper.

Tuesday, May 5, 1992. Fair, 37° – 58°, chilly, rather windy. Mix left at 9:15 for home. Glad they could come. We met Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Frieda [Shinall] at Bennys. I washed sheets & towels. Jo, Tonya & children & Cindy & I & Katie went to mother-daughter salad supper & program.

Wednesday, May 6, 1992. Clear, 32° – 65°. We volunteered at hospital. Rested some. Worked outside awhile. Pete plowed our (not clear) in flower garden. I trimmed Rambler rose bushes.

Thursday, May 7, 1992. Beautiful day, 71°. I cleaned the Cedar closet & hallway. We cleaned the bookshelves in PM.

Friday, May 8, 1992. Another nice day, 77°. I went to grandparents day at Colleen Hoose School for Greta Weaver. Enjoyed it. A lot of people. Pete mowed lawn. I vacuumed furniture & did some cleaning in living & dining room. Pete trimmed Rambler roses. Stirred up rolls in evening. Had card from Andy & Rachel.

Saturday, May 9, 1992. Fair, 81°. Pete to men's breakfast. I had hair done. Baked pecan rolls, gave Rons some. Finished cleaning. Jo here awhile. We volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30.

Sunday, May 10, 1992. Fair, 86°, breezy. We went to church. Were at Rons for dinner. Jo here awhile, hung new drapes for us. Pauls called to wish me happy Mother's Day. Allens called too. They sent \$15. A nice Mother's Day. Rons gave me a rose.

Monday, May 11, 1992. Partly cloudy, 82°, windy. We did laundry. I went to auxiliary board meeting at 10:00. We planted beets & melons & squash. Pete plowed flower garden. We put out glad bulbs. I spaded flower bed by porch & fed roses.

Tuesday, May 12, 1992. Mostly cloudy, showers in places but none here. I went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]s. We finished cleaning dining & living room. Didn't feel good awhile, rested.

Wednesday, May 13, 1992. Fair, 76°. Volunteered at hospital. Went to reception at 2:00 for Barbara Whittman. I didn't feel good in evening, temp, 103°. Pete to drugstore, got antibiotics (PCE) Dr. B[ertsche] ordered.

Thursday, May 14, 1992. Cloudy, had few showers, 59° – 60°. We got a new furnace & central air conditioner. I feel some better, temp down. I rested all day. HEA & nurses met at noon. Missed them both.

Friday, May 15, 1992. Clear, 76°, nice day. I don't feel much better, nauseated & diarrhea. Went to Dr. Bertsche at 1:00. He DC [discontinue] medicine and gave me samples. Hope it works

better. Had a chest x-ray at Brokaw. Pete set out eggplants & tomatoes. Jo here awhile & Ron stopped. Pete mowed lawn.

Saturday, May 16, 1992. Fair, 88°. Had thunder shower in evening. Windy all day. I did little cleaning. Pete cut some shrubbery. I feel better. No temp. Appetite little better. Our church retreat was at [Camp] Menno Haven.

Sunday, May 17, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 77°. We were home all day. Jo here in morning, [she] pinned up my hair. Ron preached at Morton church in morning. I am about the same, hope a little stronger. Ron planted the Rose they gave me.

Monday, May 18, 1992. Clear, nice day, 80°. We did the laundry. Rested some & read. I have 98.8 – 99° [temp]. Think I feel some better.

Tuesday, May 19, 1992. Cloudy early a.m., fair, 83°. Pete worked some in yard. We set out flowers in flower beds late p.m. Jeanette here awhile. [She] was on her way home. No water in evening.

Wednesday, May 20, 1992. Fair, quite warm, 86°. Turned on central air, is nice to have. Pete volunteered at hospital. I was going to Garfield club at Denny's but didn't feel good. Pulse slow, blood pressure dropped. Felt better in PM. Rested. Mabel stopped. Rons here few minutes. Well men here in p.m., pump needed new leathers.

Thursday, May 21, 1992. Partly cloudy, 86°. Had a little shower about 4:00 p.m. I didn't feel very good. Pulse very slow. Wish I could get to feeling better. Jo here few minutes. Allen called. Audrey Yeakel passed away.

Friday, May 22, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 80°. Rained in town and south. Some had over 3 inches. We had none. We did little cleaning. I had fibrillation PM. Jeanette here awhile, Jo too. Allens to Mendota to funeral for Audrey Yeakel.

Saturday, May 23, 1992. Cloudy, 60°. Misted in p.m. Windy and much cooler. Pete mowed lawn. I feel some better. Steves brought supper, lasagna & strawberry shortcake. Arthurs called. Georgia is some better. I had fibrillation in night.

Sunday, May 24, 1992. Partly cloudy, windy, cold, 38° – 52°. We didn't go to church. We went to Denny's for dinner. Were home rest of day. Jo here few minutes. Jeanette here in evening. Paul called.

Monday, May 25, 1992. Cloudy, 34° – 54°, chilly. We did laundry. Jo worked at school in morning. She, Pete & I took flowers to cemeteries in p.m. Had quite a few peonies. Ron & Jon worked at house in Carlock. I hemmed [a] pair of drapes.

Tuesday, May 26, 1992. Cloudy, chilly, 45° – 56°. I went to prayer group at Bloomington Square. I baked cookies in p.m. Talked to Jeff & Pat. They're okay. Wrote to Andy & Rachel.

Wednesday, May 27, 1992. Fair, 31°, broke records, 60s. We volunteered at luncheon. Had Chip luncheon at hospital. Got groceries. Were outside awhile.

Thursday, May 28, 1992. Fair, 36°, broke record. 70°. Pete trimmed some shrubbery. I cleaned the oven. We went with Jeanette to prime timers at noon. Lloyd Singley & Mabel along. Dorothy on jury duty. Jeanette here in evening. Trimmed some in yard. Pauls to California [for] Amy's graduation.

Friday, May 29, 1992. Fair, windy, 74°. We sowed beets and put out 2 rows of flower seeds. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to grocery store. Jo here few minutes in evening.

Saturday, May 30, 1992. Cloudy part of day, 71°. I finished some cleaning. Went to town at 11:30. I had a permanent. I hemmed pair of grapes in PM. Went to Carlock. Ron & Jon working on the house. Cleaning up in yard.

Sunday, May 31, 1992. Fair, nice day, 70s. Went to church. Ate at '76 Restaurant. Went to Rays at 2:30. Open house for Karen's graduation. I didn't feel good in evening, fibrillation & then very slow pulse.

Monday, June 1, 1992. Fair, 80°, nice day, but need rain. We did laundry. I feel some better. Went to Dr. B[ertsche] at 1:30. Did some blood work to check on Lanoxin & Norpace level.

Tuesday, June 2, 1992. Fair, 83°. Pete worked outside. Did some trimming. I hemmed some drapes. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler], Freida & Harold Shinall. Rested some in p.m. Set out tuberous begonia & few petunias.

Wednesday, June 3, 1992. Cloudy, 83°, had light sprinkles in evening. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Rested some. We took Ron & Jo to Cracker Barrel to celebrate the end of Jo's school year.

Thursday, June 4, 1992. Rossi cloudy, had light shower in evening, 82°. Had more rain in other places. Put 2 containers of spinach in freezer. Baked quick coffeecake. I finished hemming drapes. Pete worked outside some.

Friday, June 5, 1992. Partly cloudy, 83°, nice day. We did some cleaning. Washed the old drapes. Pete scraped some paint on east side of garage. I helped awhile. Rested.

Saturday, June 6, 1992. Fair, 82°. Had 2/3 inches rain at 4:00 p.m. Glad for the rain. Pete to men's breakfast. I had hair done. We put screens in kitchen windows. I volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30. Pete to Farmer City with Jon & Jo. Got storm door for backdoor. He got to hospital at 4:00. Had 3/4 inches rain all together.

Sunday, June 7, 1992. Clear, beautiful day, 78°. We went to church. Jeanette & we ate at '76 Restaurant. We were home in PM & evening. Pauls called. They are okay. Jo here short time. Allen called.

Monday, June 8, 1992. Mostly fair, 80°, nice day. We did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Perkins. We worked outside awhile in p.m.

Tuesday, June 9, 1992. Fair, 83°. Pete scraping paint on garage. I got vegetables from garden. Put 2 cartons spinach in freezer. Rested, worked outside awhile. Jo left at 8:15 for Ohio.

Wednesday, June 10, 1992. Partly cloudy, 80°. We volunteered at hospital. I had chest x-ray at Brokaw. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. Had letter from Andys.

Thursday, June 11, 1992. Fair, 80s. I went to HEA with Dorothy S[ingley]. Pete painted some on garage. I helped in p.m. We went to Earl Kaufmans for supper. Paul Millers there too. Had a nice time. Pete having back trouble.

Friday, June 12, 1992. Fair, 88°. Jeanette & I to Zehr girls garage sale at 8:00 a.m. I got typewriter for Pete. Had hair done. I did some cleaning. Pete's back not much better. Ron finished painting the garage & painted back door. Jon put our new screen door on. Glad it's all done.

Saturday, June 13, 1992. Fair, 90°. I took Pete to Brokaw ER at 8:30. Having lots of pain. They took x-rays. Ruled out aneurysm & kidney stone. Had some blood cells in urine. Think [it's] kidney infection. He's on antibiotics & pain medicine. Got home at 2:30. Jo home from Ohio. Ron at hospital awhile. Jo here in p.m. Pete resting better in PM, had several hypos.

Sunday, June 14, 1992. Fair, 80°. Woizeski reunion at Ron's. 22 there. Delmar W[oizeski] & daughter Doreen from California, Vernon W[oizeski] from North Dakota there. Walters from Peoria, *Tiarks* (sp?) from Decatur. Mabel, Ray, Gordons & Clarence Siegs [all there]. Reunion at Country Kitchen at Normal. Mabel & Ray in charge. Jeanette Sec. Steves there too.

Monday, June 15, 1992. Had about 1 1/3 inches rain last evening. Thankful for the rain. Mostly cloudy today, had little shower, 80°. I washed & ironed. Pete some better but still has pain. Kinda dizzy at times. Think it's the medication. Jo here in morning.

Tuesday, June 16, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 87°. I set out tuberous begonia & white iris Jo gave me. I washed sweaters & slacks, etc. Took Pete to Dr. B[ertsche], [he] has 2 compressed vertebrae. Will take time to heal. [He] isn't to stoop. We got 5 quarts strawberries. Put 5 jars in freezer. Rons here a little in evening.

Wednesday, June 17, 1992. Mostly cloudy, under tornado watches all afternoon. Severe thunderstorm watches. Had hail in places. Very windy. We had some rain in p.m. Pete not feeling very good, is nauseated. Think it's medication. I volunteered at hospital. Got home at 12:30. Delivered mail & quilted some. Put some winter clothes away.

Thursday, June 18, 1992. Partly cloudy, nice day, 86°, less humid. Pete still nauseated & constipated. Talked to nurse. Gave Pete Fleets enema. Fair results. Talked to John B[ertsche] in

evening. Said to DC [discontinue] antibiotics & pain meds. Use ascription. Pete has no appetite. Jo here several times. Brought Pete some soup. I hoed flower garden. Paul Miller here. Gave us some peas.

Friday, June 19, 1992. Partly cloudy, 82°. Pete feels little better, able to eat some. I did some cleaning. Cleaned weeds out of beets. Jo mowed our yard & theirs too. I fed and watered roses. Marty & Renée came in evening. Had a shower in night.

Saturday, June 20, 1992. Partly cloudy, cool, 69°. I finished weekly cleaning. Renée here in morning. Rons & Marty to sale in Chenoa. Rons bought a house & 5 acres west of Ropp Cemetery. We were at Rons for supper.

Sunday, June 21, 1992. Clear, 43°, tied record. 71°. We didn't go to church. Pete about same. I wrote in circle letter. Martys left for home in morning. Rons here in p.m. Brought Pete Candy & some sweet corn. Jeanette here awhile. Steve stopped on his way to Camp Friedenswald. Allens called.

Monday, June 22, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 48° – 69°. I washed and ironed. Paul M[iller] gave us some peas. Put 2 pints in freezer. Pete about the same, still has pain.

Tuesday, June 23, 1992. Fair, 80s. Had shower at 5:00 p.m. I cleaned the fruit room for the second time. I cleaned mud off the porch. The swallows are trying to build a nest above the dining room window. Evelyn Bertsche here in p.m. Pete feels some better today.

Wednesday, June 24, 1992. Partly cloudy, 78°. I volunteered at hospital. Quilted & delivered mail. I worked outside in p.m. Pete about same. Jo here awhile in morning. Rons here awhile in evening.

Thursday, June 25, 1992. Fair, 84°, nice day. I cleaned the furnace & laundry room in morning. Baked cookies in p.m. Prime Timers met but Pete didn't feel like going. Still having some pain. Evelyn Bearly called. They're okay.

Friday, June 26, 1992. Nice day, 78°. We went to auxiliary meeting & potluck. Mennonite [Hospital Auxiliary's] last meeting. Finished paying off our \$100,000 pledge to College [of Nursing] library. Pete felt little better. Glad he could go to the meeting.

Saturday, June 27, 1992. Another nice day, 78°. I finished weekly cleaning. Went to town [to] get medication for Pete. Think he felt better in PM. Paul M[iller] here in p.m., gave us some peas. Jo here. Ron working on Carlock house.

Sunday, June 28, 1992. Fair, nice day, 83°. Ron to Danville hog show with Gale B[ressner]. Jo & we to 9:30 breakfast at Denny's. We had dinner at 5:00. Jo here. Had ribs & sauerkraut & made butterscotch pie. Allen called in evening. Think Pete is resting better.

Monday, June 29, 1992. Fair, 85°. I did the laundry, rested some. Pete about same. Paul M[iller] here in evening. Picked peas, gave us some. I put a pint in freezer.

Tuesday, June 30, 1992. Fair, 89°. Earl Kaufman here in morning to see Pete. We had lunch with Dorothy S[cogin], Rose [Girdler] & Freida Shinall. I repotted some plants. Chet Roths were here in evening.

Wednesday, July 1, 1992. Fair, 88°, warmer, more humid. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Picked 3 rows of peas. Put 2 ½ pints in freezer & had [some] for supper. Pete about same. Having problems with constipation. Carol here awhile, brought picture of her trip to Japan & seeing Andy.

Thursday, July 2, 1992. Partly cloudy, 91°, humid. Had thunderstorm in p.m., ½ inch rain. Peoria had wind damage. Were under tornado watch until 10:00 PM. Glad for the rain. I picked peas. Put 6 ½ pints in freezer. We had over an inch of rain, much cooler. Temp dropped rapidly. Steves left for Ramseyers & East Coast.

Friday, July 3, 1992. A nice day, 78°, quite a change, rather breezy. I did some cleaning. We went to grocery [store] in PM. Think Pete feels little better. Jo here awhile. I worked in garden. Pulled the spinach & hoed weeds.

Saturday, July 4, 1992. Fair, nice day, 80s. Did usual work. Wasn't up to par most of day. Think Pete is little better. I sowed endive. We went to Rons for supper. We drove to Raab road. Watched the fireworks. Ron painted on house at Carlock.

Sunday, July 5, 1992. Fair, 82°. I went to church in morning. Pete didn't feel up to going. Had a quiet afternoon & evening. Talked to arts. Georgia seems some better. Allen called. Micks & Randys were there for the 4th. Wrote to Andys.

Monday, July 6, 1992. Fair, 83°. I did the laundry. Pete about the same. Trouble with constipation. I went to Dr. Seehofer at 2:15. Have some skin irritation on side of my face. Jo mowed our lawn.

Tuesday, July 7, 1992. Rained. We had 3 inches from 7 AM to noon. Some places little more or less. Some flooding. I made brownies. [Did] little mending. Was going to pick beans but too wet. Rons had his board members & spouses.

Wednesday, July 8, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 90°, humid. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Jo here awhile. She & I picked Paul M[iller's] beans. She helped stem & wash. I canned 7 quarts & had some to eat. We were at Rons for supper. They had some leftovers from last night.

Thursday, July 9, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 81°, mostly 70s in PM. I did usual work. Made casserole for dinner. I washed my blue suit & other skirt & jacket. Tom Kauffmann here a while in p.m.

Friday, July 10, 1992. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy in p.m., 84°. Had over ½ inch rain in early morning. I did some weekly cleaning. Cut & pulled some weeds in p.m. Rested. Pete about same.

Saturday, July 11, 1992. Cloudy, had shower in morning & p.m. 80s. I worked outside awhile. Finished weekly cleaning. Picked a few raspberries. Very humid.

Sunday, July 12, 1992. Mostly cloudy, showers off and on most of day, 82°. I went to church. I had pork roast for dinner. Jo here awhile. Barry Weavers & children here in evening. Dorothy Singley brought some apricots. Allen called. They're okay. Had .9 inches rain yesterday & last night.

Monday, July 13, 1992. Partly cloudy, 90°, humid, good breeze. I did the laundry. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at International House. Jo mowed both yards. I worked outside awhile. Got 4 quarts apricots. Think Pete is little better. Steve & Cindy called, they got home from vacation.

Tuesday, July 14, 1992. Cloudy, 76°, had ¼ inch rain last night. Had rain again before noon. We took our drivers test. Got along okay. Went to Pennys, got a gown for Lucy C[atherine]. Evelyn and Suzanne F. here in p.m. I baked some bars.

Wednesday, July 15, 1992. Cloudy, cool, 76°, cleared off in evening. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Worked in yard awhile in p.m. Pete some better. Paul called. Andy & Rachel are coming August 4 for our anniversary. Happy to have them. Ron to Sedalia Missouri hog show. I didn't feel good in evening.

Thursday, July 16, 1992. Fair, had ¼ inch rain last night. Cloudy in evening, showered. I rested most of day & did usual work. Pete feels little better. Jo, Lucy Catherine, Pete & I to Ozark House for our birthdays. But Lucy Catherine paid the bill as she won't be here for our anniversary. Went to her house, had cake & ice cream. I gave Lucy [a] gown.

Friday, July 17, 1992. Fair, 84°, nice day. I did some cleaning. Went to BroMenn Services Auxiliary Meeting luncheon at Brokaw. Got home at 3:00. Jo & Pete working on beans. We canned 14 quarts. Jo mowing some lawn too.

Saturday, July 18, 1992. Fair, nice day, 82°. We got ½ bushel apples at Birkelbaws. I did some cleaning. Jo here for lunch. Had roast beef. I worked in garden. Paul Miller plowed some for me. He worked in garden all day. We went with Steves to Evergreen Lake for picnic.

Sunday, July 19, 1992. Fair, 85°, had thunderstorm and heavy rain, nearly 2 inches, at 5:30 p.m. We went to church. Glad Pete could go. Brought K[entucky] F[ried] C[hicken] home for lunch. I was at Jo's awhile, making plans for anniversary. Lucy C[atherine] & Helen [Patton] here. Lucy gave me (unclear) necklace for birthday. Allen called. Ron & Marvin Schrock had [church] service. Arthurs called.

Monday, July 20, 1992. Cloudy, had thunderstorm and rain, 7 – 8 AM. I did laundry. Went to Dr. Seehofer at 2:00. [My] face is healed. I cooked applesauce. Put 2 quarts in freezer.

Tuesday, July 21, 1992. Partly cloudy, 77°, nice day. I cooked apples for sauce. Went to Dr. Bertsche in p.m. Pete along too. He isn't feeling very good. Has some fibrillation. Had an EKG. Put him on Lanoxin. Jo & Evelyn B[ertsche] to conference at Sioux Falls South Dakota. Made 2 quarts dill pickles.

Wednesday, July 22, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 78°. Had little shower in p.m. Pete feels some better. I volunteered at hospital in morning. I made 2 apple pies to put in freezer. Made a little one for us.

Thursday, July 23, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 80°, cool in evening. Had a light shower in morning. I baked coffeecake braid. Canned 3 quarts of beet pickles. Pete not feeling well, is dizzy, better in evening. Talked to nurse. [He] is to cut down on Lanoxin.

Friday, July 24, 1992. Cloudy, 77°. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at 10:30. Went to Dr. Bertsche's office. Checked Pete's blood pressure & pulse. He is much better [for] which we are grateful. Got groceries. I made 2 quarts dill pickles. Worked in yard. Ron mowed our yard in evening.

Saturday, July 25, 1992. Rained most of morning, again in evening. I made apple pie for Rons. Put jar of applesauce in freezer. Made some lasagna, put in freezer. Made 2 quarts dill pickles. Had 1 inch rain. Bob Cutter passed away. Rained in night, 1 inch.

Sunday, July 26, 1992. Cloudy, few showers. We went to church. Jeanette, Helen & we to Denny's. Rested a while. At 3:00 we went to surprise for Joyce Schmucker's 60th birthday. Had nice time. Allen called. They have had a lot of rain too. Paul called & Jeff & Pat called.

Monday, July 27, 1992. Fair, 82°, nice day. Did the laundry. Jo here awhile. I made cabbage slaw for freezer. Picked cucumbers. Made ½ gallon dills. Rons & we to visitation for Bob Cutter.

Tuesday, July 28, 1992. Clear, nice day, 85°. I cleaned the rugs. Had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler], Freida [Shinall], Velma Schertz & Cathy *Knitke* (sp?). Dorothy had angel food cake for Pete & I. I made dressing (salad), cooked chicken. Jo to Michigan to her aunt's funeral.

Wednesday, July 29, 1992. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 82°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got groceries. I picked cucumbers. Made ½ gallon pickles. Gave Jo some cucumbers. I put 2 containers cabbage slaw in freezer. Got birthday & anniversary cards in mail. Jo got home from Michigan at 1:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 30, 1992. Had a big rain, between 4 and 5 inches. Had water in basement. Jo helped us. Jon too, [he] brought his suction machine to take up water. Jo took us to Cracker

Barrel for lunch. Jon along. We got California peaches, had ordered them through Don Roth. We got quite a few anniversary cards, also birthday cards. Ron to Petersburg in evening. Marty judging. Got photo album from Evelyn. Marty to Rons all night.

Friday, July 31, 1992. Cleared off in morning, 76°. Allen & Deb called to wish me happy birthday. Got more anniversary cards. I did some cleaning. We took lunch to Ron & Jon at Carlock. They are making progress on house. I put 3 jars peaches in freezer.

Saturday, August 1, 1992. Fair, nice day, 77°. I put 3 jars peaches in freezer. Finished weekly cleaning. We went to grocery store. Got more cards.

Sunday, August 2, 1992. Fair most of day, 70s. Had shower in p.m. We went to church. Had lunch at Avanti's. Home in PM. I helped Jo awhile. Dave Yoder called saying they couldn't come for [our] anniversary.

Monday, August 3, 1992. Mostly fair, 70s. Did the laundry. We went to bank & got some melons. Pauls & Amy got here [at] 3:30. Good to see them. Jo trimming in our yard. Paul mowed. Marj & Amy raked some of grass. Lawn looks nice. Jo had supper with us. Had chili. Ron had meeting.

Tuesday, August 4, 1992. Fair, nice day, 70s. Paul left at 10:00 for Chicago to get Ben & Andys. Marj at Jo's. They went to town. [Were] there most of day. Marjorie helped Jo mow yard in evening. Pauls got back from Chicago before 6:00. We had ham, sweet corn & tomatoes. I baked pies had in freezer. Deb & Allen called.

Wednesday, August 5, 1992. Fair, nice day. Pauls at Rons most of day. Baked 11 cakes. I went to Dr. Ocheltree at 1:45. Pauls all here for supper. Cindy came in evening. Grandchildren taking some of Mary's things they can use. Gave Amy Mary's silverware.

Thursday, August 6, 1992. Fair, nice day. I had hair done at 8:00. Packed suitcase. Rons, Pauls, Andys, Ben, Amy & we left at 10:20 for Starved Rock Park. Rons & we all stayed at Lodge. Allens, Randys, Steves, Jeffs & Micks. Jon & Martys came for the dinner at Red Door Inn at 7:00. A wonderful evening with all our family (28 in all). And a lot of picture taking & visiting. We have so much to be thankful [for].

Friday, August 7, 1992. Mostly cloudy. We slept late. Some went hiking in morning. Rons, Paul's family, Martys & Jon had breakfast late. Allen's family ate at camp. Some more picture taking. Randys, Micks, Marty & Jon left in p.m. Rons left at 4:00. Rest of us went for walks. Visited & rested and some picture taking. Arthurs, Steve & Cathy came & [are] staying at Motel at Normal.

Saturday, August 8, 1992. Partly cloudy, warmer. We, Pauls, Jeffs & Allen & Steves came home. Got here at 10:00. Everyone busy at Rons. Jeffs got some of Mary's things. Left about 11:00 for Peoria, Pat's family reunion. We got pizza for lunch. Everyone ate here. We went to Rons before

3:00 for reception. Our children made it a special occasion. Beautiful flowers, etc. Evelyn sent money for flowers. Had around 100 people and lots of cards. A wonderful day and we are grateful to our children & grandchildren. Allens home in evening.

Sunday, August 9, 1992. Fair, hot. Andy took Rachel to O'Hare [Airport]. She left there about 8:00. Andy & Ben here for dinner. We didn't go to church (tired). We had our first tomatoes. Looked at cards we got yesterday. Pauls and Amy left at 7:30 for Berne to have dinner with Minda L[iechty]. Rons & Jon here for supper. Had pizza left from yesterday. Evelyn called.

Monday, August 10, 1992. Fair, humid, 87°. We took Andy and Ben to train at 11:00. Train 4 hours late so [they] went on bus. Did some laundry. Jo mowed both yards. Arlene Mitchell, Barbara Whitmer & Barbara Beamer came late p.m. Brought us a beautiful blanket. I served cake, ice cream & iced tea. Georgia called. They got home at 4:00 p.m. Allens & some of their family camping.

Tuesday, August 11, 1992. Dutiful day, 82°. I did more laundry, sheets, towels, etc. I picked cucumbers & tomatoes. Finished straightening up house etc. Had few more cards. Paul called. They got home at 10:00 p.m. Monday night.

Wednesday, August 12, 1992. Mostly cloudy. Had shower late p.m., 78°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Rested some. Wrote thank you notes. Got more cards. Allen called. They got home from Clear Lake [Minnesota]. Steves are at Allens.

Thursday, August 13, 1992. Partly cloudy, cool, 73°. I hoed & fed roses. Pulled some weeds. We dug onions in PM. I worked outside awhile. Ron to State Fair, took Barrows. Jo here in evening. Marked some of Mary's things for garage sale. Jon here, got some more things.

Friday, August 14, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 49° – 70°. I picked tomatoes. Canned 3 ½ quarts. Did some cleaning. Made 2 apple pies for Danvers Days. Made little peach pie.

Saturday, August 15, 1992. Partly cloudy, 45°, broke record. 73°. I finished weekly cleaning. Rested some. Volunteered at hospital, 2:30 – 6:30. Jo to [state] fair.

Sunday, August 16, 1992. 70s, a beautiful day. We went to church. Used our gift certificate at '76 Restaurant. We went to Carlock awhile. Rons working at the house. Jeanette took my pies to Danvers Days. We didn't go to church picnic.

Monday, August 17, 1992. Fair, 78°. Did the laundry. We had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Bob Evans. Pete had an appointment with Dr. Bertsche. Had good report. He's feeling much better.

Tuesday, August 18, 1992. Fair, 80°, had a shower in evening. We volunteered at hospital in morning, a mailing project. Pete mowed the lawn in p.m. That he is able to do it. I canned 7 quarts tomatoes. Ron to Springfield in evening. Wrote to Andys.

Wednesday, August 19, 1992. Another beautiful day. We volunteered at hospital. Rested some. I worked some in basement. Picked tomatoes. Gave Ron \$25.00 for birthday.

Thursday, August 20, 1992. Beautiful clear day, 78°. Canned 4 ½ quarts tomatoes. Made some pudding. Making a list of our anniversary cards. Steve & children here awhile. Rons at State Fair. Ron did well at the fair. Reserve Grand Champion & others.

Friday, August 21, 1992. Another nice day, 80s. Did some cleaning. Got sweet corn from Wayne [Mohr]. Got 11 packages. Gave Jo 3. I picked tomatoes. Rons working on house. Paul called in evening [to] see how we are.

Saturday, August 22, 1992. Fair, 80°, more humid. I finished weekly cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Went to Carlock at 3:00. Helped Jo awhile cleaning windows at the house. Allen called, they're okay.

Sunday, August 23, 1992. Fair, 87°, warmer. We went to church. Had lunch at Grand Café. Took some refreshments to Rons at Carlock. Jeanette here, got 2 blouses & vase & step stool of Mary's, also her luggage. We went with Jeanette to church in evening. John Stutzman told of his trip to Russia.

Monday, August 24, 1992. Hazy, 87°, humid. Did the laundry. I canned 8 quarts tomato juice in p.m. Rested some. Didn't sleep well last night. Rons working on house in Carlock.

Tuesday, August 25, 1992. Fair, 91°, humid. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosie [Girdler], & Frieda [Shinall]. Harold playing golf. I had a permanent in PM. Pete to hospital, delivered Upper Rooms. I picked tomatoes.

Wednesday, August 26, 1992. Partly cloudy, 80s, had rain late p.m. Tornado touched down in cornfield south of Towanda. We volunteered at hospital. Helped Arlene get a quilt ready for bazaar. I shredded some cabbage for freezer slaw.

Thursday, August 27, 1992. Cloudy, misted, cool, 60s. I canned 5 quarts tomato juice. Made peach dessert & deviled eggs. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers at Farm Bureau. Was to be at Evergreen Lake. On account of weather, met at Farm Bureau.

Friday, August 28, 1992. Clear, nice day, cool, 73°. Did some cleaning. Rested. Pete mowed lawn. I picked tomatoes. Put 3 containers of cabbage slaw in freezer. Wrote in circle letter. Worked outside awhile.

Saturday, August 29, 1992. Clear, nice day, 81°, breezy. We went with Jo to house in Carlock. It looks real nice after much hard work. Hope it sells well. Rested some. Didn't feel good early a.m. Went to [volunteer at] hospital Info Desk, 2:30 – 6:30.

Sunday, August 30, 1992. Fair, another nice day, 76°. We went to church. We took Rons to Red Lobster for their anniversary. Were home in evening. Talked to Georgia. She is doing some better. Allen called. They're coming next Friday.

Monday, August 31, 1992. Beautiful day, 76°. Did the laundry. Rested. Baked cookies. Gave Rons some. I took Winifred Maxwell to Nurses Alumni and Student Picnic. Had a nice time. Was at Ash Park.

Tuesday, September 1, 1992. Partly to mostly cloudy, 70s. I canned 4 ½ quarts tomato juice. Picked tomatoes. Gathered some flower seeds. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, September 2, 1992. Cloudy, rained some in morning & shower in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Quilted, have one in frame for auxiliary bazaar. I stirred up rolls. Had 1/3 inch rain.

Thursday, September 3, 1992. Clear, nice day, 82°. I baked pecan rolls. Gave Rons & Jeanette some. I canned 3 quarts tomato juice. Jo here in evening. We marked some of Mary's things for garage sale.

Friday, September 4, 1992. Clear, nice day, 81°. Did all the weekly cleaning. I made lasagna. We went to town at 1:20. Had hair done, got groceries. I picked tomatoes. Worked outside some. Allens & Randys got here at 8:30. Good to see them. Allens here all night. Randy's to Cindy's. Steve at [Camp] Menno Haven.

Saturday, September 5, 1992. Fair, 80s. We visited with Allens, Randys. Randys came in morning. They all went to Yeakel reunion at noon. We rested. I had fibrillation at 1:30 p.m. Lasted 2 hours. Felt better in evening. They all, Cindy & children here, had lasagna. Cindy brought salad & dessert. Sent Rons some lasagna. They came after supper. Children got few things of Mary's.

Sunday, September 6, 1992. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy, 81°. Allens, Randys, Rons, Cindy & children & we to Denny's for breakfast. Folks left there about 9:00 for home. Glad they could come. We went to church. Home rest of day.

Monday, September 7, 1992. Fair, 80s. Washed and ironed. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I picked tomatoes. Jo here awhile in evening. Had thunderstorm in evening, ¾ inch rain. Under tornado watch. Allen called. They had good trip home. Evelyn called.

Tuesday, September 8, 1992. Clear, cool, 72°. I canned 4 quarts tomato juice. Did some sorting of some things. Rested. Rons & we to Rays. French agricultural group in area. 2 men staying at Rons. Will be here for breakfast. Had wiener roast. I baked apples & took tomatoes. Jo took some things too.

Wednesday, September 9, 1992. Cloudy, rainy day, had severe thunderstorm at 5:30. Were under tornado warning. One touched down around Gridley. Electricity off awhile. We got breakfast for the 2 Frenchmen. Took them to IAA building at 8:30. We volunteered at hospital.

Thursday, September 10, 1992. Clear, cool, 70°. I went to HEA with Dorothy [Singley]. Steve here in morning, got tomatoes. Cindy to Virginia to see her folks. We went to Service Company dinner with Jeanette. Her sister & husband here from New Hampshire. We won \$75 [gift] certificate at meeting.

Friday, September 11, 1992. Clear, 47° – 73°, lovely day. We did some cleaning. Went to town at 10:00. I quilted at auxiliary room awhile. Got groceries. Rested awhile. Shampooed my hair.

Saturday, September 12, 1992. Clear lovely day, 70s. Steve with us to Ropp reunion at Elms. Rons & Jon there too. 33 attendance. LeRoy Ropps from Wellman Iowa & Robin & David Platshon (sp?) from California came. Robin & David came here. We took them to Ropp Cemetery. Ron took us to old Ropp Homestead & [we] went to Goodfield for supper. Nice day. Allen called.

Sunday, September 13, 1992. Fair, warmer, 84°. We went to church. Had our small group at church. Alsenes hostess. I took pasta salad. We went to visitation for Elva Carr. Steve & children here for supper. Steve brought pizza & root beer. Cindy home tonight. Jeff & Pat called to wish us happy Grandparents Day.

Monday, September 14, 1992. Fair, 80s, more humid. Had a shower at 4:00 p.m. Did the laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Perkins. I made 8 glasses grape jelly.

Tuesday, September 15, 1992. Mostly cloudy in morning, fair, 86° & humid. I did some cleaning upstairs. Made apple crisp. Sorted some things for garage sale. Pete working on family history. Picked nearly 2 buckets tomatoes. I wrote to Andys.

Wednesday, September 16, 1992. Fair, 86°, windy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went to Garfield club at Verna Wallace. Went with Dorothy [Singley]. Didn't feel good in late p.m. Steve got the tomatoes. Lawrence Aaras here in evening. Lucille wanted some Shad history.

Thursday, September 17, 1992. Fair, 83°. I baked coffeecake braid. We cooked squash. Put 4 containers in freezer. Rested some. We picked some tomatoes. Steve & children to Allens.

Friday, September 18, 1992. Had light shower in morning, clear, much cooler, 73°. We did some cleaning. I canned 3 ½ quarts tomato juice. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I cleaned 2 closets in our bedroom.

Saturday, September 19, 1992. 39° – 69°, beautiful day. Did some cleaning. Washed the bedding & rugs from our bedroom. Went to Jo's awhile. Cindy to Women's Retreat.

Sunday, September 20, 1992. Cloudy, started to rain before noon, rained most of p.m. 60s. We went to church. Brought Kentucky [Fried] Chicken home. Were home rest of day. Paul called. They are okay. Allen called. Had $\frac{3}{4}$ inch rain. Rained some in night.

Monday, September 21, 1992. Cloudy, 71°. Did laundry. Cleaned our bedroom in p.m.

Tuesday, September 22, 1992. Clear, 68°. I cleaned closet in west bedroom. We went to town at 10:30. Had lunch with Dorothy S[cogin], Rosa [Girdler] & Freida S[hinall]. Went to Seven Seas [Travel Agency] to check on airfare to Pauls.

Wednesday, September 23, 1992. Clear, 37° – 63°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I cleaned the west bedroom. Pete picked 2 big buckets of Red Delicious apples.

Thursday, September 24, 1992. Clear, nice day, 70°. I cleaned cabinets in bathroom. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers at 11:30. Mabel, Jeanette & we on committee. We had Red Bird Catering. Food very good. (Jeanette in Arizona with her sister.)

Friday, September 25, 1992. Partly cloudy to cloudy in evening, 76°. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to town at 1:00, did some errands. I had hair done. I picked some apples. Pete dug the glads. Picked a few tomatoes. Got some endive, it's very good.

Saturday, September 26, 1992. Mostly cloudy, rained in morning and evening. Pete to Mennonite Heritage Fall Festival [at Metamora] with Aldine Combs. I was at Rons most of morning, helping Jo get ready for Ron's staff annual picnic. 66 – 70. Had to eat inside due to rain. Managed very well. I baked 2 pans apples. Ron took some on hay rack ride.

Sunday, September 27, 1992. Clear, lovely day, 72°. We went to church. Had lunch at Rons. Had leftovers, very good. We went to Home Builders at John Bertsches. Georgia called. Arthur hasn't felt good for several weeks. Has a cough.

Monday, September 28, 1992. Clear, 62°, breezy. Did the laundry. We went to Seven Seas [Travel Agency], got our air tickets to Worcester for October 20th. Gardeners here in evening, dug sweet potatoes, all except Paul Miller.

Tuesday, September 29, 1992. Clear, 35° – 64°. I fixed some food for dinner. Went to Senior Citizens dinner at church. Got home at 2:00. Pete mowed. I finished cleaning bathroom. Talked to Pauls in evening. They want Mary's dining room set.

Wednesday, September 30, 1992. Fair, 37° – 76°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I cleaned Cedar closet & hallway.

Thursday, October 1, 1992. Fair, another lovely day, 76°. I cleaned kitchen cupboards & broom closet. Pete worked outside awhile. Had a letter from Georgia. Arthur saw the doctor, [he] has bronchitis.

Friday, October 2, 1992. Clear, nice day, 70s. Did the weekly cleaning. I went to hospital, quilted awhile. Got groceries. I made chili. Rons loaded the truck in evening with Mary's things for garage sale tomorrow.

Saturday, October 3, 1992. Another beautiful day, 70s. Rons & we left at 7:30 for Steves. Had garage sale of Mary's things, also some of Jo's. Cindy had lot of baby & children's clothes. Took in altogether around \$300. Had lots of Mary's clothes & other things, took to Thrift Shop. Allen called. They plan to come [&] paint our kitchen November 5th. I took in around \$100 of Mary's things.

Sunday, October 4, 1992. Partly cloudy, 76°, foggy in morning. We went to church. Had communion. Julie Martin had good sermon. We had lunch with Lucy C[atherine] & Marie Yoder at Bloomington Square.

Monday, October 5, 1992. Another nice day, 69°. Did the laundry. Had an appointment with Dr. Bertsche at 10:45. We both had our flu shots. Had lunch at Denny's. I cleaned furniture in PM. Were home in evening.

Tuesday, October 6, 1992. Lovely day, 73°. We cleaned the living & dining rooms and cleaned rugs. I didn't go to Women's Fellowship. Had big day.

Wednesday, October 7, 1992. Fair, 72°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked pumpkin bars and made chicken casserole for HEA tomorrow.

Thursday, October 8, 1992. Cloudy, had shower in a.m. & evening, windy. Fair in p.m., 60°. I went with Dorothy [Singley] to HEA. Was on the committee for lunch. Mabel & 3 others. Got along okay. We cleaned the fruit room in PM.

Friday, October 9, 1992. Cloudy, windy, 56°. Had shower in morning. Did some cleaning. Cooked some tomatoes for juice. I went to town at 3:00. Got groceries & medicine. Went to Dr. Barnes. Have sore place on my gum.

Saturday, October 10, 1992. Partly cloudy, 60s. I made 2 pumpkin pies. Gave Rons one. Shampooed my hair. Went to hospital at 2:30, volunteered. Jeanette & I quilted. Pete at Info Desk. Got home at 7:00. Called Allens [to] wish him happy birthday.

Sunday, October 11, 1992. Fair, nice day, 63°. We went to church. We took Rons to Golden West for dinner. Were home in p.m. & evening. Pauls called. They were in New York for weekend.

Monday, October 12, 1992. Fair, 65°, nice day. We did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stambak] at Paradise Gardens. Went to F[arm] S[upply], got paint for the kitchen. Jo here awhile in evening. Georgia called. Arthur still not feeling good, [has] cough, bronchitis.

Tuesday, October 13, 1992. Fair, 68°, nice day. I baked coffeecake braid. We cleaned the Recreation room. Glad it's done.

Wednesday, October 14, 1992. Fair, quite warm, 82°. We volunteered at hospital. Quilted awhile after lunch. We cleaned out the metal cabinets in basement. I picked few tomatoes. Had over ½ inch rain in night.

Thursday, October 15, 1992. Cloudy, misted & foggy, 61°. We cleaned the furnace & laundry room. Rested.

Friday, October 16, 1992. Mostly cloudy, chilly windy day, 49°. We went to hospital at 8:30. Quilted. Jeanette helped in morning. I finished the Bazaar quilt at 2:00. Glad it's done. Did weekly cleaning.

Saturday, October 17, 1992. Fair, 31° – 52°, some frost. Pete to men's breakfast. I had hair done. Made a salad for evening. I went to Alumni Homecoming at Holiday Inn North. Good to see some of old friends. Laura S[tamback] was there too. We went to Steves for Katie's birthday. Watkins there. Rons there for dessert.

Sunday, October 18, 1992. Fair, chilly, 47°. We went to church. Ate at Bishops. Were home in p.m. & evening. Did some packing. Allen called, they are okay. Evelyn called, also Paul. Everyone okay.

Monday, October 19, 1992. 29° – 51°, fair, 20° in morning, broke records. Did the laundry. Packed suitcases. Went to dentist at 4:45. Got Jo at school. Their car not working. She took us to Stock Aid Restaurant. Ron had meeting.

Tuesday, October 20, 1992. Cloudy, chilly. Steve and we left at 8:30 for champagne. Pete and I left there at 10:40 for Worcester MA. Changed planes at Indianapolis & Philadelphia. Got to Worcester at 5:45. Had a good flight. Paul met us. Marjorie had a good dinner for us. Leaves still beautiful. Good to be here.

Wednesday, October 21, 1992. Cloudy, some rain. Pauls to work. We read & rested some. Marj to meeting in evening. Had a delicious meal.

Thursday, October 22, 1992. Partly cloudy, 50°. Marj to work in morning. Paul to school at 11:00. I baked brownies. Paul took us to New England Science Museum were Marjorie works. An interesting program. Saw satellite from Vancouver. Paul to choir practice.

Friday, October 23, 1992. Clear, beautiful day, 60°. Pauls to work. Went for walk in p.m. Pete took several pictures. We took Paul's to dinner [at] book store & restaurant.

Saturday, October 24, 1992. Cloudy, showers, 60°. Marjorie went to work at 10:00. We helped with cleaning. Paul & we to Apple Orchard in p.m. Trees were beautiful even in the rain. Paul got supper, had shrimp, very good. Talked to Jo. Everything okay at home. Whether nice.

Sunday, October 25, 1992. Cloudy, chilly, some clearing in evening. Pauls & we to Unitarian church. Paul sang in choir. Nice service. Have a lady minister. Marjorie & we to Auburn shopping center. Went on a drive to see the beautiful scenery. We enjoyed it.

Monday, October 26, 1992. Fair, 50°. Paul to school, Marjorie to work. Came home at 2:30. We went with her to Spags. Got some pictures developed. Saw more beautiful fall trees.

Tuesday, October 27, 1992. Clear, 50s. Paul working at home today. Marjorie has day off. We went with her to Auburn shopping center. She had an appointment. Marjorie, Paul & we left at 3 PM. Went to Sudbury Massachusetts to Longfellow's Wayside Inn. Had dinner there at 5:30. Interesting place. Good food but expensive. Saw more beautiful trees.

Wednesday, October 28, 1992. Fair, nice day, little warmer. Pauls to work. I baked coffeecake braid. Read & rested some. Went for a walk. Had letter from Georgia. Arthur to lung specialist, took x-ray, [has] bad sinus infection.

Thursday, October 29, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 50s. Paul worked at home in morning. Marjorie to work. We rested & read. Paul took us for a ride at 4:00. Still some pretty leaves. Had a delicious Chinese dinner. Pauls to choir practice. We packed suitcases.

Friday, October 30, 1992. Cloudy, light rain. Pauls took us to airport at 7:00. Left Worcester at 7:45 for Pittsburgh, then on to Indianapolis, then on to Champaign. Got there at 2:15. Ron there to meet us. Had a wonderful trip and thankful for a safe trip. Is good to be home again. We enjoyed being with Pauls.

Saturday, October 31, 1992. Cloudy, 52°, rained in evening. I wrote in circle letter. Shampooed my hair. We read papers, etc. Got caught up with mail, etc. Steves here in evening. Children dressed in their Halloween costumes. I made some peanut butter bars for them. Rained most of night.

Sunday, November 1, 1992. Cloudy, rainy day, windy. We went to church. Had dinner at Denny's with Jeanette & Lucy C[atherine]. Were home in PM. Talked to Paul, beautiful day there. Allen called. They are coming Thursday evening to paint the kitchen. Deb & Brittany are coming too. Georgia called. Arthur's cough little better.

Monday, November 2, 1992. Cloudy, misted, windy, 61°, early [in] 40s. Did some laundry. Rested. I made 2 apple pies, put in freezer. Made a small one for supper.

Tuesday, November 3, 1992. Cloudy, rained most of day, 41°. Went to town at 9:00. I met with prayer group at Bloomington Square. We had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rose [Girdler], Shinalls, Dr. Wright & his granddaughter. We got groceries & voted.

Wednesday, November 4, 1992. Partly cloudy, 36°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked apple nut bread & made chicken casserole in PM. Didn't feel good awhile in morning.

Thursday, November 5, 1992. Cloudy, misted. I had hair done at 9:00. Did some weekly cleaning. Made chili. We went with Jeanette at 4:00. Had supper at Hardee's, then to Brokaw Hospital to mark baked goods. An enormous lot of food. Allens, Deb & Brittany got here at 8:30. Rons here few minutes.

Friday, November 6, 1992. Cloudy, some rain. I went to Brokaw at 7:00. Had a lot more baked goods. Had a good crowd at the bazaar. Sold about everything. Was a big day. Got home at 3:00. Allens & Deb busy painting the kitchen. We took them to Denny's for supper. Cindy & children too. Ron & Jo here few minutes. They left for Chicago area for weekend. Took in around \$2400 at bake sale.

Saturday, November 7, 1992. Cloudy, snowed some, 40s. Allens busy painting. Finished kitchen & stairway by noon. Kitchen looks nice. Shirley, Deb & Brittany & I went shopping. Got curtains for kitchen, peach [colored]. Cindy & children here too for supper. Had pie, chicken casserole & endive. Allens' car alternator went out. Jon fixed it. Evelyn called.

Sunday, November 8, 1992. Cloudy, chilly, some sunshine in p.m. Allens left at 8:15 for home. We appreciate all their work. We went to church. Had small group at Warner Fransens. I took sandwiches. We got grapefruit & oranges from L[atter] D[ay] S[aunts].

Monday, November 9, 1992. Cloudy, windy, 50s. Did laundry. Had lunch with Laura [Stamback] at Bob Evans. Matthew had minor OR. Urethra was closing. Got along okay. Went to church at 2:30. Met with Mrs. Brown. She is getting information about the old days. Chet [Roth]s, Lorene [Reeser], Ina [Sutter], Mildred there. We went to visitation for Dorothy Imhoff at Carlock. A full day. Rained in night.

Tuesday, November 10, 1992. Cloudy, misted, 56°. Washed sheets & towels, etc. Pressed the new curtains for kitchen. Did some mending. Rained in night.

Wednesday, November 11, 1992. Cloudy, gloomy, misted & rained in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Put another quilt in frame. I baked ginger cookies. Jo here awhile. Gave her some cookies.

Thursday, November 12, 1992. Cloudy, 51°. Rained until 1:00 p.m. Very windy, turned much colder. I went to HEA. Took Mabel, Jeanette & Dorothy S[ingley]. I shortened kitchen curtains.

Friday, November 13, 1992. Partly cloudy, windy. I baked fruitcakes. Did some cleaning. Cleaned silverware. We went to Eagles, got groceries.

Saturday, November 14, 1992. Mostly cloudy, few flurries in morning. I baked pumpkin bread & finished weekly cleaning. Shampooed my hair. We took Jeanette to '76 [Truck Stop] for her birthday which is Monday. She was here awhile. Allen called at noon. They're okay. Randy's were there.

Sunday, November 15, 1992. Cloudy, 30s. We went to church. Wellness Committee in charge of service. Ron preached, had a good message. We had lunch at Arby's, home in PM. Went with Jeanette to Congregational meeting. Had finger food at 5:00, meeting at 6:00. Paul called. They go to California Wednesday. Marj has meeting. Paul speaks at University. Talked to Georgia. Arthur doing better.

Monday, November 16, 1992. Fair, nice to see the sun, 58°. Did the laundry. Steve here for dinner. Had ribs & sauerkraut. He brought pizza latter back & cleaned out the eaves. I worked outside awhile. Made caramels.

Tuesday, November 17, 1992. Mostly cloudy, some sunshine, 51°. I went to prayer group at Lucy [Catherine's]. Pete & I to Senior luncheon at church. Got groceries. Pete to Dr. B[ertsche] [for] checkup, is doing okay. He crushed leaves in yard. I made Bark cookies.

Wednesday, November 18, 1992. Cloudy, 41°. Rained in evening. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went with Jeanette to Garfield club at Jean Ann Bates in Hudson. Mabel and Dorothy [Singley] along.

Thursday, November 19, 1992. Cloudy, misted, 44°. I baked Yummy cookies. Was to get a permanent but Norma was sick. Rested in p.m. Pete sold 1100 bushels of corn, \$2.09 per bushel.

Friday, November 20, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 60°. Showered in evening. I had a permanent at 8:30. Did some cleaning. Pete & I to John Luedtke [to] see about power of attorney & making a new will. Jeanette here. Gave her some Pine cones for decorations.

Saturday, November 21, 1992. Cloudy, 45°. I baked squash bars for tomorrow evening. We volunteered at hospital, 2 – 6:00. Rons & we went to Dragon Restaurant for Jo's birthday. Jeanette at hospital too. She quilted.

Sunday, November 22, 1992. Rained in morning & evening, ¾ inch. 40s. We went to church, Mission Sunday. Bill & Irene Dunn spoke. Had soup, bread & fruit for lunch. Bill spoke in p.m. Went to Home Builders at church. Earl Kaufmans & we co-hostess. Earl's band gave program. Had a good crowd. Had bars & doughnuts. Jeanette took us. Allen called.

Monday, November 23, 1992. Cloudy, 44°. We did laundry. I made Southern pecan bars. Rested. Jo here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, November 24, 1992. Cloudy, 43°. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. Lucy C[atherine] stopped for me. Helen [Patton], Shirley [Krahn] & Joyce [Schmucker] there. I made sugar plum cookies in p.m. Crocheted pot holder in evening.

Wednesday, November 25, 1992. Cloudy, 46°, rained. Snowstorm west & southwest Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri & Iowa. Glad we decided not to go to Allens. We volunteered at hospital. I made 2 pie crusts. Steves to Allens.

Thursday, November 26, 1992. Thanksgiving. Cloudy. Little mist in morning. I baked 2 pumpkin pies & made oyster dressing. We went to Barry Weavers at 9:30. Had a visit with Marge's folks, Roy Martins from Goshen. We went to Rons for the day. Had a delicious meal. Allen called in morning. They had 10 – 12 inches snow. A good day. Much to be thankful for. Paul called. They had company for dinner, Chinese guests.

Friday, November 27, 1992. Cloudy, 36°. Did the weekly cleaning. I stirred up crescents cookies. Ron put our picnic table & chairs away for the winter. Allens had their Thanksgiving dinner today. Micks & Randys there too.

Saturday, November 28, 1992. Partly sunny for a change, 46°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to beauty shop. I baked crescents. We worked outside awhile. Trimmed roses & put cones on. Too wet to put ground around them. Ron called out some limbs & sticks for us.

Sunday, November 29, 1992. Clear, nice to have sunshine, 44°. We went to church. Rons & we ate at Golden West. Were home in PM. Went with Jeanette to church [to] help decorate Christmas tree. Ron gave church the tree.

Monday, November 30, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 38°. We did the laundry. I went to hospital. Had a meeting to decide on quilt pattern for the next bazaar. Chose double Irish chain. Pete put up snow fence.

Tuesday, December 1, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 38°. I went to prayer group at Joyce [Schmucker]'s. Pete & I had lunch with Dorothy [Scogin], Rosa [Girdler], Freida & Harold Shinall. Got groceries. I went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette. Had Christmas program. Had a demonstration of making wreaths. Snowed some in night.

Wednesday, December 2, 1992. Cloudy, windy, 36°, some snow flurries. We went to hospital. Went to John Luedtke (attorney). Got our wills & power of attorney taken care of. Were home in evening. Crocheted pot holders.

Thursday, December 3, 1992. Mostly cloudy, 36°. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers Christmas dinner & program. Bill Houlihan showed slides of Ireland. Lexington high school chorus sang. Lawrence Mohr passed away.

Friday, December 4, 1992. Partly cloudy, 36°, windy. Did some cleaning. Addressed Christmas cards. Crocheted some.

Saturday, December 5, 1992. Clear, 9° in morning, 20s. Wrote more Christmas notes. We volunteered at hospital, 2:00 – 6:00.

Sunday, December 6, 1992. Snowed some in morning. We went to church. Had lunch at Bishops. Got fruit from L[atter] D[ay] S[aints]. We went to visitation at 4:00 for Lawrence Mohr. Evelyn

called. They're okay. Georgia & Arthur called. Arthur is better. Paul called, they're okay. Misted in evening. Froze, roads slick. Finished addressing cards.

Monday, December 7, 1992. Fair in morning, 30°, cloudy in p.m. Roads little slick in morning. We did the laundry. Went to Lawrence Mohr's funeral at 11:00. Did some errands. Got a Christmas tree at Casey's. Got a poinsettia for Jeanette. Had lunch at Avanti's. I stirred up sugar cookies. Walt Kinsinger died, heart attack.

Tuesday, December 8, 1992. Fair, sunshine, 39°. No prayer group. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Baked coffeecake braid for Jeanette & Singleys. Made quick coffeecake. Steve & children here short time, got Christmas tree at Rons.

Wednesday, December 9, 1992. Cloudy, 36°, started to snow, sleet & some rain mid afternoon. Turned to snow later. We volunteered at hospital. I took coffeecake & poinsettia to Jeanette. Crocheted pot holder in evening. We had 2 inches of snow.

Thursday, December 10, 1992. Cloudy, 36°. We went to Walt Kinsinger's funeral at noon at East White Oak Church. We packed box for Pauls & fruitcake & cookies. We took coffeecake to Singleys. Crocheted pot holders. Rested awhile.

Friday, December 11, 1992. Clear, nice day, 36°. Did some cleaning. Went to town at 10:00. Did some shopping. Had hair done & got groceries. Wrapped some gifts. Pete & I to Farm Bureau to Silverleaf 4H Club's 75th anniversary, 6 – 8 PM.

Saturday, December 12, 1992. Fair, 40°, nice day. I made a salad for tomorrow. We put up our Christmas tree & decorated it. I helped Jo in p.m. They had Ron's staff. Allen called. They were having friends from their church.

Sunday, December 13, 1992. Cloudy, 30s. We went to church. We had a surprise luncheon. We were at Gerlof Homans. Ina Sutter, Ezra Bylers were there. Went to church at 4:00. Had program, goodies & drink. Rons had Administrative Staff from BroMenn at 6:30.

Monday, December 14, 1992. Cloudy, 40s. Did the laundry. I done some decorating. Steves were here for supper. Had chili. They brought the album of pictures of our anniversary.

Tuesday, December 15, 1992. A rainy day, 47°. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's. We went with Jo to community Christmas Carol service. Ron sang with choir, Jon & Mary Ann *Isreal* (sp?). A very good program. Was at Evelyn Chapel. Had over 1 inch rain.

Wednesday, December 16, 1992. Cloudy, 36°. We volunteered at hospital. Helped Pete with mail, had a lot. I took Mabel & Dorothy S[ingley] to Garfield club at Jeanette's. Pete had diarrhea in p.m. Had Christmas dinner at hospital. Pete sold 700 bushels of corn [at] \$2.05½ [per bushel].

Thursday, December 17, 1992. Cloudy, 33°. A few light flurries. I baked coffeecake braid. Rested, crocheted pot holders. Jeanette here a while. We went to Birkelbaws to get apples. They were closed.

Friday, December 18, 1992. Cloudy, windy, 34°. Went to Hellers at El Paso. Had 10,000 mile checkup on car. Had lunch at Hardee's. Got home at 1:30. Shampoed my hair, crocheted. Rons to Martys after school. They bought a house in Columbia. Rons are helping them move.

Saturday, December 19, 1992. Cloudy, 40°. Started to rain at noon, turned to snow about 3:00 until 6:30. Wet snow. Gordon took Mabel, Pete & I to Emily Miller's funeral at Pekin. We stayed for lunch. Were home at 1:00. We volunteered at hospital, 2 – 4. Came home early on account of weather.

Sunday, December 20, 1992. Clear, 15° above in morning, 28°. We went to church. Had lunch at Grand Café. Home in PM. We went with Jeanette to Christmas program at church. Very good. Rons home from Columbia at 8:00 p.m. Allen called. They're okay.

Monday, December 21, 1992. Clear, 36°. Did the laundry. I fixed box of cookies for mail carrier & Pantagraph carrier. Fixed casserole. Steve & children here. They gave us loaf of bread & apple butter & \$20 gift certificate to Sirloin Stockade. We gave children books, Steves \$25. Gave Cindy hot pads & hankies.

Tuesday, December 22, 1992. Fair, 38 – 40°. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Got things ready for supper. Rested some. Paul Millers & Earl Kaufmans here. Had chicken casserole, sweet potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, ice cream & cookies. Evelyn called. They're okay.

Wednesday, December 23, 1992. Fair, 39°, cloudy in evening, turned much colder in p.m., windy. We volunteered at hospital. Got home at to: 00. I wrapped some gifts, hot pads & hankies for the ladies. Were home in evening. Marty came in evening. Renée was here awhile.

Thursday, December 24, 1992. Fair, 3° above, 22°. I went to town at 10:00, had hair done. Mailed a package to Marjorie (hot pad & hankies). Fixed tray of cookies for Rons, Allens & Carol R[opp]. We went to Rays for supper. Carol's folks & Mabel there. Rons to church. They went to Rays [a] short time.

Friday, December 25, 1992. Fair, 3° – 30°. We watched parade's. Went to Rons at noon. Had snacks & gift exchange. Cap from Martys, sweater, book and we got kitchen table & chairs from Rons. I got red skirt & flowered blouse from Jo. We got cushions for new chairs & placemats. Jon gave [us] gift certificate from Jumers. Paul called. We gave Rons \$60, grandchildren [each] \$25. [Got] placemats from Martys.

Saturday, December 26, 1992. Clear, 30s, nice day. We went to grocery store. Rested some. Got things ready for supper. Martys & Rons here. Had tuna & rice dish. Looked at pictures. Allen & Shirley called, they're okay.

Sunday, December 27, 1992. Fair, 42°. We went to church. Many visitors. We had lunch at Denny's. Home in p.m. & evening. I put pictures in our album that Amy gave us. Marty's here few minutes. They left for home at 5:00.

Monday, December 28, 1992. Cloudy, 43°, some fog in morning. We did the laundry. Went to Eagles grocery [store] at 3:00. Got beef roast for tomorrow. I stirred up refrigerator muffins. Rested some & read.

Tuesday, December 29, 1992. Cloudy, foggy, 47°. Went to town at 10:00. Met Dorothy [Scogin], Rosie [Girdler] & Shinalls. Had lunch. I got things ready for supper. Made salad. Barry Weavers were [here]. Had roast beef, etc. Had good visit. Rained in night. Georgia called.

Wednesday, December 30, 1992. Cloudy, rained, 61°. We volunteered at hospital. Set buttons over my new red skirt. Read some. Steve's got home from Ohio around 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 31, 1992. Cloudy, windy, cold, 11°. You flurries. Steve's went to Allens. I scrubbed the kitchen floor in morning. Transplanted some [African] violets in p.m. Helped Jo awhile. We went to Rons at 8:30. They had group (35 – 40) from church. Had lots of food. A nice evening. Got home at 1:00. A nice holiday thanks to Rons. Much to be thankful for.