

The Diary of Anna Kropf Ropp

2002-08-07

to

2004-04-11

(By 1998, Ann could no longer find the five-year diaries she had always used, so she switched to one-year diaries for four years and then simply filled several small notebooks, finally making her last entry on April 12, 2004. She lived until June 9, 2005.)

2002

Wednesday, August 7, 2002. A beautiful day. We, Rons & Pauls took pizza to [Nursing] Home. 8 on patio. Pete enjoyed his birthday. Andys got here about 6:00 PM. Marjorie got dinner for all of us including Rons. It's been good to have them. Jeffs came Monday evening. Allen & Jeffs left about 9:00. We miss them. Glad they could come.

Thursday, August 8, 2002. Fair, nice day, pleasant. Pauls, Amy & CJ left for home. They called. Had a good trip. Sure miss them. I did some laundry. Andys & I went to see Pete in PM. Finished reading remainder of cards to him. Andys went to pharmacy. Ron took barrows to State Fair.

Friday, August 9, 2002. Nice day. I went to B[eauty] shop. We took pizza out to Pete. We went to Jo's for supper. Jo is doing chores. Had pacemaker checked.

Saturday, August 10, 2002. Another nice day. Andys left for home 9:15. They stopped to see Pete. Seems very quiet with everyone gone. I straightened up house. Worked in kitchen. Rons at the Fair. Got more cards.

Sunday, August 11, 2002. Fair, 86°. I went to church. Ron has bronchitis. Saw Dr. & got medicine. He coughs. Jo & I went to Arby's, had sandwich. Went to see Pete. He's about as usual. The flowers are still quite nice. Evelyn B[early] sent some money for us. Girls got big bouquet [of] roses & some for small vases. Evelyn B[early] called, also Paul. Ron feeling some better.

Monday, August 12, 2002. 80s, fair. Jo took me for Pro time. We went to grocery store. I did laundry after got home. I sorted our cards. Got 116 anniversary & 56 birthday cards. Most of them have some notes written.

Tuesday, August 13, 2002. Mostly cloudy, 81°, cooler in p.m. and had several showers. I watered plants etc. Ron took me to bank & to see Pete. He seemed about same. Ron was getting pigs ready to go to Springfield. He is feeling better and glad he is. I went to exercise [class] in p.m. Had committee meeting for July- August Birthday Party.

Wednesday, August 14, 2002. Rained all morning. Came nice and quiet. I did usual work. Made barbecue sausage balls. Rested & read.

Thursday, August 15, 2002. Partly cloudy, 80s. I made coffee cake & had chicken and biscuits for lunch. Jo went to [State] Fair. Ron did quite well. Got Reserve Grand Champion & a First. Marge Weaver here awhile in evening.

Friday, August 16, 2002. Rained very hard most of morning. Had rain early morning. Some places didn't get much. I went to B[eauty] shop. Ron & Jo took me to see Pete. He seemed as usual. We got groceries too.

Saturday, August 17, 2002. 80s, mostly cloudy until late p.m. I watered plants. Had to throw some of flowers out. Did usual work. Made some tapioca pudding.

Sunday, August 18, 2002. Cloudy in morning, then fair. Ron to Hopedale [Mennonite Church]. Preached. I went to church with Barry Weavers. Marge brought me home. Cindy took me to see Pete at 1:30. Allen called. They have lot of green beans (unclear). The YPU children had charge of service. Paul called. He is leaving tomorrow morning for Russia. Hope he has a safe trip.

Monday, August 19, 2002. Had thunderstorm & heavy rain early a.m. Sun came out in PM, 76°. I did some laundry. Did some mending in PM. Rested & read. Called Dr. Wera in morning. My feet quite swollen. Am to stop taking Celebrex. Jo is getting ready to go to Ohio tomorrow. Her brother Mark is quite ill. Paul left early morning for Russia. Friend going with him. Paul is attending a conference.

Tuesday, August 20, 2002. Mostly cloudy, 86°. I did usual work. My feet & ankles have improved some. Jo is busy getting ready to go to Ohio. Left around 4:00 p.m. Jo got to Mike [Emerick]'s at 10:00 last night.

Wednesday, August 21, 2002. Warmer, 91°, fair, hazy. I did some odd jobs in morning. Ron took me to see Pete. He is about same. Ron addressed my thank you notes for me. Appreciated his doing that. Had big rain in night. Ron had 4 inches rain.

Thursday, August 22, 2002. [no entry]

Friday, August 23, 2002. Some rain in morning, fair in late p.m., in 70s. I went to B[eauty] shop. Did some cleaning. Ron came at noon. Went out to see Pete, then to Gailey's. Put a prism on my left eye [lense]. Went to grocery [store]. Appreciate Ron taking me. Jo called last evening. Jo's brother Mark is very ill with bone cancer.

Saturday, August 24, 2002. Partly cloudy, near 80°. I did usual work. Washed some slacks. Quiet day. Rested.

Sunday, August 25, 2002. A pleasant day, 82°. I went to church with Ron. We went to see Pete during Sunday School, then went to McDonald's for lunch. Ron brought me home. He had meeting at Campus Church. Church had sandwich finger food. Had Congregation meeting. Talked to Arthur Yoder. He's okay. They may come out this fall.

Monday, August 26, 2002. A pleasant day, 82°. Ron took me to BroMenn for blood work. Pro time okay. Had breakfast at coffee shop. Lucy C[atherine Patton] & Phyllis came for me at

12:30. Went to Red Lobster for lunch. (Unclear) ate with us to. They wanted Ron to join us but he had to take hog to Congregational. Had nice visit.

Tuesday, August 27, 2002. Nice day, 82°. I did some laundry. Ron took me to see Pete. He was about same. I counted our birthday cards. Got over 50, and 155 anniversary cards. Some beautiful cards. Tried to call Allen but no answer.

Wednesday, August 28, 2002. Nice day, 82°. I got things ready for lunch. Ron had lunch with me. Had eggplant. Was good. I rested some in p.m. Watered roses and other flowers. Talked to Allens. They camped out several days in South Dakota.

Thursday, August 29, 2002. Cloudy, 70s. I baked chocolate chip cookies, some for Pete & Rons. Ron came at 1:00. We went out to see Pete. Ron brought me some tomatoes. I put 2 pints in freezer. Have more to do tomorrow. Gave Manny O[yer] some of tomatoes.

Friday, August 30, 2002. Partly cloudy, 79 – 81°, nice day. I went to B[eauty] shop. Had call from BroMenn that Pete was in ER but was ready to go home so I called Steve as Ron was ready to leave for Ohio where he will meet Jo & Ron has a wedding on Sunday. Pete slept very little all night. Had trouble with catheter. Paul called at 7:30. Got home this p.m. Had a good trip to Russia. Everything went well. Glad he is home.

Saturday, August 31, 2002. Fair, nice day. I did some cleaning. Allen & Shirley got here before 12:00. Good to see them. They went to Yeakel reunion. Allens & I went to Steves for supper. Had lasagna. Was nice evening. Hadn't been there for long time.

Sunday, September 1, 2002. Partly cloudy, 80s. Allens & I went to church, then to Steak 'n Shake. Stopped to see Pete. He seemed about same. Allen brought me home and left here at 2:30. Was good to have them but always miss them when they leave. Ron had Emerick wedding at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, September 2, 2002. Mostly fair, in 80s. Ron called at 7:45 from Columbus Ohio. They were at hospital to see Jo's brother Mark. They were ready to start home. Got home between 3 & 4. Glad they are back. I did some laundry & rested.

Tuesday, September 3, 2002. 82°, fair skies, nice day. I did some cleaning in bathroom. Ron took me to see Pete at 12:00. Got home at 1:30. Went to exercise group at 2:00.

Wednesday, September 4, 2002. Nice day, 82°. I did some odd jobs. Ron took me to pharmacy & got groceries. I rested some. Was tired. Didn't sleep very well last night.

Thursday, September 5, 2002. Another nice day, 82°. Cleaned out drawer etc. Ron & Jo took me to see Pete and took him some good clothes to wear to Ropp Reunion Saturday at Metamora.

Friday, September 6, 2002. Another nice day, 80s. I went to B[eauty] shop. Had pacemaker checked, all okay. Did some cleaning. Went to exercise class at 2:00 p.m. Talked to Pete. [He] was waiting for supper. Had just had a bath.

Saturday, September 7, 2002. Nice day, little warmer. Ron took Pete & I to Ropp Reunion. 36+ there, an interesting day. Jo & Ron have done a lot of work. Jo went early. Catered meal, very good. Pete very tired.

Sunday, September 8, 2002. Fair in warmer, 99°. Rons took me to church. Went to Wendy's for lunch. Didn't go to see Pete. Ron stopped to see him. I talked to him late p.m. Allen called. Jeffs left for Colorado on vacation. Mick & Pam left for Yellowstone on motorcycle. Paul called. He was in hospital a night & day first of week. He had some discomfort in his chest but everything checked out okay and we're glad.

Monday, September 9, 2002. Fair but hazy, hot & humid, 90°. Jo took me to Dr.'s office for Pro time. We went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. I did some laundry. Rested awhile. Got pictures that Pauls took at our Reception.

Tuesday, September 10, 2002. Mostly fair. I did usual work. Was more tired for some reason. Didn't feel like going to exercise. Jo took me to see Pete around 4:00. Ron got me at 5:15.

Wednesday, September 11, 2002. Partly cloudy, nice day, 70°. The nation is remembering 9 – 11. Special programs on TV & radio. Sad remembrance. I had a quiet day. Washed some slacks.

Thursday, September 12, 2002. Nice day, 70s, partly cloudy. I made deviled eggs for Sr. luncheon at church. Ron came at 10:30. We went to see Pete for short time. Ron took me to church. Kay [Reimer] brought me home. Dick Baum was program.

Friday, September 13, 2002. Partly cloudy, 50°, nice day. I went to B[eauty] shop in a.m. Did some cleaning. Vera [Willems] & I went to exercise class but was closed [due] to maintenance cleaning rug. Ron & Jo stopped at 3:30. Ron had gotten something for roses. Jo took me to store, needed a birthday card for Simone who is a year old. Ron watered the roses & paid some bills. Nancy Kampmeier from Minnesota called. Jacks were with her. They were going to Minier Saturday. Glad to talk to her.

Saturday, September 14, 2002. Partly cloudy, 80°. I did usual work cleaning, watered plants, etc. Quiet day. Rons were busy all day.

Sunday, September 15, 2002. I went to church with Rons. Had lunch at Arby's. Then to see Pete. He's okay. Cloudy, had shower last night. Jo & I went to meeting at MRC at 2:00. Allen called in evening. Mick & Pam got home from their motorcycle trip. Paul called. They were at Andys for Simone's birthday.

Monday, September 16, 2002. Another lovely day, 70s. I did some laundry. Rested. Had chest pains. Was going with Jeanette to Volunteer meeting but canceled that. Took nitro several times. Felt better late p.m. Put some summer things away.

Tuesday, September 17, 2002. Mostly cloudy, 70°. I peeled some apples Rons brought me. Made a pie, put in freezer. Ironed some [of] Pete's shirts. Went to exercise class at 2:00. Rons got me at 5. Ron to his office. Jo & I went to see Pete. He was eating supper. Jo took me to grocery [store].

Wednesday, September 18, 2002. Mostly cloudy in a.m. I didn't do much in morning. Didn't feel good. Better in PM. Lucy C[atherine] took Marie H. & me to Garfield club. Only 7 there. Talked to Pete. Said he was okay.

Thursday, September 19, 2002. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 83°, had light shower. I rested most of day. Didn't feel good. A quiet long day. Talked to Pete. He was okay. Haven't heard from Ron for several days. I cleaned drawer in corner cabinet.

Friday, September 20, 2002. Had rain last night and rain most of morning. Had 1 inch rain. I went to B[eauty] shop. Ron took me to see Pete at 11:00. He had client. Got home at 12:40. Ron to chaplains meeting at St. Charles this evening and tomorrow.

Saturday, September 21, 2002. Beautiful day, 70s. I did some cleaning. Did some odd jobs. Rested some.

Sunday, September 22, 2002. Had shower early. Partly cloudy & cooler. Rons took me to church. We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Went to see Pete. He seemed pretty good. I went to Rons at 7:00 to hear Gerlof & Roelie Homan [talk] about their trip (unclear) where Chris works for *government* (sp?). Allen & Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, September 23, 2002. Nice day, 71°. I did some laundry. Ron brought me some groceries. I made some cookies in p.m. Have some for Pete & Rons.

Tuesday, September 24, 2002. Very nice day, 62°, quite cool in morning. Ron stopped few minutes. He had early meeting, and Jo grocery shopped. I went to Exercise class in PM.

Wednesday, September 25, 2002. Another lovely day, 73°. Jo took me to Dr. Wera for checkup at 9:30. She came again at 1:15. Went to N[ursing] Home. Earl Kaufman played saxophone at to: 00. Ron came at 2:30. He brought me home.

Thursday, September 26, 2002. Partly cloudy, 73°. Jo took me to Gailey's at 8:15. Think my double vision is better. I worked in bathroom closet. Went to see Beulah Roth in PM.

Friday, September 27, 2002. Partly cloudy, in 60s. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Did some odd jobs & rested. Seemed to be tired. Ron stopped on his way to meeting. Went with me to get some groceries. Appreciate what they do for me.

Saturday, September 28, 2002. 70s, mostly fair, nice day. I did normal work & rested. Read some. Rons stopped few minutes. They have com[mittee] this evening. Have a meeting at 4:00, then picnic.

Sunday, September 29, 2002. 80s, partly cloudy. Went to church. Markham [Mennonite] church were guests. Our church gave them our choir robes. Had potluck dinner. We didn't stay. Had lunch at Chinese [restaurant]. Went to see Pete. He was okay. Didn't stay long. Jo wasn't feeling very good.

Monday, September 30, 2002. Fair, quite warm, 82°, windy. I did some laundry. Went to exercise [class] but no one there. I rested. Was tired. Talked to Jo. She was feeling some better.

Tuesday, October 1, 2002. 80s, fair. I baked cookies. Ron & I to see Pete for awhile. I rested after got home.

Wednesday, October 2, 2002. Quite warm, in 80s. I watered my plants & [did] usual work. Rested. Didn't sleep well last night. Marge W[eaver] came during Jr. choir practice.

Thursday, October 3, 2002. Mostly cloudy hurricane bad in south. Jo took me to BroMenn for blood work, then to see Dr. Seehofer. Checked me over. Had lunch at Bloomington Square, then to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Also went to Card Shop.

Friday, October 4, 2002. Had rain last night & this morning, cooler. I went to B[eauty] shop. Went to Beulah Roth, had lunch with Cinda & Beulah. They wanted me to see anniversary pictures. Jo took me to see Pete for short time. His stomach kinda upset but was feeling better. I did some of weekly cleaning. Wrote in circle letter. Ron & Jo & Terry cut down several deceased trees in churchyard.

Saturday, October 5, 2002. A beautiful day, cooler. Ron took Marie Heiser & me to Edwards Hall at ISU campus for nurses homecoming. Good to see old friends, about 60 there. Alumni gave me sweatshirt and beautiful bouquet. Rons came after me at 2:00. Glad we could do [it]. Dean Nancy Ridenour & Dorothy Witte took good care of us as usual. I was the oldest one there, last of our class.

Sunday, October 6, 2002. Partly cloudy, 68° – 70°. Rons took me to church. Had communion. We had lunch at Arby's. Ron and I went to see Pete. He was feeling better than Friday. Jo went home. They have their small group this evening. Allen called. They had communion also. They went on walk for Crops [drive]. Paul called. They're okay.

Monday, October 7, 2002. Partly cloudy, nice day, cooler, 58°. I did some laundry. Rested. Didn't sleep well last night. I called Arthur [Yoder]. He's doing okay. Steve & Cathy are in France. Ezra Byler had heart attack riding his bike on way to work at Wesleyan. He's in critical condition. They did surgery on him.

Tuesday, October 8, 2002. Partly cloudy. I watered flowers and cleaned kitchen carpet. Julie brought money she sold for auxiliary quilt.

Wednesday, October 9, 2002. Partly cloudy, nice day. Did usual work. Had to take nitro in morning. Felt better in PM. Jo took me to see Pete. He seemed same.

Thursday, October 10, 2002. A beautiful day, 75°. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Got home at noon. I run sweeper & watered flowers & roses. Ron called at 6:30. They are taking Ezra Byler to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Seems to respond some but still in critical condition. Tried to call Allen but no answer.

Friday, October 11, 2002. Another beautiful day. I had my hair done and my toenails taken care of. Rons & Jon picked apples at Fransen's home. They stopped here & gave me some. Jo took me to see Pete & she went to grocery [store] while I visited with Pete.

Saturday, October 12, 2002. Mostly cloudy, had light shower in evening. I did usual work. Rested. Marty & friend came last night. They stopped about 6:00. Leave tomorrow for Missouri. Pacemaker people called just as Marty got here. They called back at 7:00. Everything okay.

Sunday, October 13, 2002. Frost or freeze predicted. Went to church. Ron preached, had good sermon. Jo and I ate at Steak 'n Shake. Marie H[eiser] & Lucy C[atherine] ate with us. Ron had to see about hogs. We went to see Pete. Thought he looked kinda pale. Allen called, they are okay. Paul called. He has 2 todays off, no school.

Monday, October 14, 2002. 31° – 59°. Fair, had some frost last night in places. I did some laundry. Rested & read. Ezra Byler still in critical condition at Barnes Hospital.

Tuesday, October 15, 2002. Nice day, 31° – 58°. I baked peanut butter cookies. Had some for Rons & Pete. Jo came at 10:30, took me to see Pete. He was okay. Jo had some typing at church. LeRue Sloan passed away. Ron is to have burial service. No funeral.

Wednesday, October 16, 2002. 51°, partly cloudy, rather windy. I did usual work. Went with Lucy Catherine to Garfield club. After lunch went to see Helen Patton who had a mastectomy a week ago. She is doing okay.

Thursday, October 17, 2002. 50°, cloudy, some sunshine late p.m. I made apple pie, put in freezer. Did some sweeping in PM. Rather quiet day. Ron had LeRue Sloan private funeral and burial in a.m.

Friday, October 18, 2002. Had shower about noon, quite windy, 72°. I went to B[eauty] shop in morning. Ron came after lunch. Went to see Pete. He seems okay. We went to grocery store. He also looked through the mail, wrote some checks. Appreciate him doing that.

Saturday, October 19, 2002. Fair. Did usual work. Made fruit salad for Sunday. Rested some. I went with John Stutzman's to Rons for dinner. Cheryl Rempel and her friend came to Rons Thursday evening. Had a delicious meal as usual. Nice to see Cheryl again.

Sunday, October 20, 2002. A beautiful day, 50°. Had heavy Frost last night. I went to church with Rons. Their company left for home (Minnesota). My small group met at church. Ardys [Serpette] brought me home. Mannie Oyer had Memorial service for their daughter Tena who was killed in Texas. They met at MRC but I didn't go as it was over. Rons went. Went to cemetery also. Allen called. They are okay. Pauls called. Andys are home, and they plan to go to Hopi Indian reservation.

Monday, October 21, 2002. 33° – 59°. Partly cloudy. I did some laundry. Rested in p.m. Did some rearranging in my closet.

Tuesday, October 22, 2002. Mostly cloudy, some sun in p.m., 56°. Jo took me for Pro time at 9:30. I went to exercise at MRC. Ron got me at 4:30. Went to see Pete short time. Ron had meeting. Took Pete more roses [that] didn't all freeze.

Wednesday, October 23, 2002. Cloudy, chilly. I made pecan rolls. Got along okay but dough was sticky. Marge W[eaver] here during Jr. choir. Brought food again.

Thursday, October 24, 2002. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 50s. Sprinkled in morning. I cleaned bedroom. Washed & ironed dresser scarfs. I went to Birthday Party. Had bean soup supper with cornbread & applesauce. Very good. John Stutzman got me & brought me home. Ron in Chicago (Chaplains [unclear] in library).

Friday, October 25, 2002. Cloudy, drizzled, chilly, 45°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Got plants. Was nearly noon when I got home. I rested in p.m. Was tired too, didn't go to exercise. Dr. Schwartz funeral was this morning.

Saturday, October 26, 2002. Cloudy, chilly, 50°. I did usual work. Ron came at 11:00. Went to grocery [store]. Talked to Pete. He was okay. Marge W[eaver] was there. I rested in p.m.

Sunday, October 27, 2002. Fair in morning, clouded up in PM. Went to church. Rons & I went to Chinese Restaurant. Jo went back to Metamora, didn't get finished yesterday. Museum closes today for winter. We spent some time with Pete. He was okay. Allen called. They're having some snow. Pauls called, they are fine. Singers that Marj sings with had concert tonight. Called Arthur [Yoder] to wish him happy birthday.

Monday, October 28, 2002. Cloudy and chilly. I did some laundry and baked some bars. Quiet day. Steve called. He's going to help me make coffee cakes. He's on vacation now.

Tuesday, October 29, 2002. 41°. Had rain early a.m. Cloudy, chilly wind. I made coffee cake braid. Steve here helped me some. He had meeting at church at 10:30. Came back for lunch. Had

chili. Coffee cakes didn't turn out very well. Guess I need to practice. Ha. Ron got me at 2:30. Went to see Pete, then to Health Department. Got our flu shots.

Wednesday, October 30, 2002. Cloudy, some rain in evening, chilly, 35°. I did usual work. Odds & ends. Rested. Marge W[eaver] here during choir practice, brought food. Had word Seth Swift died last evening. He was at Meadows Home. Ron stopped short time, brought rose cones.

Thursday, October 31, 2002. Partly cloudy, 45°. 39° late p.m. Cut some rose buds, they opened up. I made bread pudding. Did some odd jobs. Watered the plants. Brought more rosebuds in house.

Friday, November 1, 2002. Clear, cold, 41° – 25°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Ron took me to see Pete at 2:00. He seemed okay. We went to pharmacy & grocery store. Ron cut the roses & put cones on. Ron brought more rosebuds in. I appreciated it. Ron & I went to visitation for Seth Swift.

Saturday, November 2, 2002. Clear, 40s. I went to Seth Swift's funeral at 10:00. Esther Brown got me & Ruth Marquis brought me home. Was a nice service.

Sunday, November 3, 2002. 30s, mostly cloudy. Had shower in morning and again in evening. Chilly. Cindy took me to church & brought me home. Ron went to Clinton sale. Paul called. Amy had (unclear) were at their home. Allen called, they're okay. I called Pete. He was okay.

Monday, November 4, 2002. Fair, 30° – 41°. I did some laundry. Rons took me to see Pete. He seemed okay. Ron loaded all the rose brush & pulled up the petunias. Guess we are ready for winter. Appreciate all they do for me.

Tuesday, November 5, 2002. Had shower Jo took me for Pro time. Went to pharmacy, we got groceries. Had chicken for \$.29 a pound so got some. Put in freezer. Cooked few pieces. I baked pumpkin [pies], they didn't turn out too well.

Thursday, November 6, 2002. 41°. Cloudy in morning, sunshine in p.m. Got things ready for bazaar tomorrow. Rons, Marge [Weaver] & Alice Martin here to talk about Alice helping me several times a week. Marge here again during Jr. choir.

Thursday, November 7, 2002. 51°. Clear and some warmer. Very frosty this morning. Jo took me to bazaar at BO [?]. We had lunch there. Went shopping for shoes but didn't buy yet. Got groceries. Am tired. I'm sure Jo is tired too. Jo took me to see Pete. Jo went to church. She & Kay [Reimer] had some work to do on computer.

Friday, November 8, 2002. Clear, warmer, 56°, windy. I went to Beauty shop in morning. Went to MRC building. Ruth S. invited everyone. She appreciated all people did for her during *Bob's* (sp?) illness & death. Had coffee & tea and coffee cakes. I made some chicken & salad dressing. I did some cleaning.

Saturday, November 9, 2002. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m. Did usual work. Alice Martin came around 9:00. Left at 2:40. She bakes bread for me. I called Pete. He was okay.

Sunday, November 10, 2002. Had shower early, mostly cloudy. I went to church. Had our small group at Alta Litwillers. I took rolls that Alice baked. They were good. Artdys Serpette took me and brought me home. Rons had their small group. Allen called. They're okay and Pauls called. They are alright.

Monday, November 11, 2002. Cloudy, colder, 42°. I did little laundry. Alice [Martin] came at 9:00. Rons came at 10:30. Went to Walmart. Ron got rose cone. Alice took me to see Pete. He is okay.

Tuesday, November 12, 2002. Cloudy in morning, some sunshine in morning. Alice came before 9:00, left at 2:00. We baked date cookies. I baked some apples. Talked to Pete. He's okay.

Wednesday, November 13, 2002. Nice day, 61°. Alice came at 9 this morning. She cleaned Venetian blinds & valances. Swept the rugs. She left at 1:30. Jon was here in evening. Worked on garage door.

Thursday, November 14, 2002. Fair in morning, cloudy. Had shower after 7:00 PM. Jo took me to Gailey's. My double vision is better. Jo moved some of my sweaters so I can reach them. Alice [Martin] & I went to see Pete. He seemed okay. Alice went home before 3:00.

Friday, November 15, 2002. Cloudy and chilly. Rained some last night. I went to B[eauty] shop. Had pacemaker checked. It's okay. Alice came at 10:30. We went to grocery store. Marge [Weaver] came for her at noon. Ron came in evening. Jo had meat for us. He brought tomatoes and lettuce. Jo went to Ohio to see her brother. He's been ill.

Saturday, November 16, 2002. Colder, had some sunshine in a.m., few flurries of snow. Jo got to Mike [Emerick]'s okay. Had some snow. Ron took Pete & I to church. Had our pictures taken for new directory. Took Pete back to home. Ron was here awhile, wrote checks.

Sunday, November 17, 2002. In 30s, fair & colder. Ron got me for church. We had dinner there. Jr. YPU served lunch, moneymaker for conference. Had congregation meeting. Got home at 3:00. Alice called at 6:00. Rachel fell & broke her elbow. Paul called. They had ice storm in New England.

Monday, November 18, 2002. Partly cloudy, 50°. I did some laundry. Had barbecued ribs for lunch. Alice Martin came at 10:30. We went to see Pete in PM. Jo is still in Ohio helping take care of her brother.

Tuesday, November 19, 2002. Fair, 50s. Ron took me to [Dr.] Wera's for Pro time, then went to Walmart, got Christmas cards. Then went to Aldis new store west of town. Alice went with Marge [Weaver] looking for furniture.

Wednesday, November 20, 2002. Nice day. Partly cloudy, in 50s. I made bread pudding & we baked some cookies. We went to see Pete. He's okay. Marge [Weaver] here during Jr. choir. Jo still in Ohio. Her brother very ill.

Thursday, November 21, 2002. Cloudy, chilly rain & mist, 30s. Alice [Martin] did some cleaning in bedrooms & bathroom. We went to Sr. dinner at church. Alice made casserole. Ron talked to Jo. This is her birthday. He had meeting at church. He stopped here. Mark [Emerick], Jo's brother, passed away.

Friday, November 22, 2002. Partly cloudy, 30s. Alice here. We went to grocery [store] & pharmacy. Alice did some sweeping. I had hair done at 2:00. Alice went to Marge [Weaver]'s. Ron stopped short time. He's going to Ohio in morning. Allen called. Ron called Allens & Pauls.

Saturday, November 23, 2002. Clear, nice day, 30s. Ron went to Ohio. Mark's funeral is Monday at 2:00. I made date balls & chopped peanuts for White Bark (unclear).

Sunday, November 24, 2002. Sunshine in a.m., cloudy PM, had shower late evening. Marge W[eaver] & her mother Alice took me to church. I took Alice to lunch (Denny's), then went to see Pete. He's okay.

Monday, November 25, 2002. Cold, high 31°, wind chill 8°. I did 2 loads laundry. Alice came about 9:00. Had a little snow last night. We made carrot cookies. She went home around 1:00 PM. Mark Emerick funeral at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26, 2002. 31°. Cloudy, had snow flurries midmorning. Alice came at 9:00. We made caramels. I made spaghetti for lunch. Rons got home about 5:00. Had snow all the way home. Glad they're home. Alice went home about 2:00.

Wednesday, November 27, 2002. Clear, 33°, nice winter day. Alice made 5 pie crusts for me. Made white bark candy. It's kinda sticky. I made filling for pumpkin [pies]. Jo was here awhile. They're coming here for Thanksgiving Day dinner. Jo is fixing most of food. Talked to Pete this evening. He's okay.

Thursday, November 28, 2002. Thanksgiving day. Partly cloudy, 40°. I baked 2 pumpkin and one Apple pies. Ron got Pete. Rons, Jon and Julie were here for big dinner. Had ham & roast chicken & all the trimmings. Ron put up the outside Christmas lights. Was [nice] having them. Much to be thankful for.

Friday, November 29, 2002. Partly cloudy. I went to B[eauty] shop. Did some cleaning. Alice didn't come. Will be back next week.

Saturday, November 30, 2002. A cold wintry day. Ron and I went to Memorial service for LaRue Sloan at 10:30. Was at West Minster. Nice service. Went to Steve's. Was noon when we got home.

Sunday, December 1, 2002. Clear, 42°, in 30s. Went to church with Rons. They brought me home after Sunday School. Steves took me to see Pete at 3:00. Pete was okay. Allen called at 6:00. They got home from Branson Missouri about 5:00. Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, December 2, 2002. Partly cloudy to cloudy, quite windy, 43°. Jo took me to Dr. Wera for checkup & Pro time. Alice M[artin] came at noon, brought some soup. She addressed ½ of Christmas cards. I stirred up sugar cookies. Did some laundry.

Tuesday, December 3, 2002. Mostly fair, cold. Jo took me to St. Joe. Had pacemaker checked. Okay. Went shopping for shoes. Got pair of Von Maur shoes. Went to Women's meeting at church. Took 3 dozen cookies for exchange. Rons had meeting. Marge [Weaver] got me. Allison I baked sugar cookies.

Wednesday, December 4, 2002. Cloudy, 28°. I made cherry pudding. Alice came at 9:00. She finished addressing Christmas cards. We had roast beef & potatoes & (unclear). We went to see Pete in PM. He is about same.

Thursday, December 5, 2002. 27°. Partly cloudy, wintry. I mailed out-of-state cards. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. We made lemon bars. Alice went home after lunch.

Friday, December 6, 2002. Clear, cold, 8 – 40 [?] in a.m., 37°. Nice winter day. I went to B[eauty] shop. Got back at 9:30. I swept my bedroom. Alice came at 10:30. She finished the ironing. We went to see Pete awhile. I mailed some Christmas cards.

Saturday, December 7, 2002. Nice day, warmer. I did some cleaning (bathroom). Jo took me & Marie Heiser to open house and reception at Ewing Castle. Very nice. Jo got pair shoes at Murray's for me. Hope they're okay.

Sunday, December 8, 2002. 30s, fair. Ron took me to church. Went to Steak 'n Shake for lunch. Went to see Pete. Seems okay. Rons brought me home. Ron wrote checks for community projects. Jo ordered dish cloths & I picked cheese and meat tray for Evelyn B[early] and Pete (unclear) for Arthur Y[oder]. Arthur called. Seems to be doing okay. Allen called too. They plan to come December 22. Paul called. They went to New York City to hear Marj's nephew.

Monday, December 9, 2002. Sunny, nice day, 40s. I did some laundry. Alice came 9:45. We put out some Christmas decorations. Trimmed the little tree. Alice went home after lunch.

Tuesday, December 10, 2002. A beautiful day, in 40s. Alice came at 9:00. We went to store. Got dinner. Made apple crisp. Had spare ribs & sauerkraut. Went to see Pete. He's okay. Got our pictures for church directory.

Wednesday, December 11, 2002. 46°, nice day. Rons came. Jo made 2 wreaths for porch & door. I put up some decorations. Made casserole for lunch. Alice worked some in kitchen. She cleans

stove etc. Ron came back at 3:00. Wrote checks for family. Put some pictures in [Christmas] letter.

Thursday, December 12, 2002. 42°, cloudy. I cooked soup bone and made vegetable soup. Baked cherry bars. Alice helped Marge today. Ron brought me some potatoes.

Friday, December 13, 2002. Cloudy, 43°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Did some cleaning. Alice came at 10:00. She run the sweeper. Went to store, got puzzle book for Pete.

Saturday, December 14, 2002. Cloudy most of day, some sun in p.m. I did Saturday cleaning. Wrapped dish cloths in p.m. Had chest pain at 4:00. Took nitro twice. Carolyn from church was here, brought fruit. Was nice.

Sunday, December 15, 2002. Mostly cloudy today. I went to church. Rons had small group. I went to see Pete. Had dinner with him there. Jo brought me home at 3:00. This evening went to Christmas program at church. Was nice program. Think Alice Martin will be here this week. Then she goes to Denver to another daughter. Allen and Paul called. They're okay.

Monday, December 16, 2002. Mostly cloudy, 38°. I did some laundry. Alice came at 9:00. She wrapped pictures for Allens, Rons & Pauls. We got dinner, had chicken. Alice went home at 1:00. I sorted some wrappings & ribbons. Washed tablecloth.

Tuesday, December 17, 2002. Cloudy day, 30s, some mist in evening. Alice mixed dough for rolls, put in refrigerator. We went to see Pete in PM. I sorted some Christmas things. Went with Willems to MRC Birthday & Christmas party.

Wednesday, December 18, 2002. Cloudy, rained in morning and again in evening, 50s. Had tornado watch out. I baked some apples. Alice took me to grocery [store] & pharmacy. Jo took Alice, Marge [Weaver] & me to Jumers for lunch. We got box of cheese & meat from Pam & Mick.

Thursday, December 19, 2002. Cloudy, 40s. Having storms south. Alice came at 10:30. She took care of the dough. Made dinner rolls, also caramel rolls. We did the sweeping. Alice is finished here. She goes to Denver now to another daughter. Took Jeanette a small poinsettia.

Friday, December 20, 2002. Partly cloudy. I went to B[eauty] shop. Alice brought car back. Allens got here 2 – 2:30. I washed some slacks. Allens & I went to visit Pete. He was in bed when we got there. We went to Steak 'n Shake for supper. They went to Steves for the night. We expect Randys tomorrow evening. Randys got here at 4:00 [AM].

Saturday, December 21, 2002. Few flurries. I made up some trays of cookies & finished some cleaning. Randys got here about 4:00. We all went to Denny's. Randys to see Pete. Randys stayed here. Allens at Steves.

Sunday, December 22, 2002. Cloudy in morning, cold wind. Allens went to church & to see Pete. They got home about 6:00. Randys left here as I went to church. They went to see Pete. I went to Rons. They were hosts for surprise lunch. Had 18 – 19. Steves went to Ohio. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, December 23, 2002. Fair in forenoon, cloudy PM. I did laundry, extra sheets. Jo took me to see Pete. Ron brought me home. The Christmas party was at 2:00 at Nursing Home. He got a large box of fruit, huge supply of puzzle books & other things.

Tuesday, December 24, 2002. Chilly, 29°, cloudy. Started to snow in p.m. I made a pot of chili. Made some bars. Took cookies to Art Willems & Beulah [Roth]. Cinda is home few days. Rons & I to Christmas Eve services.

Wednesday, December 25, 2002. Cloudy, had snow last evening. Chilly, 29°. Rons & Pete were here for dinner. Had oyster soup & chili, ham & salad etc. Allen & Paul called. Pauls are having snow storm. Pete got shirt & trousers. I got purse & blouse, pictures of Randys, plant, candy from Steves, stationery (cards) & Bible from Allens, 2 baskets from Hickory farms, [from] Pam & Marty.

Thursday, December 26, 2002. Cold, fair. I did a few jobs. Ron got Pete & I, took us to their house. They had the Ropp family. Think there was 22 there. I took big tray of cookies. Everyone brought something. Marty & friend [there].

Friday, December 27, 2002. Had some sunshine, 30°. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Cleaned bathroom. Rested in p.m. Got home 10:30 last night.

Saturday, December 28, 2002. 40°, fair, snow melting. I went to John & Irma Stutzman's at 9:00. Had coffee & goodies, cookies, rolls, coffeecake, etc. Was nice. John leaves tomorrow for Florida. Some 20 there. I got a black sweater from Julie & Jon.

Sunday, December 29, 2002. 40°. I went to church with Rons. Ron preached. Jo & I went to see Pete during Sunday School. We had lunch at Arby's. Ron had basketball tickets to ISU game. They took Jeanette. Mary [Jantze] gave Rons their tickets. Julie stopped to see new things (unclear) 2 sweaters. Pete got dried fruit. Julie brought me a poinsettia. Marty's friend left at 6:30. Marty drove to Missouri. Rons have my car.

Monday, December 30, 2002. 46°. Broke records. Cloudy. I washed 2 loads. Jo took me for Pro time. I was okay. Rested & [did] some odd jobs.

Tuesday, December 31, 2002. Cloudy in a.m., sunshine, 30s. Nice & a beautiful sunset. I watered the plants. Washed some slacks. Ron here in p.m. Took papers to recycle and wrote some checks.

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Wednesday, January 1, 2003. New Year's. Partly cloudy, 38°. I did usual chores. Rons got me at 11:30. Went [to] Chinese restaurant for lunch, then to see Pete. He was okay. Took him some goodies from the baskets we got. Allen called. Their children all left on Monday. They're all home again. Pete fell. Took him to ER. Took x-rays. No injuries. Rons to ER.

Thursday, January 2, 2003. Cloudy, some snow, 1 inch, much more in places. Ron saw Pete. Seemed to be doing okay. I made some vegetable soup & [did] usual chores. Allen called to see about Pete. Cindy had called them.

Friday, January 3, 2003. Bright morning, 30°. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Did some vacuuming. Cindy R[opp] got me at 11:30, took me to Denny's for lunch. Then went to see Pete. She [he?] seemed to be quite good. He seemed tired. Rons went to Missouri to get a hog.

Saturday, January 4, 2003. Some sunshine in a.m., cloudy in p.m., 32°, shower in evening. I did usual work. Went with Rons to pharmacy & grocery store. Rested awhile. Tried to call Pete but he didn't answer. We expect Paul tomorrow noon.

Sunday, January 5, 2003. 50s, cloudy and misted. Went to church. Ron & I visited Pete awhile. Met Paul at ISU at 1:00 PM. We had lunch at Avanti's. Good to have Paul. He went to see Pete at 6:00. We went to Rons for popcorn after supper.

Monday, January 6, 2003. Fair. I washed 2 loads. Went to see Pete, then to Aldis. Paul & I took down Christmas decorations. Glad for his help.

Tuesday, January 7, 2003. Nice day, 30s, cold wind. John took Paul to breakfast. Put chicken in freezer. Went shopping. Paul got me pair of blue slacks & blouse. We had lunch at Paradise Garden. Went to see Pete. He was okay. Went to Rons for supper.

Wednesday, January 8, 2003. Clear, warmer, 50s. Paul packing, getting ready to go home. We went to see Pete. He was still in bed. Wish Paul could stay but glad he could come. He is good help. Rons took him to ISU. He rode the bus to O'Hare. Paul called at 8:45 our time. He had good trip home. Marge W[eaver] here during choir, brought me some fudge.

Thursday, January 9, 2003. Clear, turned colder. I did odd jobs. Washed & ironed Christmas tablecloth. Rested. I was tired for some reason. Talked to Pete. He was okay.

Friday, January 10, 2003. Cloudy in morning, few flurries, fair in p.m., colder, 28°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Did usual work. Rested. Ron flew to Dallas to chaplains meeting.

Saturday, January 11, 2003. Clear, cold, windy, in 20s. I went to Ezra Byler's funeral at 10:00. Paul Miller took [me]. Jo had to be there early. She worked in nursery, then helped clean up the

kitchen. Nearly a hundred for lunch. Had nice service. Jo took me to see Pete at 3:00. He was in bed. Didn't feel good. Didn't feel good yesterday either. Hope he's better tomorrow.

Sunday, January 12, 2003. Clear, cold, 20° plus. Jo & I to church. She went home before Sunday School. She had small group. I went to Rachel Zehr for our group. Ernsts, Homans, Hostetlers, Jeanette & me. I took salad. Jo & I went to see Pete at 3:45. Pete seemed little better but weak & tired. He has no temp. Allen called. He might come out this week. Paul called.

Monday, January 13, 2003. Partly cloudy, 33°. Ron & I went to see Pete at noon. Ron fed him. Pete isn't hungry. Doctors think he has had a minor stroke & sometimes it's hard to understand him. He doesn't look good, is quite weak. Feel sorry for him. Hope he doesn't have any more [strokes]. Rons plan to talk to Paul this evening. Talked to Allen this p.m.

Tuesday, January 14, 2003. Few flurries, sunny in p.m. I baked cookies. Ron & I went to see Pete in PM. We fed Pete. He isn't hungry. He looks better than he did yesterday. Hope he can get better. Steve to see Pete. He leaves tomorrow for Pennsylvania. [Barry] Weavers & Tim [Schrag] there but [Pete] was asleep.

Wednesday, January 15, 2003. 23°, clear. Ron took me to Gailey's at 9:00. They are going to grind the prism in to the lense. Hope that will help. We went to see Pete and fed him. Think he is some better. Ate better. We stopped at McDonald's, got sandwiches. Marge Weaver here in evening, brought me some soups.

Thursday, January 16, 2003. 23°, snowing some, quit about noon, 1 to 2 inches, cold. Ron went to see Pete. Thought I shouldn't get out. I put Christmas cards away. Rested. Day kinda long when not busy. I talked to Arthur Y[oder]. He's okay. Talked little to Pete while Ron was there. Said he felt little better than yesterday.

Friday, January 17, 2003. 6° – 8° above, clear and cold. I had hair appointment. Home at 9:40. Allen got to N[ursing] H[ome] at 4:00. He stopped to see Pete. Ron & I went to see Pete at noon. Ron fed him. Pete says he hurts all over & has [sore] feet. He ate some. I took him dried fruit we had gotten. I cooked it first.

Saturday, January 18, 2003. Cloudy and some flurries most of day. Allen & I to grocery [store] & pharmacy. Went to see Pete & fed him. He didn't seem to feel so good. Cindy [Ropp] invited us to have dinner with them. Went at 5:30. Steve came home also.

Sunday, January 19, 2003. Fair in morning, cold, zero in morning, cloudy in p.m. Went to church, had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Went to see [Pete]. Rons with us too. Allen & I came home at 2:00. He left at 3:00 for home. Thought Pete seemed little better. Ben called in evening. He is okay. Allen called, got home at 8:00.

Monday, January 20, 2003. Mostly cloudy. I did some laundry. Ron & I to see Pete. He seemed quite listless. Ron fed him. I watered plants.

Tuesday, January 21, 2003. 13 – 22°, clear & cold. I was busy most of morning. Ron & I to see Pete. He didn't seem as well. Very weak. Didn't get up to eat. Ate very little. Said he was tired and didn't want to get up. Steve [called]. He wanted to use car tomorrow. Is having his worked on.

Wednesday, January 22, 2003. Very cold. Marge Nester had back OR. I baked some apples. Steve took me to see Pete. He isn't very good. I fed him, but he ate very little. Complains of pain in his legs & feet, and [he's] very weak.

Thursday, January 23, 2003. A cold day, 7° below zero, near zero all day. I stayed inside. Ron stopped to see Pete. Nurse said Pete ate some breakfast.

Friday, January 24, 2003. Mostly fair, cold, -1° – 13°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Cindy got me at 11:15, took me to Chinese [restaurant] for lunch, then to see Pete. He was in chair. Didn't eat much.

Saturday, January 25, 2003. Clear, nice winter day, got to 30°. I did Saturday cleaning. Rons came at 12:00. Went to see Pete. He was in chair. Ron fed him but [he] didn't eat much. Pete looks better.

Sunday, January 26, 2003. Got up to 2 – 3 inches snow. Cold, 10°. Rons took me to church. Had meeting. Senior YPU served chili & relishes, fruit & cookies. Rons stopped to see Pete on their way home. Ron called in evening. Pete about same. Allen called. Paul called later.

Monday, January 27, 2003. -7° in morning, 20°, cold wind [from] NE. Jo took me for Pro time, then to Gailey's, got new lenses in my glasses. Did some laundry. Cindy stopped by in PM. She had been to see Pete. She thought Pete looked good & was talking.

Tuesday, January 28, 2003. Mostly cloudy, 34°. I baked coffeecake. Rons & I went to see Pete. Ron fed him. He doesn't eat very much. Thought he looks little better.

Wednesday, January 29, 2003. I did odd jobs. Wrote birthdays and anniversaries in new calendars. Rested. Ron had some tests at BroMenn. Found no polyps. He was outpatient.

Thursday, January 30, 2003. Partly cloudy, 32°. I watered plants, etc. Did sweeping. Ron took me to see Pete at 12:30. Pete was still in bed. I fed him. He ate very little. Took him apricots. Went to grocery store.

Friday, January 31, 2003. Andy's birthday. Cloudy, 36°. Had rain & snow all day. I had a permanent at Gayles. Rested, etc. A good day to stay inside.

Saturday, February 1, 2003. Fair & hazy, in 30s. I did some cleaning. Ron & I to see Pete. He seemed weak, hard to understand him at times. Had a tragedy. Columbia shuttle blew up in landing. 7 people died. A sad day.

Sunday, February 2, 2003. Mostly cloudy, in 30s. Ron took me to church. Doug Piage preached. 75 – 80 people went to [Camp] Friedenswald. Rons & I had lunch. Ron to choir practice. Jo & I went to see Dad. He was about same. Allen & Paul called Pete. I talked to both. Allen said Randys will be moving back to Iowa this summer. Good news.

Monday, February 3, 2003. 49°, cloudy. Rained some. Jo said it's foggy in country. Is to turn colder tonight. I did some laundry & odd jobs. Put Christmas centerpieces away, coated some pretzels.

Tuesday, February 4, 2003. Clear & cold, windy, 18° in morning, wind chill 5°. Rons, Jeanette & I to Red Lobster. I took them. Had tried ever since Jeanette & Jo's birthdays. Enjoyed good fish. Rons & I to see Pete. Thought he looked little better than Sunday.

Wednesday, February 5, 2003. Partly cloudy, in 20s. Ron & Jo came in. Ron had a client at 12:30. Jo & I to Card Shop. She took me to see Pete, then got Ron. They saw Pete. He didn't feel as good today. Was dizzy again and was harder to understand than yesterday. I stirred up sugar cookies. Marge W[eaver] here in evening, brought some food.

Thursday, February 6, 2003. 33°. Clear, (unclear) in PM. I baked sugar cookies & run sweeper. Rested.

Friday, February 7, 2003. Clear, 5° in morning, 33°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Rons came. Had my pacemaker checked. Everything okay & [am] thankful. We went to see Pete. They were just getting him up. Ron cut his hair. We stayed until after he ate. Ron fed him. He did better but still has dizziness. We went to grocery [store].

Saturday, February 8, 2003. Mostly cloudy, cold wind. I did usual Saturday work. Jo took me to see Pete at 1:00. She went to store. Pete seemed tired. Said his head felt so heavy, hard to hold his head up. I made cranberry & cherry salad.

Sunday, February 9, 2003. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m. Went to church. Had small group. I went to Gulf. Rons to Paul Millers. I took cranberry-cherry salad. Was home by 2:40. Paul called at 5:00. They're okay. I talked to Pete. Thought he felt little better. Allen called. They are okay. Allen & Paul talked to their Dad.

Monday, February 10, 2003. 28°. Had about inch of snow last night. Cloudy in morning. Sun shone before noon. Jo took me to see Pete. Jo fed him. He seemed very tired. Ron in Chicago.

Tuesday, February 11, 2003. Fair and cold wind, in 30s. I did usual work. Made some barbecue sausage balls. Did some reading. I called Pete on telephone. We were under severe thunderstorm watch. High winds. Wasn't bad here but north of us was worse.

Wednesday, February 12, 2003. Clear, 29°, 7° in morning. I did usual morning work. Rons got me at 12:15 to go see Pete. He wasn't feeling very good. Was in bed, seems weak. Ate very little. Cindy & Rachel there too. No school, Lincoln's birthday.

Thursday, February 13, 2003. 41°, nice clear day. I did usual work. Was quiet day. I swept the rugs. Jo & I went to see Pete at 5:30. Ron had meeting. Jo fed Pete. He felt little better than yesterday, not quite as weak.

Friday, February 14, 2003. 39°, cloudy, started to rain about 11:00 a.m. Predict winter storm, is to turn to snow. We got groceries at West Walnut store. We had lunch at new KFC on N. Main St. Pete may be little stronger. Got home about 2:30. Had few lines & baby picture from Renée.

Saturday, February 15, 2003. A windy, snowy day. Snowed in night. Lots of (unclear). Snow drifting. Ron called. Their drive is blocked. He was waiting for wind to go down. I talked to Pete. Said he was alright. I did usual work. Washed some slacks.

Sunday, February 16, 2003. 20°, still some drifting. Lots of churches closed. Rons got to church in time for Sunday School. They stopped few minutes after church. My drive had been scooped out by that time. Rons stopped to see Pete, then on home. I didn't feel good in morning, had chest pains. We had 12 inches snow. Allen & Pauls called. Pauls are to have this snow in [a] few days. Allens had some.

Monday, February 17, 2003. Cloudy, temp in 30s. I did some laundry. Jo took me to see Pete in PM. He was still in bed. Jo fed him. He wanted to get up after he ate. Said his knee had been paining him. Linda (nurse) gave him Tylenol.

Tuesday, February 18, 2003. Mostly cloudy, 36°. I baked peanut butter cookies in morning. [Pastor] Tim Schrag here in p.m. Had good visit.

Wednesday, February 19, 2003. Clear, sunny. I cooked soup bone, made vegetable soup. Marie [Heiser] got me at 12:00. Went to Garfield club. Met at Steak 'n Shake. Lucy C[atherine] was with Marie also. Marie dropped me off to see Pete. He seemed about same. Ron got me at 2:00. Marge W[eaver] here during [Jr.] choir practice.

Thursday, February 20, 2003. A beautiful day. 45°. I went to Sr. Citizens dinner at church. Ron took me. Jeanette brought me home. I'm going to Birthday Party at MRC this evening. Rons are getting ready to go to Toronto Canada to chaplains meeting.

Friday, February 21, 2003. Cloudy in morning, (unclear), 39° – 40°. Sunshine at noon. I went to B[eauty] shop. Made fruit salad. Rested awhile. Allen got here before 3:00. We went to see Pete at 5:00. Allen fed him his supper. Ron & Jo left at 5:00 for Toronto Canada.

Saturday, February 22, 2003. Cloudy chilly day, 32°. We went to grocery store. Allen went out home to see Jon about the chores. Jon works late Monday night at Baums so Allen will chore Monday evening. We heard Rons got to Toronto okay. Allen & I went to see Pete at 1:30.

Sunday, February 23, 2003. Fair in morning, cloudy, 29°. Allen & I went to church. We ate [at] Chinese restaurant. Went to see Pete. He's about same. Jon & Julie here few minutes. The TV didn't work. Jon looked at it, found a switch was turned off. So was glad Jon found the problem. Steve & (unclear) went to auto show in Chicago after church.

Monday, February 24, 2003. Snowed last night. Snow flurries, partly cloudy, 24°. Colder in p.m. I did some laundry. Allen took me & Steves to lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Allen fed Ron's hogs at 5:00 as Jon works late at Baums Monday evening. Allen & I to see Pete at 12:30 and he was still in bed. He seemed weak & very tired. He ate a little lunch.

Tuesday, February 25, 2003. Clear, 3° in morning. Allen swept the rugs. Found a broken belt on sweeper. He went to hardware store, got a new one. Washed sheets & towels. I got dinner, had sauerkraut & pork chops. Went to see Pete at 12:30. Allen fed him. Allen brought me home. He left for home at 2:10. He got home at 7:00.

Wednesday, February 26, 2003. Mostly cloudy, in 20s. I did usual things. Was a quiet & long day. Marge W[eaver] here during choir practice. [She] brought some food again. Ron called. They got home at 7:30. Glad they are home. Had good trip.

Thursday, February 27, 2003. 35°, partly sunny. Ron and I went to see Pete. He's about same. Ron told us some about their trip. He got nice trophy [retired chaplain's award]. He paid some bills for me.

Friday, February 28, 2003. Mostly fair until late p.m. I went to beauty shop. Did some dusting. Jo & I went to see Pete. Jo fed him. At 2:00 we went to Dr. Wera's office for Pro time, then to grocery [store]. Ron worked on my taxes. He goes to Harland [on] Monday.

Saturday, March 1, 2003. Cloudy damp day. I did usual work. Washed some slacks & sweaters.

Sunday, March 2, 2003. Cloudy, snow flurries in p.m., colder. I went to church with Rons. He was worship leader. Jo gave out baking pans etc. for MCC [relief] sale. Ron went to choir practice. Jo & I had lunch at Denny's, then went to see Pete. He was in bed. Was about same. Allen called, was zero there in a.m. Paul [called]. They were at Albany.

Monday, March 3, 2003. Cloudy, partly cloudy, 34°. I did laundry, washed the bedding. I hurt my right leg. Looks like my toenails scraped my leg. Rons took me to see Pete, also Marty. He looks good. Does a lot of traveling.

Tuesday, March 4, 2003. Cloudy, 37°. Predict snow, winter watch. I baked cookies. May take a tray to [relief] sale. Lori Oyer brought some baked things [to put] in my freezer for the sale. She didn't have room in her freezer. Marty left Rons. I listened to Billy Graham on TV.

Wednesday, March 5, 2003. Had some freezing rain & some more snow. Cloudy, 20s. I made sausage casserole. Went with Rons to see Pete. He was in bed, didn't feel very good, coughing. Ron & I to pharmacy. Had little snow last night.

Thursday, March 6, 2003. Partly cloudy, lot of snow melted. I did usual work. Made some custard. Cleaned out drawer in corner cabinet.

Friday, March 7, 2003. Partly cloudy, 40°, nice day. Some snow melted. I went to B[eauty] shop, got home 9:30. Had pacemaker checked, everything okay. Rons took me to see Pete at 12:00, time to feed him. He was up, looked little better today. Ron took me to grocery store. Jo has been working at church putting up MCC Sale material. Committee didn't take care of things. I talked to Arthur [Yoder]. He's getting over a cold.

Saturday, March 8, 2003. Fair until evening, 30s, got colder late p.m. I did usual work, watered the plants. Jo took me to see Pete at 12:30. She had some work at church. Pete seemed a little stronger. Allen called at noon. They plan to go to Mick & Pam's tomorrow after church.

Sunday, March 9, 2003. Fair, cold wind. Ron took me to church. Rons small group were making noodles for Relief Sale. They had pizza & salad at the church. Rons asked me to stay so I did. Ron brought me home at 1:00. Pauls called. They came home from Andys Wednesday. I talked to Pete at 5:30. He was eating supper.

Monday, March 10, 2003. Nice day but cold, 23°. I did some laundry. Ron & I to see Pete. Seemed about same. Ron fed him. Rons still busy getting ready for MCC sale.

Tuesday, March 11, 2003. Fair, little warmer, 46° – 48°. I polished silver service. Rested in p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 2003. Partly cloudy, 62°, nice day. Jo got me at 12:15. Went to see Pete. He ate pretty well. We went to BroMenn to see Lucy Catherine. She looked (unclear). Doctors think she needs surgery to see what the problem is. They are to decide this p.m. Hope she can get better.

Thursday, March 13, 2003. Fair, colder, 30s. I went to B[eauty] shop at 9:00. Got home at 11:00. Did some cleaning. Cinda Roth called in evening. Said her mother isn't doing well. Hasn't eaten anything for several days. I went over a few minutes. Cinda wanted me to come. Rons at [relief] sale setting up. Talked to Pete. Said he was alright.

Friday, March 14, 2003. I went to church awhile in morning. They got along fine baking pies. Had lunch there. Had everything taken to Interstate Center by 11:30. Jo really is a good

organizer. Julie & I to relief sale in evening. Had fish dinner. I got some cheese & scrapple & sausage. Good crowd. Got home at 8:45. Julie bought a quilt.

Saturday, March 15, 2003. Foggy in morning awhile, then sunny. I did usual work. Rested. Ron called at 7:00. They had everything cleaned & put away. They're both very tired.

Sunday, March 16, 2003. Fair, nice day, 50s. Ron took me to church. We ate at Arby's. Ron to choir practice, Jo & I to see Pete. He seemed very tired, wanted to lie down. We came home 2:30. Terry Stutzman Mast came [with] Harvella to see her old neighbors. Terry left at 7:00 PM. We had light lunch. Allen called. Paul also called.

Monday, March 17, 2003. Beautiful day, 72°. I did some laundry. Ron came at 12:15. We went to see Pete. Was still in bed. They got him up to eat some dinner that was only few bites. He wanted to lie down again. Ron went to Farm & Fleet. Then we went to Aldis. Got stocked up on canned vegetables & fruit.

Tuesday, March 18, 2003. Nice day, 70°, partly cloudy. I watered plants. Ron came for me at 11:45. I went to see Pete. He was still in bed. They put him in chair. I fed him. He soon wanted to lie down. I felt he ate little more than yesterday. I made some peanut butter bars.

Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Cloudy, rained most of day, 50°. Did usual work. Marie Heiser took me to Garfield [club]. Met at Denny's, just 5 there. Marge W[eaver] here during [Jr.] choir practice. Brought some food.

Thursday, March 20, 2003. Partly cloudy, 67°, had shower at 6:00 p.m. Marie Heiser & I went to auxiliary luncheon at BroMenn. Good to see some of the longtime friends.

Friday, March 21, 2003. Partly cloudy, 50°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Ron took me to see Pete, also to grocery [store] & pharmacy. Took Pete some scrapple. Tim Schrag was to see Pete this morning. Talked to Cinda Roth. Said Beulah isn't doing very well. Allen called. They were going to Lake of the Ozarks for a week. Steve & children were going to meet them there. Cindy going to see her folks.

Saturday, March 22, 2003. Partly cloudy, 50s. I went to our small group breakfast at International Pancake House in Bloomington. Gerlof [Homan]s took me. Rachel Z[her] brought me home. I finished Saturday work and rested most of p.m.

Sunday, March 23, 2003. Another nice day, 66°. Rons & I went to church & to Chinese restaurant for dinner. Ron went to Community Choir practice. Jo & I saw Pete. He was in bed. Didn't get him up for dinner. Left word at nurses station to get him up for supper. Arthur Y[oder] called, also Paul called. Marj went to Albany again.

Monday, March 24, 2003. A beautiful day, 76°. I did some laundry. Rons came at 10:15. We went looking for mattress for my bed. Got one at?? [her question marks] I made some tapioca, took some to Beulah [Roth] in PM. Cinda called. Said her mother really enjoyed the tapioca.

Tuesday, March 25, 2003. Paul's birthday. Partly cloudy, 61°. Had rain last night. Jo took me to BroMenn for blood work, then went to Gailey's. Doing alright. We then went to see Pete. He was up and dressed. Seemed about same. Got home at 1:00. I watered the flowers and wrote in circle letter.

Wednesday, March 26, 2003. Partly sunny day, 60s, nice day. I got things ready for lunch. Ron wanted to [know] if I wanted to see Pete. I took Pete last of scrapple. He enjoyed it. His appetite still isn't very good. Jo has sore place near her eye. Dr. doesn't know what it is.

Thursday, March 27, 2003. Partly cloudy, 61°. I did some cleaning & dusting. Rested some.

Friday, March 28, 2003. Rained most of day. Came nice. I went to B[eauty] shop. Did some sweeping, dusting. Ron took me to see Pete. He rested quite well.

Saturday, March 29, 2003. Mostly cloudy, snow showers. Large flakes. I baked chocolate chip cookies. Gave Cinda R[oth] some cookies. She brought me some soup. Ron took me to get groceries, also [to] pharmacy. Allen called. They got home from Ozarks.

Sunday, March 30, 2003. Fair, mid-50s. Ron took me to church. Jo didn't go. He has been singing with a choral group. Ron & I to McDonald's for sandwich. Cinda Roth called saying Beulah passed away at 3:45 AM. I went to church. Ron took me to see Pete. Jo got me as Ron had choir practice at 3:00. We went to church for celebration for Earl Kaufman's 90th birthday. Pauls called. They were in New York over weekend.

Monday, March 31, 2003. Nice day, 60°, chilly wind. I did laundry. Had ham slices & rice. Made bread pudding. Rested some in p.m.

Tuesday, April 1, 2003. 81°, quite warm. I watered plants & [did?] some extra things. Jo came at 1:15. Took me to see Pete. Beulah Roth's funeral tomorrow at 2:00. Burial before service.

Wednesday, April 2, 2003. Another nice day, 79 – 80°. I did some odd jobs in morning. Jo got me, went to Beulah [Roth]'s funeral. Ron sang in quartet with Dick [Baum] boys. Nice service. We stayed for lunch. Marge W[eaver] here during Jr. choir, brought more food. Debbie [Roth] went back to Wheaton.

Thursday, April 3, 2003. Mostly cloudy, 70s, breezy. I took bed apart. We were to get my new mattress. The deliverer couldn't find our place. Rons were here to help. They had other errands to do. Jo & I went to see Pete about noon. Ron had a client. Late p.m. we found the truck was south of Springfield so Jo told him to forget [it]. The driver said they would be here between 6 & 8 o'clock. So the day was wasted.

Friday, April 4, 2003. Cloudy, heavy rain at times. A stormy afternoon. Under tornado warnings & high winds. Most damage around Lincoln. Some hail. Jo got me at beauty shop. Went to see Dr. Capadice about sore place in my jaw. He says not much to do for it. Stopped at mattress store. They are to deliver mattress Monday early.

Saturday, April 5, 2003. Mostly cloudy, colder, some clearing.

Sunday, April 6, 2003. Went to church. Had lunch at Arby's. Went to see Pete. He seemed doing okay. Rons took me to YPU pig roast at church at 5:00 o'clock. Paul called. Allen called Pete, [I] talked to him there.

Monday, April 7, 2003. Cloudy, cold, had ice on trees Saturday morning. Still cold. They delivered new mattress for me. They were to bring it several days ago. Did some laundry.

Tuesday, April 8, 2003. Cloudy, Misty, 40°, cold wind. Servicemaster came, cleaned my carpets, everything except guest bedroom. Jo & I had lunch at KFC and [went] on to see Pete. She has helped me several days. I appreciate all they do for me.

Wednesday, April 9, 2003. Fair, good to see the sun. 52°. I started shaking when I got up. Kept getting warm. Went to bathroom & couldn't get up. Pressed my button. Got Rons. They called Tim [Schrag] & Kay [Reimer]. By the time Tim got me up, Rons were here. We went to ER. Checked me over, also x-rays. Kidneys okay. They thought was dehydration. Had temp of over 101°. We got home after 2:00. Jo got soup & Jell-O at hospital cafeteria. They went home around 3:00. They came back at 6:00. Ron had meeting. Jo got my supper. She stayed with me all night. We both slept quite well.

Thursday, April 10, 2003. Clear, beautiful day. Jo took me to Dr. Dennis. Saw Carolyn Roth. Trying to push fluids. Jo went home at 11:00. I was alone, got along okay. Cinda R. brought me some flowers. Marge W[eaver] here few minutes. Ron stopped, has meeting. The Nursing Home called Ron, said Pete had choked on a piece of meat. Staff got it out.

Friday, April 11, 2003. Another nice day, 60s. I went to B[eauty] shop by bus. Got a permanent. Rested. My temp was sub normal. Then was up to 99° [by] bedtime.

Saturday, April 12, 2003. A beautiful day, in 70s. Did some cleaning. Ron came at noon. We went to see Dad. He was quite good. Ate good lunch. We went to grocery [store]. Ron hooked up the hose. Roses need water. Ron was going to plant some garden.

Sunday, April 13, 2003. Another beautiful day. Rons took me to church. During children's time Sunday school Leann Schertz asked some questions about aging. Had pictures of my nurse's uniforms & pictures of Sycamore Grove pictures. Went quite well. Rachel Zehr took me to see small group at Howard Ernst. Rons went to Peoria [for] small group. Allen called. They may come for Easter. Paul called. They're okay and busy.

Monday, April 14, 2003. A summer day, 85°, broke records. I did some laundry. Ron & I went to see Pete. He was about as usual. Was waiting for his lunch. We didn't have time to wait for lunch. I read & rested most of p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, 2003. Partly cloudy, warm. Pete [Ron?] Took me to see Pete. He was uncomfortable with his catheter. I was there several hours.

Wednesday, April 16, 2003. Cloudy, had few sprinkles, breezy. I stirred up sugar cookies. Put in refrigerator. Went to Garfield club at Denny's. Went with Marie Heiser. Rolled out cookies, iced them. Marge W[eaver] here during Jr. choir.

Thursday, April 17, 2003. I went to Sr. dinner at church. Went with Rons to church in evening. Had communion & foot washing for some. Allen called. They are coming tomorrow.

Friday, April 18, 2003. Mostly cloudy, hazy. I went to B[eauty] shop. Did some cleaning. Emmericks from Ohio are coming for pig sale. Marty will be home too. Jo took me to grocery [store].

Saturday, April 19, 2003. Cloudy, few sprinkles. I did usual work. Rons to pig sale at Lincoln Illinois. Mike Emerick came from Ohio. Allens came. They stopped here about 5:00 on their way to Steves. I colored eggs & baked bars. Steve Baum died of a massive heart attack.

Sunday, April 20, 2003. Cloudy, 50s. Allens took me to church. Rons & Mike Emerick to church. Steves, Mike, Allens, Pete & I had a good meal. Marty was home also. Allens came back at 5:45 to visit. Allen watered roses. Allen took Pete to Rons.

Monday, April 21, 2003. Cloudy, 52°. I did some laundry. Allen came at 8:45. They took Steves out to breakfast. Also took one of my violets to have it separated. Gave Shirley one to take home. Steve wanted one & I kept one. Allens left for home at 10:30.

Tuesday, April 22, 2003. 63°, a beautiful day, lots of sunshine. Jo took me to BroMenn for Pro time. Went to pharmacy. I washed some slacks & shirts. Marty, Jon, Ron & Steve went fishing in Lake Michigan. Had pretty good luck. Had to quit as it became very windy.

Wednesday, April 23, 2003. Mostly cloudy, 61°, cool breeze. I watered plants, did the usual work. Ben called. He plans to come May 12. Ron & Jo went to Steve Baum's funeral in Clinton. Large funeral. Ron took me to see Pete short time. Jo brought me home. She had finance meeting. Marge W[eaver] here during Jr. choir.

Thursday, April 24, 2003. Cloudy, had rain in evening, ¾ inch. Having storms in south. I went to MRC Birthday Party with Cinda Roth. I watered my plants.

Friday, April 25, 2003. I had hair done. Cloudy in a.m., sun shone in p.m. Glad for the rain. Jo went to Ohio for 10 days. Marty went back to Bozeman Montana. Pete [sic, Ron?] came at noon. We went to see Pete. He ate a good lunch. Went to grocery store.

Saturday, April 26, 2003. A beautiful day, 68° – 70°. Nice day. I did usual work. Made quick coffeecake. Gave Rons some. He was at church. Red Cross there. I had a nap in p.m. Seemed to be tired.

Sunday, April 27, 2003. 73°. Ron took me to church. We had lunch [at] KFC. Ron took me to see Pete. He went to Saybrook with barn pictures. Steve R[opp] got me, brought me home. Pauls called in evening. They had busy week. Paul has one class tomorrow & that's all.

Monday, April 28, 2003. Mostly cloudy, 69°. Had a little shower late p.m. Mannie Oyer here in p.m., put new lock on our door. Allen called. Randy staying there nights. I did some laundry. Ron took me to Pro time at 11:15.

Tuesday, April 29, 2003. Posted cloudy, hazy, 72°. I baked cookies. Gave Rons some, also Pete. Ron got me at 5:00. Went to see Pete while he went to a meeting. Pete seems more tired. I fed him. He didn't eat much.

Wednesday, April 30, 2003. 81°, mostly cloudy & hazy. Had a shower early morning. I watered plants, took me an hour. Got lunch. Cleaned refrigerator in PM. Marge W[eaver] here during Jr. choir.

Thursday, May 1, 2003. 70°, partly cloudy, had shower in early a.m., more north of us. I did some cleaning. Run the sweeper. Ron came at 12:00. We went to see Pete & to grocery store. We thought Pete looked little better today.

Friday, May 2, 2003. A very nice day, 65°. I went to beauty shop, am not going there all time [?]. Hated to quit. Had little laundry to do. Ron went with Bob Kauffmans to Bluffton for weekend. Will come home with Jo Sunday. Ina Sutter fell last night, broke her other hip. Sorry to hear it.

Saturday, May 3, 2003. Fair, nice day, 65°. I did some cleaning. Watered roses. Fixed a dish for carry in [lunch] at church tomorrow.

Sunday, May 4, 2003. Cloudy, had rain in p.m. and evening. Bad storm & tornado [at] Kansas City Missouri. Allen called. They had over 2 inches rain. Ron called. They got home around 3:00. Glad they're home. I went to church. Stayed for dinner. Had business meeting. Steve & I to see Pete few minutes. He was asleep. Paul called. He was at conference at Yale University. They fly to Arizona this weekend. Have a wedding.

Monday, May 5, 2003. Clear, 75°. Still having storms in the south. Missouri was hit hard yesterday. Talked to Arthur [Yoder]. Storms missed them yesterday. 30 people killed.

Tuesday, May 6, 2003. Fair, 60s. I did some sorting. Ron and I to see Pete. He seemed about the same. Jo & I to mother-daughter salad supper at 6:30. Jr. choir sang. Weather still very unsettled, tornados again. Got nice bouquet of flowers from Allens.

Wednesday, May 7, 2003. Fair, 72°. I did some odd jobs. Made tapioca pudding. Rested in p.m., was tired. Called Allens to thank them for flowers. They didn't answer so left a message. The Earles spent the day at Rons, [working] on genealogy.

Thursday, May 8, 2003. Cloudy, severe storms in the south & tornado watch. Widespread damage. Southern Illinois & southern Indiana, Oklahoma, Kansas. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Home at 11:45. Went with Ron to see Pete. He was about same. Had rain in night.

Friday, May 9, 2003. Cloudy, 84° and humid. Vera Willems did my hair. Ron took me to see Pete. He had some clients. Pete still in bed when I got there. Ron & I to grocery store. Got some string beans. Put 3 jars in freezer.

Saturday, May 10, 2003. Had rain in morning. I did usual work. Watered plants. Got another beautiful bouquet from Paul & Marj. I made some lasagna, put in freezer. Lots of rain & storms in a lot of areas. Tornado watch.

Sunday, May 11, 2003. Partly cloudy, strong wind from west. Rons took me to church. They got Pete, took us to Rons. He & Jon got delicious meal, fish from Lake Michigan. Jo helped too. They gave me a rose bush to replace one that died. Also gave me a beautiful orchid corsage. Allen called. Jeffs were there after church service. Paul called at 9:00. They're in Arizona at wedding.

Monday, May 12, 2003. A very nice day, 66°. I did some laundry. Rested awhile. Got things ready for supper. Ben got here at 6:40. He was at wedding in Arizona. He plans to go to Chicago tomorrow PM. Hadn't seen him for awhile. Jo stopped in, she had meeting. Ben went to Rons [to] see Jon. The tornado at Pekin did lot of damage.

Tuesday, May 13, 2003. Fair to cloudy, nice day. Rons, Jon & Ben & I went to Uncle Tom's for breakfast. Jon to work. Ron home, he tilled garden. I made rhubarb crisp, then Ben & I saw Pete. I had lasagna. Jo helped me. Ron planted a rose bush that they gave me for Mother's Day. Ron had clients. Jo's cousin was coming to Rons this p.m. Ben & I to MRC awhile. He wanted to play piano. He left here at 3:00 for Chicago. He plans to visit there tomorrow.

Wednesday, May 14, 2003. Fair, 72°. Were under tornado warning in evening (several hours) mostly south & east of us. Didn't rain here. Bloomington got some. Had nice card from Marty. I did some laundry. Rested. I did some odd jobs. Made some tapioca pudding. I rested awhile. Don't know [why] I felt so tired.

Thursday, May 15, 2003. Cloudy, 61°. I watered flowers. Ron came at 10:20. Took me to see Pete. He's about the same. Went to bank & picked up some meds at pharmacy. I rested. Run the sweeper.

Friday, May 16, 2003. Cloudy in morning, sunshine in p.m., 62°. Vera Willems (neighbor) did my hair. I rested & did some odd jobs. Jo's cousin went home.

Saturday, May 17, 2003. Partly cloudy. I did some cleaning. Made salad for small group Sunday. Rons came at 12:15. Took me to see Pete. He seemed about as usual. Ina [Sutter] felt better. Glenn Maxwell about same. Ron paid some bills for me. Jo watered roses. Ron took my car home. They're going to St. Louis in morning. Ron is preaching at Fellowship group.

Sunday, May 18, 2003. 70°, mostly cloudy. Ron & Jo to St. Louis. Ron preached. They called at 7:30. They got back. Marge Weaver took me to church. My small group met at Funks Grove. Was nice there. Lois and Myra Hochstetler were hosts. Lois took me. Came home with Jeanette [Colter] & Rachel Zehr. Allen & Pauls called. They are okay. Rons home, 6 – 7 o'clock.

Monday, May 19, 2003. Mostly cloudy, 76°. Had little shower late p.m. Jo got me at 11:45. Went to Niepagens for flowers. Had lunch, then to see Pete. Jo brought me home. She went to meeting, then to Reception. I rested awhile. Jo came back at 6:30. She planted the flowers. Ron came little later. Glad it's done.

Tuesday, May 20, 2003. Clear, 66°, nice day. I baked cookies in morning. Rested.

Wednesday, May 21, 2003. Very nice day, in 60s. 40° in morning. I did usual things. Marie Heiser took me to Garfield luncheon. We stopped to see Pete. He was in bed. Ina [Sutter] was on way to therapy & Glenn [Maxwell] was sleeping but therapist woke him. Cinda Roth brought me some Iris. She had been at Debs over weekend. She stayed about an hour.

Thursday, May 22, 2003. 60s, another beautiful day. Ron got me at 11:00. Went to see Pete. He was in chair but not dressed. We went to grocery [store]. Had late lunch. I rested in p.m. awhile. I haven't been sleeping very well last several nights.

Friday, May 23, 2003. Cloudy in light rain in morning. Sun shone at noon. I run the sweeper. Did some sorting, etc. Vera Willems shampooed my hair.

Saturday, May 24, 2003. Nice day, cloudy in evening. Did usual cleaning. Rons came about 11:45. Also got Pete. Took flowers to cemeteries. Pete glad to [go] along. Stopped at Rons. Garden looks nice. Jo gave me lettuce, spinach, onions & radishes. I didn't sleep again last night. Don't know what my problem is.

Sunday, May 25, 2003. Partly cloudy, in 60s. Rons took me to church. Steve Ropp preached at our church. Ron preached at Baptist Church. I went home for lunch. Jo got things ready for surprise for Bob Kauffman. He has been treasurer for MRC ever since it started, so he quit. Had open house, 3:00 – 5:00. Nice party. He was surprised. Renée & her husband & baby are coming for a visit. Her little girl is over a year old. Allen called. They're okay.

Monday, May 26, 2003. 75°. Partly cloudy. I watered flowers. Ron got me at 10:15. We went to see Pete & waited for Renée & her husband. They were in Chicago & wanted to stop here. Met them at Nursing Home. They wanted to see Pete. After there, went to Rons. Jo had Chinese food & strawberries. A good meal. They have a 13 month old little girl, Jordan. Was good to see

Renée again. Her husband is Mark Kuhnert. After lunch they left for Columbia Missouri. Jo brought me home at 3:00. I washed some towels, etc. Allen called. They're okay.

Tuesday, May 27, 2003. 78 – 79°, nice day. I did load of laundry. Jo took me for Pro time. Wanted to feed roses. Watered them. Jo thought someone should help. Made some bread pudding. Pauls called. They were at Andys all weekend. Ron worked on septic tank.

Wednesday, May 28, 2003. Mostly cloudy, 60s. I fed & watered roses. Jo had doctors appointment so took me to see Pete. He seemed about the same. Were under tornado watch awhile in p.m. Ron & I to visitation for Glenn Maxwell. Ron wrote checks for me. Sent Arthur \$25 to put flowers [on graves].

Thursday, May 29, 2003. Partly cloudy, 70s. I baked cookies for Bible School. Made barbecue sausage balls. Myrtella Lehman was at Cinda's. They were here in evening.

Friday, May 30, 2003. Partly cloudy. Had light shower. Under tornado watch again in evening. Chilly. Vera [Willems] shampooed my hair. Pacemaker [Co.] checked pacemaker. Everything okay. Jo took me to see Pete while she had permanent. Went to pharmacy & grocery store. Were under tornado warnings. Had damage south of Clinton & other places.

Saturday, May 31, 2003. Mostly cloudy. Some sun in p.m., 60s. I did usual work. Rested in p.m.

Sunday, June 1, 2003. Partly cloudy, 64°. No church here. Most people went to [Camp] Menno Haven. Rons & I went to breakfast at Uncle Tom's at 12:30. Then went to see Pete. He was about same. They brought me home at 1:30. They went to Lester Yoder's funeral at 2:00. Pauls called. Allen called in evening. Mick & Pam at Allens. Shirley & Pam went to mother-daughter luncheon. Randys sold their home in New Jersey.

Monday, June 2, 2003. Mostly cloudy, 63°. I did some laundry & rested. Quiet day.

Tuesday, June 3, 2003. Cloudy, chilly, 60s. Jo took me to see Pete. Ron got me at 10:45. Went to pharmacy. Had late lunch. Julie called at 5:00. Wanted me to go with them to eat so I did. Went to Grand Café. Went to Julie's home. [She] has done a lot of work [in] yard. Set out some plants.

Wednesday, June 4, 2003. Cloudy in morning, sun in p.m., 69°. Did usual work in morning. Was a quiet day. Had leftover Chinese food for lunch. I took some of my roses to my neighbors.

Thursday, June 5, 2003. Beautiful warm day, 75°. Rons came at 10:40. Jo brought geraniums to plant. Ron took me to see Pete. He was still in bed. I washed Pete's & my winter jackets. Made some pudding.

Friday, June 6, 2003. Had slow rained most of day, temp 60s. Vera [Willems] shampooed my hair. Ron came at 11:00. We went to see Pete. He was still in bed. Had some (unclear). We went to grocery store. I did some sweeping.

Saturday, June 7, 2003. Partly cloudy, 75°. I did usual work. Watered plants. Dusted the roses. Rested.

Sunday, June 8, 2003. Mostly cloudy, 60s. Had several showers after 3:00. Jo & I to church. Ron preached at Meadows. We all went to Woizeski Reunion at CJ's Restaurant. Vernon Woizeski there. Bev & 2 daughters, Clarence Sieg & Helen S[ieg], Gordon & friend. Decatur folks. Gordon R[opp] is Pres. next year.

Monday, June 9, 2003. Mostly fair. I went to see Pete. Had some laundry. Pete has (unclear). I went to Cinda Roth. Myrna & Ruth Slagel were there. Had nice time.

Tuesday, June 10, 2003. Had thunder shower about 5 – 6 in morning. Sun shone awhile in p.m. I worked in bedrooms. Washed dresser scarfs. Jo and I to see Pete. His [diaper?] rash better but doesn't look as well. Jo & I went to Aldis.

Wednesday, June 11, 2003. Mostly cloudy. Had hard rain at 3:00 p.m. Over an inch. Didn't get that much in country. I went to Gayle's, had permanent. Took bus. Did some cleaning.

Thursday, June 12, 2003. Cloudy, some rain in p.m. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Met at CJ's Restaurant. I cut off rose bloom. Went to MRC Birthday Party.

Friday, June 13, 2003. Had several heavy showers in a.m. Some sun in PM. I baked cookies in a.m. Gave [some to] Pete & (unclear), Pete's nurse. Gave Rons some too. Ron & I went to see Pete. He felt some better. Changed his (unclear). We went to bank & grocery [store].

Saturday, June 14, 2003. Partly cloudy, 77° – 78°. I did usual Saturday work. Rested & read. Quiet day for me. Allen & Shirley got here at 9:15 p.m. They're on their way to Brittany's graduation. Allens went to Steves for the night.

Sunday, June 15, 2003. Rons took me to church. We got pizzas, took Pete out on patio. Was nice. Allens stopped again this morning. They went to see Pete. Hope they have a good trip. Partly cloudy in p.m., 79 – 80°. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, June 16, 2003. 82°, nice day. I did the laundry. Cinda Roth is packing, going back to Denver. She brought groceries, canned goods, 4 big bags full. Put those away after lunch. Art Willems & Vera trimmed shrubbery by dining room windows. Couldn't see out of windows. I appreciate it.

Tuesday, June 17, 2003. Ron took me to see Pete at noon. Jo got me at 1:30. Pete was fair. Didn't eat much. At 2:00 I went to community building to farewell for Cinda and (unclear) Roth. Cinda moving back to Denver Colorado. They brought everything out of the refrigerator. Filled my fridge. Cinda and her friend came at 8:00 to tell me goodbye. She rented a U-Haul.

Wednesday, June 18, 2003. 86 – 87°. I baked a coffeecake in morning. Rested & swept garage. Ron & Jo to Chicago, took my car. The air conditioner went out. The air conditioner man here at

3:00. Everything checked out okay. Cinda & her friend left early for Denver. Planned to take 2 days.

Thursday, June 19, 2003. A beautiful day, 70s. I did usual work. A quiet day for me. Swept the garage. Did some sorting & read. Jo called at 8:00. They got home at 6:30. Glad they're home. Andy had his graduation tonight. Wish could have been there.

Friday, June 20, 2003. Another nice day, cooler. Vera Willems, neighbor, did my hair. Jo took me to see Pete in PM. Didn't think Pete was very talkative. His bottom still bothers him. Jo & I went to grocery [store]. Gave Jo some things Cinda left here. Brittany graduated from high school.

Saturday, June 21, 2003. 79 – 80°. I did usual work. Watered violets. Washed kitchen windows in p.m. Had a card, was sent from Maine. They were there several weeks ago.

Sunday, June 22, 2003. Nice day, 84°. Went to church with Rons. Ron taught Sunday School. We had communion. Rather small crowd, it's vacation time. We had sandwich at Arby's. Went to see Pete. His back still bothering him, hurting when he sits up. Pauls called. Nice program for Andy.

Monday, June 23, 2003. Nice day, little warm. I did some laundry. Rested & read. Watered flowers outside, etc.

Tuesday, June 24, 2003. Jo took me to Pro time. Temp 92°. Good breeze. Allen called this evening. They got home from New Jersey this p.m. Had a good trip. Brittany's graduation was nice. Rained most of time they were there. Glad they're home.

Wednesday, June 25, 2003. Quite warm, storms West & Northwest. Ron took me to see Pete. Rons busy getting ready for Community Picnic. We had thunderstorm at 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 26, 2003. Had shower in morning, little cooler, sun came out about noon. Pete didn't want to come out. Gets too tired. I went out to Rons [for] Community Picnic. Was little cool with the wind. Not quite 100. Had lots of food. Ron brought me home 11:00 PM.

Friday, June 27, 2003. Clear, 81 – 82°. Vera Willems did my hair. Pacemaker called at 10:00. Everything seems okay. Am glad. Jo took me to see Pete. His kidneys aren't putting enough water. Jo & Lois Jett delivered Mobile Meals. I made coffee cake for workers at church tomorrow.

Saturday, June 28, 2003. Partly cloudy, in 80s. Had thunder shower at 6:00. Hail in places. Cindy called to see if I was okay. They were having hail. I did cleaning. Esther Brown got the coffeecake. Esther picked peas at Paul Millers. Millers got some for me. She took them home to pod them. Were going back there tomorrow. Marge Baum bought the cake (unclear) & wanted the recipe.

Sunday, June 29, 2003. 82° – 83°. Went to church. Rons & I ate at Chinese Restaurant. We went to see Pete. Took him outside on patio. Was only outside short time. He was quite tired. Rons worked at church, cleanup. We went to Gerlof Homan's 50th wedding reception. Talked to Arthur [Yoder]. He's okay. Pauls called. They were at meeting in Boston. Steves left for Allens. Rained in night. Allen called. Shirley is having sinus infection. Evelyn B[early] called.

Monday, June 30, 2003. Monday, June 30, 2003. 82°, cloudy in morning, sunshine in p.m. I did laundry. Esther Brown gave me some new peas & potatoes. Very good. Paul M[iller] brought some peas, gave Verra [Willems], neighbor [some]. I woke up in night, shaking & temp.

Tuesday, July 1, 2003. Fair, 84°. I called Rons, told them I was sick. Jo came in. She called doctor. Went to Dr. Dennis. Nurse practitioner saw me. They wanted urine specimen. I was unable to give one. Came home. About 4:00 I was able to produce. Jo took it to Dr.'s office. She fixed things for my supper. She went home. Sorry I cause so much trouble.

Wednesday, July 2, 2003. Fair, quite warm, 86 – 88°. Did usual work. Feel better this morning. Ron came at 1:20. Went to see Pete. Seemed to feel pretty good. Then went to where his office for Pro time. Had to adjust Coumadin. Am taking antibiotics. Have urinary infection.

Thursday, July 3, 2003. Fair, hot, 90°. I rested & watered violets. Rons brought me peas & beans yesterday.

Friday, July 4, 2003. Fair, hot, 93°. Vera Willems shampooed my hair. Ron got me at 11:30. Went to Nursing Home. Ron got Pete. We ate on the patio. Jo brought fresh peas & potatoes. Had chicken also. Rons picked peas & beans. Pete wanted to go to bed, so we didn't stay long.

Saturday, July 5, 2003. Fair, 92°. I didn't feel very good this morning but better in PM. I took some herb tea, it did the work. Rons came in, got few groceries for me. Jo working at MRC.

Sunday, July 6, 2000. Went to church. Had lunch at Uncle Tom's Restaurant. Went to see Pete. Thought I looked better than on Friday. Arthur Y[oder] called. He has an invitation (unclear) from Bernice's celebration of 98th birthday. Pauls called.

Monday, July 7, 2003. Partly cloudy, 90°. I did some laundry. I'm not feeling too well. Antibiotics are bothering me. Feel nauseated & vomited.

Tuesday, July 8, 2003. A stormy late p.m. Under tornado warning for nearly 3 ½ hours or more. I went to bedroom, no basement. Ron came in at 4:30. Ron & Jo are busy with beans & peas. They brought some. Hope to see Pete tomorrow.

Wednesday, July 9, 2003. Cloudy, another stormy evening again. Tornado warnings out late p.m. & evening. Jo took me to Dr. Wera for Pro time. Then went to see Pete. Said he was about same. Had heavy rain, 8 ½ inches in 2 days.

Thursday, July 10, 2003. Partly cloudy and cooler. Did some reading. Rested. Mannie Oyer here all p.m. draining water from our (unclear) spouting. Rain all afternoon. Several houses have water. Ron took pigs to hog show in Indiana.

Friday, July 11, 2003. Cloudy to partly cloudy. Vera [Willems] here in morning. Jo & I to see Pete. He seems about the same.

Saturday, July 12, 2003. Fair. Met still working on drying out our crawlspace. Ron got home at 8:30. Didn't sell the pig. Blaine Emerick came home with Pete [sic, Ron]. I had a quiet day. Jo did peas & green beans & laundry.

Sunday, July 13, 2003. Partly cloudy, 81°, nice day. Went to church. I went to small group at Rachel Zehr's. Ron went to see Pete. Jeanette brought me home. Allens & Pauls didn't call.

Monday, July 14, 2003. A nice day, 80s. I did some laundry. Rons took Blaine to new Salem. Ron came at 5:00. Took me to see Pete. He wasn't feeling as well. Seemed weaker. Paul called. Andys, Ben & Amy [there] for weekend.

Tuesday, July 15, 2003. Partly cloudy, 82°, nice day. I did usual work. Watered flowers. Ron stopped, paid bills. Jo & Blaine came, brought lot of vegetables, cabbage, potatoes, onions, green beans & (unclear).

Wednesday, July 16, 2003. Very nice day, 83°. Had company. Pete [sic, Ron] came to take me to see Pete when Cindy Dunn Kim & 4 girls came. So glad to see them. 2 older girls are taller than Cindy. They were going to (unclear) today & home tomorrow. We had short visit with Pete. Got groceries.

Thursday, July 17, 2003. Cloudy in morning, sunny in p.m. I called Mick & Pam for their anniversary. Jo brought me some zucchini [squash] so [I] made some bread. [Jo] also brought cucumbers & cabbage. So have had vegetables to eat. Did some sweeping. Allen called, they're okay.

Friday, July 18, 2003. Mostly cloudy, pleasant temp, low 80s. Vera [Willems] shampooed my hair. Ron came for me at 10:00. We went to see Pete. He was about as usual. Ron watered the flowers & roses. Appreciate him doing these things which is an effort.

Saturday, July 19, 2003. Fair, nice day, 82°. Rons to Indiana, met Mike [Emerick]s. Blaine went home after a week at Rons. Steve took me to visitation for Janet Sieg (unclear). She was only 55. Suffered much with cancer. I rested in p.m. Rons got home at 10:30. Jo not feeling good.

Sunday, July 20, 2003. Partly cloudy, 80s. Ron & I to church. Jo still not feeling good, had chills. Went to see Pete. He was about same. We had lunch at KFC. Ron had service at West Minster in late p.m. Talked to Ron. Jo slept most of day. Hope she is better tomorrow. Pauls called. They plan to leave July 31 to come here.

Monday, July 21, 2003. Partly cloudy, cooler. I did some laundry. Rested. Baked brownies in p.m. Jo to Dr. Were doing some tests. Hope she is better tomorrow.

Tuesday, July 22, 2003. Partly cloudy, 76°, nice temp. I did usual work. Ron came at 12:15. We went to see Pete. He was about the same. We went to grocery [store].

Wednesday, July 23, 2003. Temp in 70s, nice day. Ron got me at 10:20. Went to Gailey's to have glasses adjusted, then to Card Shop. Had late lunch. Rested awhile.

Thursday, July 24, 2003. Very nice day, 70s. I did some jobs. Ron took me to see Pete at 4 o'clock. He was in bed when I got there. Nurse's aide got him up. He seemed to feel pretty good.

Friday, July 25, 2003. Another fine day, Vera [Willems] did my hair. Had my pacemaker checked, everything okay & I'm thankful. Ron had workshop near Champaign. Jo & Jon went to Morton, got California peaches. I got ½ box.

Saturday, July 26, 2003. I did some cleaning. Had back problems. Took a Tylenol. Rested. A quiet day. Nice day.

Sunday, July 27, 2003. Mostly cloudy, 79°. Had some showers north & east of us. We went to church. Had lunch at pizza place. Went to see Pete. Was in bed sound asleep. We didn't stay long. Paul called. They are coming starting Wednesday.

Monday, July 28, 2003. Had nice shower early morning. Cloudy most of day. Temp around 78 – 80°. I have had it in my back last several days. Did some laundry & rested awhile. Ron set up barn exhibit. [County] Fair starts tomorrow.

Tuesday, July 29, 2003. Nice day, 70s. I did few odd jobs. Jo took me to BroMenn for blood work. Had breakfast there. I rested some.

Wednesday, July 30, 2003. Fair, nice day. Went to pharmacy & grocery store. Rons, Jon, Marge Weaver [and I] had lunch at Red Lobster. Cindy & girls brought peach cobbler. Girls brought flowers from Rons. Rons gave me blouse. Nice birthday.

Thursday, July 31, 2003. Partly cloudy, 84°. I baked a ham & made salad dressing. Rested some. Ran the sweeper. Ron at [County] Fair.

Friday, August 1, 2003. Partly cloudy, 80s. Vera [Willems] fixed my hair. Did some cleaning. Pauls & Andys got here at 5:00 p.m. Thankful they had safe trip. Marj & Rachel to store. Had chicken etc. for supper. Ron & Jo came short time. Got more cards, some 30.

Saturday, August 2, 2003. Cloudy, had some rain in p.m. Andys are staying at MRC building. Good to have them here. We went to fair. Paul got [wheel]chair at church for me. We had lunch there. We all went to see Pete at 1:30. He was pretty good. Paul got corn at Browns. Ron had Arlene Palmer's funeral at (unclear).

Sunday, August 3, 2003. Partly cloudy (unclear). We went to church, then went to see Pete. Ron preached at Meadows.

Monday, August 4. We went to fair. Pauls enjoyed it. We did some laundry. Went to see Pete.

Tuesday, August 5, 2003. Mostly cloudy, nice day. Marjorie woke up with migraine headache. She was in bed most of day. Martha Jo got up & wasn't able to write. Ron took her to ER. They think she probably had a light stroke. They did tests and are keeping her overnight. Her speech seems to be okay. Paul, Andys and I went to see Pete.

Wednesday, August 6, 2003. Partly cloudy. Had light shower in evening. I made peach cobbler. Marj made ham loaf. We took dinner to Nursing Home. Ate with Pete. Went to fair in evening to see pigs. Drove to Cemetery. Jo is doing little better. She's home. Ron got pigs ready for S[tate] Fair.

Thursday, August 7, 2003. Nice day. Pete's 98th birthday. Went to see Pete. Andy & Rachel left at 9 – 10 on their way to Arizona were Andy will work on Indian reservation Simone is a (unclear) little lady. Pauls to Rons in evening.

Friday, August 8, 2003. Pauls are ready to leave before 9:00. Stopped to see Pete on way home. It is quiet & lonely. Was so nice to have them. They are big help. I went with Vera Willems to exercise class.

Saturday, August 9, 2003. Cloudy in a.m., fair in p.m., nice day. Ron is at Springfield [state fair], talked to Jo. Thought she felt little better. I did different little jobs. Rested, was quite tired. Cindy [Ropp] called in evening. She wants to take me to church in a.m.

Sunday, August 10, 2003. Nice day, 80°. Cindy took me to church. Stayed for surprise birthday party for Dwayne Nester. Ron preached at Meadows in morning. He & Jo came for Dwayne's party. Jo feeling some better. We went see Pete for short time. Pete seemed okay. Paul called at 9:40. They had just gotten home. Had supper with Ben. He was lonely. Andys are in Oklahoma City. Steves & children to Allens, going camping. Cindy is home.

Monday, August 11, 2003. Mostly fair, 81° short time. I did some laundry. Rested, seem to be tired. Rons were here short time. Brought me some vegetables. I appreciate it. We got 50 cards plus 2 birthday & anniversary cards.

Tuesday, August 12, 2003. Partly cloudy, 79°, showers in places, none here. Watered plants. Did some ironing. Jo & I to see Pete. He was still in bed. Got him up at 2:00. Ron getting ready for Springfield. Jo seems better, kinda weak yet.

Wednesday, August 13, 2003. Nice day, 82°. I did odd jobs. Had to water some of flowers. Cindy Ropp teaching at ISU. She had late meeting so we went to see Pete. Steve & children home from Allens. Ron to Springfield in morning. Arthur Y[oder] called in evening.

Thursday, August 14, 2003. 83°, more humid. I was busy most of morning. Did some cleaning, run sweeper, worked with flowers. Jo to Springfield. Arthur Y[oder] called. He is OK.

Friday, August 15, 2003. Partly cloudy, 89° and humid. Vera [Willems] here, shampooed my hair. She and I to Sam's dinner at church. Dr. (unclear sentence). I rested awhile. Pam called. She didn't get any cards sent.

Saturday, August 16, 2003. Fair, hot & humid. I did Saturday work in morning. Ron came at 12:00. Went out to see Pete. Marty came. He was here Thursday for judging. Got groceries.

Sunday, August 17, 2003. Fair, hot, near 96°. Jo took me to church. Ron at Meadows. Had communion at church. We had lunch at Arby's. Went to see Pete. He was same. Got home after 2:00. Pauls called. Andys got to their destination on Sunday. They have unpacked. Have a nice house. Were invited out to dinner.

Monday, August 18, 2003. Fair, quite warm, in 80s & more humid. I did some laundry. Did odd jobs. Rested some. Tim Schrag to see Pete, had communion.

Tuesday, August 19, 2003. Ron's birthday. Temp in 80s. I did some mending. Rons came at 11:30. I took them to Chinese Buffet. Ron & I went to see Pete. He was about as usual.

Wednesday, August 20, 2003. Fair and hot, 90°. Jo took me to see Dr. Wera, 3 month checkup. Everything about as usual. We went to see Marie Heiser. She is still having rehab. Went to pharmacy.

Thursday, August 21, 2003. Fair and hot, 97°. Did usual work. Put 2 jars tomatoes in freezer. Run sweeper. Went to MRC birthday party. I was on committee. We served ice cream sundaes. Played bingo. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Went with Art & Vera Willems.

Friday, August 22, 2003. Fair and cooler, pleasant day. Rons took me to see Pete. Ron took Jo to see Dr. She isn't feeling very good. Wish she could get some help.

Saturday, August 23, 2003. 83°, nice day, little breeze. I did some cleaning. Kinda long day. Jo to Heritage. Ron to Arthur Illinois sale.

Sunday, August 24, 2003. Nice day, 80s. We went to church. Had lunch at Arby's. Went to see Pete. He was about same. Allen called. They plan to come next weekend, Yeakel reunion is Saturday morning.

Monday, August 25, 2003. Fair, hot, 93°. I did some laundry and some mending. Took care of flowers. Andy had his first day at the [Indian Health Service] Clinic, hope [he] gets along okay.

Tuesday, August 26, 2003. Partly cloudy, 93°, hot. I baked cookies in morning. I went with Ron to see Pete. He wasn't feeling so well. The catheter was bothering him & also his bottom. They

put him to bed so we left. Went to grocery store. Ron wrote some checks etc. & watered the flowers. This was Rons' 61st [sic, 47th] anniversary.

Wednesday, August 27, 2003. Fair, hot, 91°, not much breeze. I worked with flowers, did few odd jobs, read & rested. Talked to Allen. Jeffs & Mick & Pam are staying at Cindy's Friday evening. Allens will be here Friday evening. Steve won't be home. I have sore finger, swollen & painful.

Thursday, August 28, 2003. Mostly fair, 91°. I made some barbecue sausage balls. Jo took me to see Pete at 5:00. Ron got me at 6:30. They both had meetings. Jo brought me canned beans and tomato juice. I didn't want her to do that. [She] isn't able to do her own.

Friday, August 29, 2003. Rained most of morning, nice gentle rain, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Allen & Shirley got here at 5:30. Randy & Deb got here at 6:00. They took Brittany to college in Pennsylvania. Randys are moving to Iowa, back in Newton. Jeffs to Steves. All met at Steak 'n Shake. Randy left after supper going to Iowa City to Randy's folks. Pam & Mick got there late. Jeff stayed with Cindy. Steve in Kansas. Allens stayed here.

Saturday, August 30, 2003. A nice day, pleasant temp. Allen ran some errands. He and Shirley went to Yeakel reunion at Fairview Park. Said they had good crowd. They all saw Pete at different times. We all went to Maxim's Restaurant. Jeff left for home after we ate. Rons, Allens & Micks came here after supper, had melon, ice cream & cookies.

Sunday, August 31, 2003. A rainy day. Rained most of day. Allens took me to church. Micks went too. Ron & Jo to Meadows. Ron preached. Allens, Mick & I went to see Pete after Sunday School. At 12:15 they left for home. Rons came just as they were leaving. Pete was in bed, seemed tired. We went to Pizza on Main Street. Seems quiet & lonesome. Paul called. They were in Vermont for weekend.

Monday, September 1, 2003. A rainy day. Rained all day. Allen called at 1:00. They were going to help Randy unload their van. They are going to Pilgrims for supper. Randys were waiting for them Sunday evening. They didn't have a key for Allens house. Lucy C[atherine] Patton fell & hit her head. They think she has a blood clot. Talked to Helen. They hope to (unclear) to do surgery. Were taking more x-rays, also CAT scan.

Tuesday, September 2, 2003. Mostly cloudy but pleasant, in 60s. Rons had 5 inches rain last 2 days. Jo took me to see Pete. Said he was okay. Then we went to St. Joe [Hospital] to have my pacemaker checked. My finger is still swollen, is rather painful. Lucy C[atherine] Patton seems to be doing better.

Wednesday, September 3, 2003. Cloudy a while in a.m., temp 81°. I fixed rice pork chops. Baked peanut butter bars in p.m. Took Marge Nester some. She's our new neighbor, lives in

Chet Roths place. Arthur called. Garrett S[unclear] Passed away. 93 years old. My finger little better but not all right.

Thursday, September 4, 2003. Beautiful day, 70s. I went with Ron to Nursing Home. Got sandwich at McDonald's, then to Dr. Dennis with my finger. Ron has bad knee. Came on last night. I have to use his watch. Ron wrote some letters for me. Sure appreciate it.

Friday, September 5, 2003. 72°. Another lovely day. Vera [Willems] shampooed my hair. I swept the rugs & cleaned both bathrooms. Jo here short time to get my car. Ron's leg is better & think my finger not quite as swollen.

Saturday, September 6, 2003. Ropp Reunion at Metamora [Mennonite] Heritage Museum. Nice day. Ron & Jo Pres. and V.Pres. Jo went early with (unclear). I went with Ron at 10:00. Jo took Pete over at 1:00. Stayed less than an hour. Ron had proclamation for Pete. Everyone signed [it]. 33 people there. Cindy recorded the meeting. Steve busy.

Sunday, September 7, 2003. Another nice day, 80°. Jo took me to church. Ron at Meadows church. We met Ron at Arby's, had lunch. Went to see Pete. Seemed to feel pretty good. Were home by 2:00.

Monday, September 8, 2003. 81°, nice day. I did some laundry, watered flowers, dusted the roses. My finger is better but not well.

Tuesday, September 9, 2003. Partly cloudy, 82°. Jo took me for Pro time, then took some violet leaves for potting. We had lunch at Wendy's, then to see Pete. He seemed okay. Went to Gailey's. Dr. Randolph. He was off work over a year. Also went to grocery [store] & pharmacy. Allen called. Deb there this week. Randy out of state. Micks on vacation to Grand Canyon. (PS: Paul called Sunday evening. Andys are doing fine.)

Wednesday, September 10, 2003. Partly cloudy, 83°. I took bus to beauty shop, Gayle O'Shea (sp?). Went at 9:30. Ron got me at 11:30. We went to Dr. Dennis's office. Saw *Carolyn Bill* (sp?) about my finger. Gave me Prednisone to take. Jeanette asked me to go to (unclear) tomorrow but guess won't go. [Need to] take care of my finger.

Thursday, September 11, 2003. Partly cloudy, in 80s. Didn't feel good. Took 2 Nitro's. Felt better after lunch. Jo took me to see Pete. Seemed pretty good.

Friday, September 12, 2003. 72°, cloudy in light rain p.m. I made roast beef dinner and made coffee cake. Rested awhile & vacuumed rugs. Today was Simone's 2nd birthday.

Saturday, September 13, 2003. Cloudy, temp 80s. I watered plants & did regular Saturday work. Rons came before 10:00. Went to see Pete. He was in bed, was tired. We were home before noon. I run dishwasher. I relaxed & read.

Sunday, September 14, 2003. Cloudy in light rain in morning. Ron took me to church. Cindy brought me home. Ron & Jo to Meadows. Ron is finished with his sermons [there]. Allen, Paul & Evelyn [called]. Mick & Pam back from their trip. Allens were at Randys for dinner. I had chest pain in evening.

Monday, September 15, 2003. Clear, temp 76°. I feel better but had to take nitro once. Rons came at 11:30 we went to see Pete. He was still in bed. Seems pretty good. Lucy Catherine Patton was moved from BroMenn to McLean County Nursing Home for several weeks until she gets stronger. She fell several weeks ago & hit her head. They did brain surgery on her last week.

Tuesday, September 16, 2003. Another beautiful day, 81°. I took it easy, no energy. Rested. Sorted some papers, etc.

Wednesday, September 17, 2003. Temp 82°, very nice day. Jo took me for Pro time. She did some shopping. Had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Went to see Pete. He ate well. Nurses brought Lucy Catherine to see Pete. She is doing fair. Went to grocery store. Jo's blood sugar fell so she didn't feel well. Marge W[eaver] came while children were at church. Then Cindy & Rachel came. Good to have them.

Thursday, September 18, 2003. Another nice day, 82°. I watered flowers. Made pudding. Watered flowers (unclear) in the evening. Kinda long day. Jo better this morning.

Friday, September 19, 2003. Cloudy early morning, sunshine, 66°, nice day, cooler. Vera [Willems] did my hair. Had pacemaker checked (okay). Went to see Pete. He was pretty good. Saw Lucy Catherine. They walked her in hall.

Saturday, September 20, 2003. Clear, nice day, cool. I did usual work. Read and rested. Rons had Barn meeting at IAA Building. Day rather long.

Sunday, September 21, 2003. Partly cloudy. Went to church. I went with Rachel Zehr to small group at Jeanette's. She wanted me to bring deviled eggs. Also had MRC meeting but [I] missed it. Allen called. They were at Randys. Pauls called. They talked to Andys. They are fine.

Monday, September 22, 2003. Had shower in night. Sun shown midmorning. I did some laundry. Read & rested in p.m.

Tuesday, September 23, 2003. Very nice day, 70°. I did usual work. Jo came at 12:00. Went to see Pete. He seems to feel okay. I had protime taken. My forefinger is warm again, quite painful. Ron & Jon are shingling a house.

Wednesday, September 24, 2003. Cloudy a while in morning. Pleasant day. I baked chocolate chip cookies. Gave Rons some. [Also] Pete & Ina Sutter. Rons came in p.m. Put applesauce in my freezer. Jo has been making applesauce. Allen called to see how we were.

Thursday, September 25, 2003. Another lovely day. I made bread pudding. Jo took me to see Pete. He seemed quite good, ate well. We saw Lucy C[atherine]. She wants to go home. Tim Schrag came to see Pete while we were there.

Friday, September 26, 2003. Cloudy to partly cloudy. Had a shower at 4:30 p.m. Tornado watch out for a while. Vera [Willems] did my hair. Went to see Ina Sutter. Took her some cookies. She is doing quite well. I rested & read in p.m. Watered flowers just before it rained.

Saturday, September 27, 2003. Partly cloudy, chilly. I did some cleaning. Ron came at 11:15. We went to see Pete. Ron fed him. Ate well. Went to stores & bank.

Sunday, September 28, 2003. Cloudy, chilly, in 50s. Rons took me to church. Went to see Pete. Had dinner at Chinese restaurant. Talked to Art Y[oder]. He is okay. Went to church at 7:30 with Rons. Bertsches & *Hochstetlers* (sp?) tell about [Mennonite] World Conference in India. Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, September 29, 2003. Clear, chilly, in 50s. I did some laundry. Fixed dinner in oven. I rested in p.m.

Tuesday, September 30, 2003. Partly cloudy, 50s. I had diarrhea in morning. Better [in] PM. Did some laundry & rested.

Wednesday, October 1, 2003. Fair, chilly. Predict frost tonight. Jo took me for Pro time, then to pharmacy & to see Pete. He didn't feel good. Didn't sleep last night.

Thursday, October 2, 2003. Cloudy, in 50s. I did usual work. Made some pudding. Rested some. A quiet day. Put summer shoes away.

Friday, October 3, 2003. Cloudy, windy, rained about noon. We went to see Pete. He feels better than the last time we were there. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store].

Saturday, October 4, 2003. Nice day. I baked peanut butter cookies & did Saturday work. Ron & I went to Marie Yoder's 98th birthday.

Sunday, October 5, 2003. Partly cloudy, nice day. Ron preached at El Paso. Jo & I to church. Had communion. We met Ron at Arby's. Had lunch, went to see Pete. He was quite good. Ron addressed birthday cards for me. Allen called. Micks & Randys there, then went to Jeff's new church. He was ordained. Pauls called. They are okay, busy.

Monday, October 6, 2003. Nice day. I did some laundry. Called Evelyn B[early] to wish her happy birthday. They are okay.

Tuesday, October 7, 2003. Another nice day, warmer, 81°. I had diarrhea at 3:00 a.m. Seemed okay later on. Did laundry again. Ron took me to see Pete. He was already in bed little after 1:00.

Wednesday, October 8, 2003. Another beautiful day, 70° – 81°. I made 2 apple pies. Put in freezer. Rested some. Rons got groceries for me. They are going to Camp Friedenswald. Ron has meeting. Jo visiting cemeteries.

Thursday, October 9, 2010. Mostly cloudy. I did some cleaning. Cooked some apples. Nursing h\Home called at 1:15. So they were taking Pete to ER to insert the catheter. At 7:15 they called. Said ER was taking him to N[ursing] H[ome]. I'm sure he is exhausted. Cindy went to NH to see him. They put him to bed. Didn't want to eat.

Friday, October 10, 2003. Partly cloudy, 78°. I did some Saturday cleaning. Watered plants. Cindy took me to Denny's for lunch. Went to see Pete. He felt much better.

Saturday, October 11, 2003. Nice day. Vera [Willems] here, shampooed my hair. Did some cleaning & baked brownies.

Sunday, October 12, 2013. Another nice day, 66°. Ron took me to church. Jo home, didn't feel good. I went with Rachel Zehr to small group at Dick Baums. Small group, 6 of us. Marge Weaver wouldn't let me take anything. Ron to see Pete. He felt okay.

Monday, October 13, 2003. Temp (unclear), fair. I did laundry. Jo took me for Pro time, then to see Pete. He didn't sleep well last night but felt better this morning. Also went to grocery [store].

Tuesday, October 14, 2003. Had rain in night & morning, windy, cool. I baked pumpkin bread. Ron here short time. Jo brought car back in evening. Had letter from Jane Quigley, also thank card you from Brittany for cards I sent her.

Wednesday, October 15, 2003. Nice day, 60s. I baked peanut butter cookies. Went to see Pete at 11:00. Rons had errands to do. Today is Rachel's birthday. She & Cindy brought me piece [of] cake. Were taking some to Pete. Had thank you from Brittany for card. Marge Weaver here during Jr. choir.

Thursday, October 16, 2003. Had shower in a.m. Cool, partly cloudy. I did some cleaning. Put 2 more apple pies in freezer. Also cooked apples. Rons here few minutes. They got few groceries for me. Watered flowers.

Friday, October 17, 2003. Katie's birthday, 16 years old. Fair, nice day, cool. Vera [Willems] did my hair. Baked apples. Went to Sr. dinner at church. Kay R[eimer] got me & brought me home. Rachel Zehr came for my baked things, 2 loaves pumpkin bread, brownies & peanut butter cookies for sale is. Went to MRC building. Have lots of stuff.

Saturday, October 18, 2003. Beautiful day, 60s. Jo took me to homecoming. Had dinner at Holladay Inn North at 12:30. Good crowd. Was nice to see old friends. Dorothy Witte looked out for me. Jo got me at 2:30. MRC had garage & bake sale. Was nice day.

Sunday, October 19, 2003. Nice day, warmer. Ron took me to church. Jo had MRC board. Then she went to Center to sell barn calendars. Ron and I had dinner at KFC. Ben to see Pete. Ron fed him and Pete ate good dinner. Allen called. They are okay. Randys are (unclear). Paul called. They were fine. He was busy grading papers. Paul preached.

Monday, October 20, 2003. Fair, windy, 87°, broke records. Rons here few minutes. Brought a battery for pacemaker. I did some laundry. Rested in p.m. Didn't feel very good in night.

Tuesday, October 21, 2003. 68°, partly cloudy. I worked in kitchen most of morning. Watered flowers. Baked cookies in p.m. Rons took Pete to Dr. again. Found some small stones in bladder. Dr. thinks may be cause [of pain?]. Rons got groceries.

Wednesday, October 22, 2003. Deb's birthday. I baked pumpkin pie. Made chili.

Thursday, October 23, 2003. Another nice day. Didn't sleep last night. My heart gave me trouble also. So didn't do much all day. Ron had 2 clients at 4:30. He took me to see Pete. He was pretty good. Allen called to see how Pete was doing.

Friday, October 24, 2003. Nice day, cooler, 50s. Vera [Willems] here, did my hair. Done some cleaning & rested quite a lot.

Saturday, October 25, 2003. 50s, cloudy damp day, drizzled. I did usual Saturday work. Put 2 apple pies in freezer. Jo & I to grocery store. Ron helping at blood drive at church. Ron gave blood. Jo helped also. Had letter from Art Y[oder]. Bernice *Helmuth* (sp?) died.

Sunday, October 26, 2003. Partly cloudy. Went to church with Rons. Had lunch at Godfathers Pizza. They unhooked the hose & put in garage. Ron looked over mail & wrote checks. Called Arthur [Yoder] he has birthday tomorrow, will be 85. Cathy had open house.

Monday, October 27, 2003. Fair nice day. Went to church with Rons [sic?]. Went to see Pete after lunch. He was feeling quite well. Talked to Arthur. Cathy had dinner for his 85th birthday.

Tuesday, October 28, 2003. Had shower early, sun shone some in p.m. Rons to Princeton Illinois. He was giving a talk and Jo doing family history. I did usual work I rested in p.m.

Wednesday, October 29, 2003. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 47°. I put another apple pie in freezer. Have 6 in freezer. Ron took me to see Pete. Jo brought me home. Ron fixed my lamp, put it on timer. Marge Weaver here during [Jr.] choir.

Thursday, October 30, 2003. Fair and windy, warmer. I did some cleaning. Jo got me at 10:30. Went to Shoe Carnival. Got pair of boots & tie shoes. My feet are swelling & hard to put on slippers. Went to grocery store and was 2:00 o'clock when I got home. We had lunch soup at noon. Rons been looking for Marty [to come].

Friday, October 31, 2003. Cloudy, in 50s. Vera [Willems] here, shampooed my hair. Ron got me at 1:30 to see Pete. Fed him. (Unclear sentence) Manny [Oyer] here in p.m. Changed faucet in bathroom. Marty & lady friend here few minutes. Also saw Pete. Went to Rons, then back to Champaign.

Saturday, November 1, 2003. Cloudy, 30s. Light shower in evening. Did some cleaning. Baked coffeecake. Rons took Vera Willems & me to Ina Sutters 90th birthday at church.

Sunday, November 2, 2003. Cloudy, cooler in p.m. Rons took me to church. I had small group at Rachel Zehr. Got home at 2:00. Allen called. They got home from Branson Missouri. Had [my] B[lood] P[ressure] taken at church. Was okay. My feet & legs are quite swollen. I called Dr. on [his] cell. Said to (unclear) water pill & call Dr. Wera in a.m. Pauls called. They're okay. Marj flies to Arizona Tuesday to see Andys. Ben had good experience at Retreat.

Monday, November 3, 2003. Cloudy in morning, sunshine in p.m. I did some laundry. Jo called Dr. Ware's office. My feet and legs more swollen. They ordered (unclear) Ron (unclear). He had meeting in evening. I fell Monday evening. Cindy came to door. I fell near the door but couldn't reach it. Cindy went to Willems, got the key. Hurt my back. Ron stayed with me all night. Pain in back.

Tuesday, November 4, 2003. Partly cloudy. Jo talked to ware. Jo stayed all night. Still have a lot of pain.

Wednesday, November 5, 2003. Jo took me to Carle Clinic. Had x-rays. They had rain in night. Jo here all night. Marge W[eaver] & Marge Nester here in evening. Cindy also here.

Thursday, November 6, 2003. Windy. Steve here awhile. 49°, fair in p.m. Jon at home. Ron came in, stayed all day. He had a client at 5:30. Jo came at 4:30.

Friday, November 7, 2003. Cloudy, cooler. 68°. Rons took me to see Dr. Dennis. He says I have 2 broken ribs & I believe [it], is very painful. Am taking Demoral every 4 – 6 hours. Rons are so good to help me. Ron with me all night & [I] slept quite well.

Saturday, November 8, 2003. Fair, 18°. Ron went home to chore. Jo came, helped me with bath. Jo came in 8:00. Ron went home. Jo helped me bathe & got our meals. Ron had a wedding at (unclear). He is staying with me tonight. Jo went to ballgame at NCHS. One of her former students is playing.

Sunday, November 9, 2003. Partly cloudy. Jo came in at 8:00. Ron went to church. He was greeter. They had small group at Ruth Marquis. I stayed alone for an hour. Got along okay. Allen & Paul called. Marj having a good time at Andys.

Monday, November 10, 2003. 54°. Cloudy, light shower in evening. I rested. Jo came about 8:30. Ron came back from choring. He dug glads, cut roses down & put cones on. I pulled up the

flower beds. Allen called in evening. He plans to come, stay with me. Rons & Cindy going to committee meeting at Friedenswald Friday morning. Glad he can come. Tim Schrag came to visit.

Tuesday, November 11, 2003. Cloudy, 58°. Didn't have very good night. Jo came in. Ron went home. (2 sentences indecipherable.)

Wednesday, November 12, 2003. Fair, very windy, in 40s. Allen got here about 5 o'clock. He stopped to see Pete. Allen is staying with me. Rons came over to help Allen put me to bed. Is still quite painful to get up or lie down. Glad he could come.

Thursday, November 13, 2003. BroMenn nurse came in morning to get (unclear) & (unclear) came in pm. Hope they can help.

Friday, November 14, 2003. Cloudy, 46°. Allen has been a big help. Goes to see Pete awhile each day. Ron & Jo had lunch with us. Allen got chicken. I haven't felt very well today. Allen did some laundry & bath lady came in p.m. to give me a bath. Rons home from Friedenswald at (blank).

Saturday, November 15, 2003. Cloudy, drizzled, 40°. Allen doing the work. He went to see Pete awhile. Rons went to Camp Friedenswald early morning. Got home (unclear).

Sunday, November 16, 2003. Mostly cloudy. Rons came in. Ron went to church. Jo stayed with me. Marge Nester here awhile. Jo to ISU game with Jeanette [Colter] & Mary [Jantze]. Allen left at 9:00 to go home. Glad he could come. Pauls called. They are okay and busy. Ben is going home for his birthday. Ron stayed with me.

Monday, November 17, 2003. Cloudy, foggy, storms in south. Flu shot given. Jo came about 8:00. Ron went home, came back at 6:00. Nurse came, gave me flu shot. Healthcare nurse came at 12:30. Seems everything is okay. Am doing okay.

Tuesday, November 18, 2003. Cloudy, some rain. The physical therapist here in the morning, also the bath lady. Meredith Schwoerer came, brought me lilies. I was about exhausted. Jo did some laundry. (Several unintelligible sentences.)

Wednesday, November 19, 2003. Nice day. I did some exercises. Jo here, doing some cooking & cleaning. Had several callers.

Thursday, November 20, 2003. Some clouds. Therapist & bath lady here. Had bath in the tub & have shampooed. Vera [Willems] set my hair late PM. Allen & Deb got here at 10:30. Shirley staying with Steve & children. Cindy had meetings. Deb & Allen here with me. Nice day.

Friday, November 21, 2003. Fair, 50s. Allen got KFC for lunch. Had some people stop. I fell again in PM. Allen went to see Pete. Shirley went to Steves in PM to do some baking. Deb went there for supper. Ron here in night.

Saturday, November 22, 2003. Partly cloudy, 65°. Allen & Deb left at 9:30 for home. Will miss having them. Jo did laundry. She was busy.

Sunday, November 23, 2003. Windy & cloudy with some rain in PM. Is to get much colder with snow. Ron to Marge Nester graduation for Parish Nurse. Paul called. They are OK & busy. Allen called. They got home OK.

Monday, November 24, 2003. Fair, had some snow in night. Windy & cold, 32°. Had flurries. Jo came, did laundry, etc. Bath lady came at 10:00. Nurse came at 11:30. Did Pro time, OK. [came]. She will be helping me. Ron with me again. I appreciate it.

Tuesday, November 25, 2003. , girl from Russia, is helping me. She comes at 8:00, leaves at 3:00. Jo comes until after supper, then Ron comes. Appreciate all they do for me. Ron sees Pete about every other day.

Wednesday, November 26, 2003. Clear, bright day. Oxana came at 8:00. Ron went home. Bath lady came at 10:00. Had shampooed my hair & [had] bath. Dorothy Loepp here, brought card. Vera W[illems] came, brought me 6 roses and set my hair. Appreciate it. Jo came at 3:00. Ron came at 6:30.

Thursday, November 27, 2003. Thanksgiving Day. Cloudy. I went home with Ron at 8:30. He got Pete at 11:00. Marty & girl friend, Jon & Julie there. Had big Thanksgiving dinner. Had nice day. Ron & Jo took Pete to Nursing Home at 3:00. He was tired. Ron & I got home at 8:30. Pauls called. We have much to be thankful for.

Friday, November 28, 2003. Oxana came at 8:00, stayed until 3:00. Jo came. Rested. Marty left. Had some snow & rain in PM & evening. Ron here at night. Steve here, is coming Saturday night.

Saturday, November 29, 2003. Mostly cloudy & windy. Oxana here. Jo came. Ron & Steve have to practice at church at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 30, 2003. Clear, in 50s. Jo took me to church. Enjoyed it. Was about 4 weeks [since being in church]. Went to see Pete short time. We got sandwiches, brought them home to eat. Ron went home, put up his Christmas lights. Jo here. Ron back at 6:30. He stayed with me all night. Steve stayed with me last night. Allen called in evening. All their children were there except Steves. Pauls called.

Monday, December 1, 2003. Clear, nice day, 40°. Oxana here. Ron & Ropp Cemetery Committee put new driveway in. Jo came in p.m. Ron came all night.

Tuesday, December 2, 2003. Mostly cloudy, chilly. Oxana here, did laundry & got lunch. Jo came at 3:00. Home care nurse came, gave me a bath. Mrs. Ward from College of Nursing

brought me a poinsettia. Meredith Schwoerer at Rons. I like Christmas. Ron stayed all night. Ron put up outside lights.

Wednesday, December 3, 2003. Partly cloudy. Helped Oxana bake peanut butter cookies. Jo here in p.m., put up Christmas decorations. Did some reading.

Thursday, December 4, 2003. Cloudy, misted. Few snow flurries. Oxana here. She baked more cookies. Dorothy Witte here in p.m. Jo here in p.m., got groceries. Ron here for supper & all night. Had 1-2 inches snow last night.

Friday, December 5, 2003. Cloudy, light snow, in 30s. Oxana here, did laundry. Ron & Jo left at 10:30 for Indianapolis [to] meet Mike Emericks. Will be back tomorrow night. Steve came at 6:30, stayed all night. Oxana went home at 6:30.

Saturday, December 6, 2003. Did usual work. Steve here all night. Got poinsettia. Rons home from Indianapolis.

Sunday, December 7, 2003. Went to church. (Unclear sentence.) Went to see Pete. Ron to Relief [Sale] meeting at Morton. Got Chinese food, we ate at home. Jo here all p.m. Ron came in evening. Evelyn Bearly called. Paul called. Marj is coming out next Thursday to help out, [will] leave the next Wednesday. Allen called.

Monday, December 8, 2003. Partly cloudy, 40s. Rons came at 8:30. BroMenn nurse came at 8:30. Checked me over and did Pro time. At 10:00 we went to Dr. Seehofer. Ron & I had appointments. Were OK. Got home at 11:30. Oxana here, Rons home. Oxana vacuumed rugs & got meals. Ron came at 6:00.

Tuesday, December 9, 2003. Oxana here, did some laundry. She left at 3:00. I stayed alone until Ron came at 5:00. [He] brought my supper. He went to Wellness meeting at Marge Nester's.

Wednesday, December 10, 2003. Cloudy, 40s, turning colder. Jo came at 2:45. She got supper. Oxana did little baking. Ron here all night.

Thursday, December 11, 2003. Fair, nice day. Ron & Jo got Marjorie Ropp at airport, got here at 1:33. Good to see her. She came to help me & I appreciate that. Oxana here, did some laundry & cleaning. Addressed Christmas cards Thursday & Friday.

Friday, December 12, 2003. Nice day. Bath lady gave me a bath. Had pace maker checked. Vera [Willems] shampooed my hair. A busy morning. Marj stirred up sugar cookies.

Saturday, December 13, 2003. Cloudy, started to snow at noon. Marjorie baking & iced sugar cookies & also baked carrot cookies. Made caramel candy. Ron called at 7:00. Nursing Home called Rons. Pete is ill. They think he has pneumonia. So sorry to hear that. Jo came here to call Allens & Paul.

Sunday, December 14, 2003. Cloudy. We went to church, then to see Pete. (unclear) B[lood] P[ressure] low, pulse weak. Ron went to see him several times. Christmas program but Marj & I thought [it] better to stay home. My side still hurts. We had KFC, ate at home. We finished our Christmas cards. Rons stopped to see Pete after program. He was quiet and appeared to be asleep.

Monday, December 15, 2003. Clear, 25°. Pete, my companion for 71 years, passed away at 1:20 a.m. Rons came at 6:30 to tell Marj & me. The nursing staff said he passed away peacefully. He will be missed. Neighbors came in, also food. Rons & Marj busy making phone calls. Looks like they will be here. We went to funeral home in p.m.

Tuesday, December 16, 2003. 31°. Having callers and food brought in. Jeanette & sister Edna have brought salad. Rons & Allens & Marjorie went shopping for flowers from the family. Tim, pastor, here at 2:00 to talk about the service. Paul got here about noon. Had several delays. Steve & Cindy here, also Marge Weaver. The family is busy building a wooden casket for Pete. His request.

Wednesday, December 17, 2003. Mostly cloudy. Everyone busy. They are finishing the casket. Ron and Paul are shopping for flowers. Have visitation 4:00 to 7:00. Ben came, & Marty.

Thursday, December 18, 2003. Snowed most of day, colder. Had dinner at church at noon. Funeral at 2:00 p.m. A nice service. Family sang. A number of people attended. The 3 sons participated in service. Randys and Jeff got here 11:00. Micks arrived at 12. Randys and Jeff went home at 7:30. Allens & Micks staying at Steves. Jeff, Andys, Amy & CJ at MRC.

Friday, December 19, 2003. Fair, few flurries, chilly. Paul, Ben & Amy & CJ left before noon. Andys left at 11:00. Rons took Marjorie to airport at (unclear). Allens got home okay. Oxana here. Did a lot of laundry, 2 beds, towels etc. She was busy most of day. Ron came at 6:40. Allen called. They got home okay. Pauls got home okay. Paul got home at 11:30. Ron here all night.

Saturday, December 20, 2003. Clear, colder, 9° in morning. Paul called in morning. Oxana came at 8:15. She did some cleaning. Baked yummy cookies. We rested in p.m. She stayed until 5:00.

Sunday, December 21, 2003. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Ate at Steak 'n Shake. Rons did few errands. I went home with them. Stayed until 7:30. Ron brought me home. Steve staying with me tonight. Allen & Pauls called. Everyone got home safely and we are thankful.

Monday, December 22, 2003. Cloudy, little shower. Steve left about 8:00. Oxana came at 8:15. Left at 6:00 PM. She did several meals. Made date bars. Ron stopped here few minutes. There were shopping. Steve is coming tonight.

Tuesday, December 23, 2003. Cloudy, 36°. Nurse came for bathing. Jo & I to Dr. Dennis about my side hurting. Gave me some antibiotics to take. Got them at noon. Oxana here part of day. Ron here tonight.

Wednesday, December 24, 2003. Oxana came. She got meals. Vera [Willems] did my hair. We went to Christmas Eve program. Lot of visitors. Ron stayed with me. Went to Rons for supper.

Thursday, December 25, 2003. Beautiful day. Ron & I to their house before breakfast. Spent all day there. Marty & Susan (girlfriend) there, & Julie. I miss Pete. It's hard to realize he is gone. Allen & Paul called. Their children were all at home. I got home about 10:00.

Friday, December 26, 2003. Partly cloudy, in 40s. Lady came, gave me a bath. Oxana came early. Went home at 5:30.

Saturday, December 27, 2003. Partly cloudy, in 40s. Not feeling very well. Rested. Oxana here, a quiet day. Jo here in evening. Paul got here at 9:00.

Sunday, December 28, 2003. Mostly cloudy. We went to church. Rons, Paul & I to Bob Evans for dinner. Read & rested in p.m. Allen called.

Monday, December 29, 2003. Fair. Did usual work. Watered plants. Ron, Paul & I went to Blair House. Talked to them about moving there. Think the children want me to move. Decision?

Tuesday, December 30, 2003. Clear, beautiful day. Paul took me [to] beauty [shop], had permanent. Ron came in here to write thank you notes. There [are] a lot of them. Paul & I helped too.

Wednesday, December 31, 2003. Nice day. Sorted clothes and went through 2 large boxes from Nursing Home. Jo had a biopsy. Got along okay. Know the results Friday.

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Thursday, January 1, 2004. Paul undecorated the tree, put Christmas things away. Sure appreciated his help. I have a cold. Ron wanted us to go there & have Chinese food, but were afraid to get out. Started to rain in evening.

Friday, January 2, 2004. Cloudy, warmer. Did usual things. Paul took clothes etc. to Thrift Shop.

Saturday, January 3, 2004. Cloudy. Paul getting ready to go home. Washed bedding, etc. Oxana came at noon. Rons took Paul to airport. Delayed in Chicago. Allen called.

Sunday, January 4, 2004. Cloudy, had some ice early, then some [more] on top. Slick in some places. Ron went to church. I still have a cold. Jo still has some cold. Went to Rons for the day. Steve staying with me tonight. Paul called. He got home after eleven last night.

Monday, January 5, 2004. Mostly cloudy. Icy in places. Colder, 24°. Little snow. Oxana here. Did little laundry. My forefinger is sore & swollen again. Ron staying with me tonight.

Tuesday, January 6, 2004. Zero in morning. Some snow during night. Had trouble during night so Oxana had some extra laundry. Rons here in morning. Got groceries for us. Came again in p.m. Ron & I had tel[ephone call with] Social Security. Bath lady here in morning. Vera [Willems] here awhile.

Wednesday, January 7, 2004. Fair, cold and icy in places. We read some & I rested. Still having pain [on] my left side. Ron it with me all night. Oxana here until 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 8, 2004. Partly cloudy, in 20s. Kay, BroMenn nurse, drew blood for Dr. Wera. Oxana made vegetable soup. BroMenn aide gave bath. I am discharged from Home Care. Saw specialist. Am to have CAT scan that Tuesday.

Friday, January 9, 2004. Oxana baked cookies. Partly cloudy, in 20s. Vera [Willems] here in morning, did my hair. Had pacemaker checked. Oxana baked cookies in p.m. Ron staying with me tonight. Have pain again.

Saturday, January 10, 2004. Fair in morning, cloudy, 20s. Oxana here, did some cleaning. Rons here in p.m. They went shopping for me yesterday. Tried on clothes. Kept some. Had bake sale, 50 – 60% off. Ron coming again tonight.

Sunday, January 11, 2003. Cloudy & hazy. Went to church with Rons. Took Chinese food to their house. Spent most of day there. Marianne [Lovellette] & 2 children came for chili supper. Ron & I came to my house at 7:30.

Monday, January 12, 2004. Ron went home at 8:00. Oxana came. She did laundry. Started to prepare for CAT [scan] tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, January 13, 2004. Partly cloudy. Jo & I to BroMenn at 6:50 for a CAT scan for me. Had to drink 16 oz. plus drink some Monday evening. Had to do a lot of waiting, plus some blood work. We had (unclear) lunch at 11:00. I rested in p.m. Had heavy diarrhea until p.m. Oxana came at 1:00 PM. Ron came in evening.

Wednesday, January 14, 2004. Fair in a.m., cloudy p.m., 30°, very cold in Northeast. Did usual work, laundry. Oxana baked cookies. Vera Willems, neighbor, here awhile in p.m. Marge W[eaver] here in evening. Rons here few minutes in a.m. Report from Scan shows no (unclear) or blockage.

Thursday, January 15, 2004. Fair in morning, 30°, very cold in New England. Oxana here as usual. Went to store, got barbecued chicken for our lunch. I had to change my bed. Had Milk Of Magnesia last night. Rons in Chicago.

Friday, January 16, 2004. Partly cloudy, 30s. Getting warmer in New England. Worcester Massachusetts had -12 last night. Oxana here, did some laundry. Did some cleaning & dusting. Rons got home from Chicago before 5:00. They went to dinner at Wesleyan at 6:30. Ron staying with me tonight. Dorothy Loepp here in p.m.

Saturday, January 17, 2004. Partly cloudy, did usual work. Rested. Ron stayed with me at night. Ron brought some groceries for us.

Sunday, January 18, 2004. Colder, some snow flurries. Went to church with Rons. Went to Avanti's for lunch. Went home with Rons. Brought me home when they went to dinner at 6:00. Ron here all night. Ben called. He's coming January 24. Pauls & Allen called. They are okay.

Monday, January 19, 2004. Partly cloudy, cold. Did usual work. Oxana did some laundry. Ron & I went to visitation for Duncan Miller. Visited with Dick & the girls. Jon & Julie took me to Steak 'n Shake. Part of my Christmas. Had barbecued ribs. Ron here all night.

Tuesday, January 20, 2004. Partly cloudy. Oxana & I baked pecan rolls. Got along okay. Vera [Willems] stopped few minutes. Gave her 2 rolls. Ron got some groceries for me. Steve here all night.

Wednesday, January 21, 2004. Fair, 39 – 40° & turning colder. I cleaned stove burners. Oxana helped. She baked cookies. She enjoys baking. Alice Martin coming this evening. Ron is staying all night.

Thursday, January 22, 2004. Clear, cold, 5° in morning. About 10° most of day. Did usual work. A quiet day. Rons to Springfield with MRC group and others. Steve staying with me tonight.

Friday, January 23, 2004. Mostly cloudy, chilly wind. Vera [Willems] here doing my hair. Oxana did some cleaning, vacuumed & dusted. Jo took me to Dr. McWert. Oxana went home after lunch. Jo got supper for me. Ron staying all night.

Saturday, January 24, 2004. Mostly cloudy. Oxana baked some bars. Ben arrived 5:30 p.m. Flew to Chicago, rented a car. Rons, Ben & I, Jon & Julie ate at Tom's Restaurant. Was good to see Ben.

Sunday, January 25, 2004. Cloudy, cold East wind. We went to church. Ben & I came home after church. Ate lunch (chili). Ben left for Chicago at 1:10. Rons stayed for lunch at church & (unclear). I went home with Rons. Ron & I came back at 9:00 p.m. Ron stayed all night.

Monday, January 26, 2004. Cloudy, had some snow last night, one – 2 inches. In 20s. Oxana here in morning, left at 12:50. Jo came in p.m. Jo & I sorted books in 2 bookcases. Jo fixed my supper. Ron here all night. Allen called.

Tuesday, January 27, 2004. Windy, in 20s. Rons came at noon. Went to Chinese Restaurant in College Hills [Mall]. We went to Blair House where I'm to move. Then Jo did some measuring where to put furniture. They are painting & put in new carpet tomorrow.

Wednesday, January 28, 2004. One above zero, partly cloudy. Oxana came at 8:00. We did some odd jobs. Washed dresser scarfs. Jo came in p.m. We sorted clothes rested of p.m. Marge Weaver & Alice Martin here in evening. Cindy & Rachel here after choir practice. Ron here all night.

Thursday, January 29, 2004. Mostly cloudy, very cold, below zero, wind chill -14°. Oxana came. Did little laundry & baked cookies. I cleaned dresser drawers in bedroom. Ron here all night.

Friday, January 30, 2004. Fair, cold, -7° below in morning. Near zero all day. Rons got me at 10:00. Went to Blair House to sign lease. They brought me home. They came back at 2:30. Jo & I finished the clothes closet.

Saturday, January 31, 2004. Fair and very cold, -7° this morning. Zero most of day. Oxana here 8 to 5:00. Her last day here. She was good help. Ron & Jo busy at home. I worked some in bedroom. It's a job, sorting, etc. Cindy is to stay tonight. Ron preaches at Meadows again.

Sunday, February 1, 2004. Some sunshine, not as cold. Cindy and I didn't go to church. Jo went. She came here after church. Ron at Meadows. Cindy went home at noon. Rons and I had pizza, part of Paul's Christmas. Allen got here at 2:00. Good to have him. Everybody packing. I mostly watched them. Pauls called. I called Andy to wish him happy birthday. Ben is going home tomorrow. Marcella Basinger passed away.

Monday, February 2, 2004. Partly cloudy. Did some laundry. Rons are doing some packing. Ready to move tomorrow. Cold.

Tuesday, February 3, 2004. Cold, had little snow last night. Allen, Ron, Jo & Jon Ropp & friend moved things. Things were moved by noon. Had Chinese food brought in for lunch. A big day & I'm tired. Good to have Allen's help. Allen & I ate supper here. Lucy C[atherine Patton] went with us. Food is pretty good.

Wednesday, February 4, 2004. Allen I had breakfast here. Allen plans to go home at noon. We still have boxes to unpack. Steves to Ohio for Marcella Basinger's funeral.

Thursday, February 5, 2004. Cloudy. Predicted a storm but had little snow. I have been with Lucy Catherine. We played bingo. I got candy bar. Rons busy unpacking.

Friday, February 6, 2004. Cloudy, 20s. Ron took me to their home. They are sorting & still quite a lot. My side is still hurting me. Wish [it would] get better. Had pacemaker checked, it's okay. Had hair done here [at] Blair House. Allen and Paul called.

Saturday, February 7, 2004. Rons here, brought more things to store. They are working to get everything packed. I cleaned some of silver service.

Sunday, February 8, 2004. Rons got me at 9:00 for church. Brought me home at 12:00. Rons doing more packing. Went to Morton for MCC. I went with Lucy C[atherine] to see movie, "Round the World in 80 Days."

Monday, February 9, 2004. Mostly cloudy. Jo got me at 10:30. Took me out to house. Sorted more things. Brought me back for dinner. I sorted some cards, etc. Lori Oyer here to see me. Ruth Miller, Duncan's daughter [here]. She brought me Val[entine] cookies.

Tuesday, February 10, 2004. Fair, nice day. Bonnie brought 2 ladies to see the apartment. Ron & Jo here at 11:00. Checked mail & addressed Valentine cards. Lucy C[atherine] to hospital.

Wednesday, February 11, 2004. Partly cloudy. Haven't heard if Lucy got home. Rons here short time.

Thursday, February 12, 2004. Cooler, quiet day. Read and rested. Lady at my table not feeling well. Allen called. Talked to Allen & Shirley. Wished her happy birthday. Lucy [Catherine] home.

Friday, February 13, 2004. Fair, nice day. Had shampoo at 11:00. Went with Lucy to *Chinese* (sp?) class. Rested. Had to take nitro about noon.

Saturday, February 14, 2004. Nice day. Had some Valentines from children. Had big dinner for Valentine's Day.

Sunday, February 15, 2004. Nice day, cold. Allen called. Rons took Lucy C[atherine] & me to church. Had communion. Rons ate dinner here (on the house).

Monday, February 16, 2004. Fair. Did the usual things. Rested & read. Ron here few minutes.

Tuesday, February 17, 2004. Nice day, little warmer. Jo took me to Dr. DeWert about pain I have in side & back. May need OR which I don't want. Took Milk of Magnesia. Was up 3 times.

Wednesday, February 18, 2004. Fair, warmer, 37°. Jo & Marge W[eaver] going to hang pictures. Gave Grandma's program for Garfield social club. Didn't go to club meeting. Marge W[eaver] here in evening.

Thursday, February 19, 2004. Cloudy and some rain. Evelyn Schorer. Got Garfield program etc. Quiet day.

Friday, February 20, 2004. Had hair done here. Rons stopped.

Saturday, February 21, 2004. Cloudy, some rain, 30s. I watered plants. Rested some. Ron stopped at supper time. Jon & Julie here awhile. Julie sold the art tickets for me.

Sunday, February 22, 2004. Good some sun in a.m., then cloudy. Helen Patton took Lucy [Catherine] & me to church. Jo brought us home. Ron preached at Meadows again. I rested in p.m. Pauls called. They are coming 5th of March.

Monday, February 23, 2004. Partly cloudy. Rested. Didn't go for breakfast. My sinus or cold no better. Helen Basting died. Talked to Jo. A quiet day. Jon brought me some candy.

Tuesday, February 24, 2004. Mostly cloudy. Lady cleaned apartment. I watered plants etc.

Wednesday, February 25, 2004. Clear, nice day, in 40s. My sinus or cold doesn't seem much better. Earl Raders here in p.m. Ron & Jo here at noon, finished hanging pictures. My cold some better. My cold seems better this p.m. Allen called.

Thursday, February 26, 2004. Nice day. Did usual things. Rested. My cold may be little better. Rons here, finished putting up pictures.

Friday, February 27, 2004. Another nice day, 39 – 40°. Had my hair cut & shampooed. Saw Dorothy Sheets.

Saturday, February 28, 2004. Another nice day. I did usual things. Watered plants etc. Ron & Jo here in p.m. Got medicine.

Sunday, February 29, 2004. Mostly cloudy, warmer, near 60°. Phyllis took Lucy [Catherine] & I to church. I went with Rons to their small group. Ate at Chinese Restaurant. Cindy here awhile. Allen & Pauls called. Pauls plan to be here Friday p.m. Look forward to seeing them.

Monday, March 1, 2004. Cloudy to partly cloudy. Jo took me for Pro time at 10:00. Then to Gailey's to have glasses adjusted.

Tuesday, March 2, 2004. Rested. Rons came at 9:30. Brought eyedrops. Had blood pressure checked. Deborah (unclear) here, cleaned apartment.

Wednesday, March 3, 2004. Cloudy. I did usual work. (unclear sentence) Marge W[eaver] here in evening. I fell this morning & got up by myself. Thankful didn't get hurt.

Thursday, March 4, 2004. Cloudy, dreary & rainy day. Jo & Ron here few minutes in morning. I rested & read. Long day!

Friday, March 5, 2004. Windy day. Paul & Marjorie got here at 4:00 p.m. Glad to see them. Had good trip. We ate in dining room. Pauls stayed with me.

Saturday, March 6, 2004. Fair, nice day. We rested in morning & went to Rons at noon. Looked over pictures & sorted them. Marty's fiancée Susan stopped at Rons. Talking about wedding plans. October 2nd wedding. Pauls took Rons & I to Chinese Restaurant.

Sunday, March 7, 2004. Partly cloudy. Pauls & I to church. We got KFC, brought home to eat. Ron had pain in right shoulder.

Monday, March 8, 2004. Cloudy, had some snow showers in p.m. Paul & Marjorie left at 6:00 a.m. for Chicago. Will fly to Phoenix, then to Andys. I miss them. Glad they could come. Ron here in p.m. Glad his shoulder is better. He settled with office for Pauls meals.

Tuesday, March 9, 2004. Mostly cloudy, chilly. Had B[lood] P[ressure] taken. I went to Medicare meeting at 2:00. Jo here while Ron had meeting at church. Jo brought my laundry. Appreciate her doing the laundry. Paul called from Andys. They had good trip.

Wednesday, March 10, 2004. Clear, chilly. Quiet day. Jo stopped in evening.

Thursday, March 11, 2010. A windy day, colder. Rested. Had more pain. Allen called in evening. He & Shirley coming tomorrow. Glad to see them. Staying at Steves. Had hair shampooed in morning.

Friday, March 12, 2010. Clear, cold. Allens got here about 4:00. They stayed at Steves. I rested some. Had more pain.

Saturday, March 13, 2004. Allen & Rons to breakfast. Allens came here about (unclear). They took me to dinner [at] Chinese restaurant. Steve's family along. We saw Lucy [Catherine's] apartment. Allens & I to Cemetery. Allens & I & Lucy Catherine ate here.

Sunday, March 14, 2004. Fair, windy. Rons took me to church. Allens brought me home. They left here about noon. He called. They got home at 4:00. My small group wanted to eat here. Hostettlers, Gerlof [Homan]s, Ernsts, Jeanette [Colter], Lucy [Catherine] & I. Rachel Zehr sick, so couldn't come. They all enjoyed the food. I lock my apartment.

Monday, March 15, 2004. Partly cloudy. Nancy Ridenour & secretary from Library met with Ron & I for several hours. They went to set up a scholarship in my name. Hope I'm doing right thing. Paul called. They got home 1:30 a.m. Had delay 2 hours in Chicago. They had good time.

Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Everything covered with snow, temp 32°. Did usual things. Called Garfield people to remind them of meeting tomorrow. Had B[lood] P[ressure] taken, okay. Not quite as much pain as yesterday. Thankful for that.

Wednesday, March 17, 2004. 40s. Had little more snow last night. Some sunshine in p.m. I didn't go to Garfield club. Woke up at 3:00 a.m. with pain in right shoulder. Could hardly get out of bed. Art & Vera Willems here in p.m. Had nice visit. I miss them. Jo here around noon, brought laundry. Ron cutting meat for MCC sale. Steve Stalter died (suicide). Eddie wanted Ron to have funeral but he is tied up with sale.

Thursday, March 18, 2004. Julie called, wanted to take me to [unclear, possibly auxiliary reception] at BroMenn. Got to see some old friends. Was home at 2:30. Rons getting ready for MCC sale.

Friday, March 19, 2004. Had hair done. Julie took me to [MCC] relief sale. Went at 4:00. Had supper there. Big crowd. Nice day.

Saturday, March 20, 2004. Cloudy in morning. Sunshine. Ron called. They got home at 6:00. Had good sale. Did usual things. Rested & read.

Sunday, March 21, 2004. Robert Patton at Lucy's. He took Lucy & me to church. Rons & I to Avanti's for lunch. Rested awhile. Rons home at 2:00. Paul called. They're okay. Allen called. They had been at Randys.

Monday, March 22, 2004. Nice day. Jo took me shopping at (unclear). Wanted to get a new bra. & [took me] to Dr. Wera. Had pretty good report.

Tuesday, March 23, 2004. Another nice day. Predict rain. I got a permanent at B[eauty] shop. Got it in morning.

Wednesday, March 24, 2004. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Temp 66°. Tim (pastor) here in p.m. Ron here in morning. Paid some of my bills. Marge W[eaver] & mother Alice & Mara were here in evening.

Thursday, March 25, 2004. Called Paul to wish him happy birthday. I played bingo in p.m. watered plants. Cloudy, rain in p.m. Temp in 50s.

Friday, March 26, 2004. Cloudy, 60°, rainy in a.m. Jo came, brought laundry. Cindy here. I went with her to (unclear) meeting. She (unclear) her student who has class of residents here at Blair House. She brought sundaes.

Saturday, March 27, 2004. Some sunshine in morning. Did few jobs, laundry. Read & rested in p.m.

Sunday, March 28, 2004. Phyllis took Lucy Catherine & me to church. I came home with Rons. We ate at Wendy's. Rons home at 2:00. Jo not feeling very well. Seemed afternoon was long. Talked to Allen & Paul.

Monday, March 29, 2004. Partly cloudy, nice day. Did usual things. Watered plants. Sorted some papers. Ron came at noon. Needed some papers from safe. They approved my duplex at \$99,000. Ron called Allen and Paul. They accepted offer at \$99,000.

Tuesday, March 30, 2004. Cloudy. Jo here about noon. She did a load [of wash?].

Wednesday, March 31, 2004. Mostly to partly cloudy. Barry weavers here. Alice Martin with them. She is on her way home to Goshen. Ron here a while. Trying to sell (unclear). Jeanne Oyer called. Wants to take me for supper to eat out. Jo went to Ohio for a week.

Thursday, April 1, 2004. Partly cloudy, 50°. Went to quilt show at 10:00. Jeanne Oyer came for me at 4:15. Went to Bob Evans for supper. Got back at 6:00. Was kind of her to do that.

Friday, April 2, 2004. Nice day, in 50s. I watered plants. Had hair shampooed. Rested. Their party for residents. I didn't go.

Saturday, April 3, 2004. I did few odd jobs. Rested.

Sunday, April 4, 2004. Beautiful day. Rons got [me to go to church?]. Played bingo. Lucy [Catherine] & I (unclear sentence) Arthur Yoder called. Allen & Paul called.

Monday, April 5, 2004. Nice day. Did usual things.

Tuesday, April 6, 2004. Nice day but breezy. Ron got me at 10:00. Went to Dr.'s office. Had protime, was okay. Had pacemaker checked. Seemed okay. Stopped at Gailey's, had glasses checked. Had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Rested in p.m.

Wednesday, April 7, 2004. Fair. Watered plants. Dorothy Loepp here in morning and brought me nice Easter card. Nice visit. Jo home from Ohio. I fell in p.m. Hit my left side on (unclear). Sorry it happened. Pain in side.

Thursday, April 8, 2004. Partly cloudy, 50°. Rons came in at 9:30. Jo set up my medicine. My side better than yesterday. (Unclear few words) played bingo. Would like to go to church. Jo had trouble with her [blood] sugar last night. Went to ER. Better today. Had hair done.

Friday, April 9, 2004. Fair. Talked with Pauls. Ron (unclear). Carolyn Roth took took care of me. Gave me a lozenge. Got some sleep.

Saturday, April 10, 2004. Rain, some cloudy. Good day, but couldn't....

Sunday, April 11, 2004. Good day but couldn't go to church. Was disappointed. Didn't feel like going. Rons ate with me after church. Marty and Susan... (blank).

[This is the last entry Ann wrote and it ends in mid-sentence. In the 70+ years she kept a diary, there is only one day where there is no entry. In her late 90s, the arthritis in her right hand made it more and more difficult to write, and her hand writing became more difficult to read. Several of her last diary entries are muddled when she was taking pain medicine after having injured herself in falls. But she remained lucid and alert until the very end, living another 14 months after this last entry. She died on June 9, 2005.]