

January 2, 2000

Hello Deb and Jerry,

I agree - we've had a good life. No real disasters. Everybody in the family is still walking around.

Carol and I just arrived at Mom and Dad's in South Haven. I called Dad yesterday and told him we'd come down and take them out to dinner and give them a lesson on using the computer. But it is 12:00 and they are not here. Maybe Dad forgot.

We had a good time New Years. We spent a bunch of money and stayed at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing. The package include the night's stay, fancy dinner, buffet breakfast, a bottle of champagne, truffles, and a long stem rose. There was a bunch of free entertainment close by. We spent most of the time listening to folksinger Josh White Jr. At that concert, I met an old friend I used to work with at Social Services who I had not seen in 25 years. She is back working at Social Services training foster care workers, and she told Carol she might be able to get her a social work job. Our dinner was elaborate, but not very good. I ordered roast leg of lamb and it was so tough I couldn't eat it. But we had been served a glass of wine with each of four courses, so I didn't really care. Did a lot of giggling.

Well, Mom and Dad finally got here. I'll continue later.

Later....We ate a good roast pork dinner at Cousins, then went to see the new hotels going up on Phoenix, then got some inkjet printer paper at Walmart. Everyone is well. Dad, I suspect, is napping. I'm giving Mom a lesson on the computer. Mom says Dad may be getting his trach removed this week.

Warm here today.

Love, Steve