

### January 1, 1993 -

- Jan. 9 - Called Mark.
- Jan. 15 - Had Suzanna and Natalie over for their birthday overnighiter.
- Jan. 16 - (Nothing recorded as to where we took them or what time they went home.)
- Jan. 17 - Called John.
- Jan. 18 - Went shopping with Lori.
- Jan. 19 - Mer has begun teaching through the Literacy Action program which helps people, one-on-one, learn to read. I made 4 batches of raspberry jam from the berries I had mashed and in the freezer.
- Jan. 20 - Temple service.
- Jan. 21 - VT
- Jan. 22 - D & C class. Went to the temple with Jeanette (Moscillo ?)
- Jan. 23 - Hale Center play, The Nerd.
- Jan. 26 - To the Welfare Cannery from 8:00 to 12:30.
- Jan. 27 - R S Board mtg at my house.
- Jan. 29 - D & C class.
- Jan. 30 - Mer did his tutoring. Larsen get together at Maddox Café in Brigham City.
- Jan. 31 - Called Judy Owen.

### February 1, 1993

- Feb. 3 - Temple service.
- Feb. 5 - R S Valentine Party.
- Feb. 6 - Mer did his tutoring. R S Stake mtg - 7:30 AM. Michelle Stone's wedding. Went to the West Valley Symphony concert.
- Feb. 7 - Called Mark. Ryan Price's missionary farewell.
- Feb. 9 - Pres. mtg. Homemaking mtg.
- Feb. 10 - Temple. Alta Rest Home where I gave the R S lesson. VT to Mildred Sorenson. Took some warm coats to St. Vincent de Paul to be given to needy people. John called us.
- Feb. 11 - To the Stake Ctr to give blood.
- Feb. 12 - Tended 4 oldest grandkids overnight.
- Feb. 14 - Family dinner.
- Feb. 16 - Went to Melanie Hancey's to a baby shower for her. I was the only person that brought a gift for a girl, as everyone else either brought boy things or unisex stuff.
- Feb. 20 - WE HAD A BLIZZARD!! Lori and I gave a wedding shower for Lori (Lou) Wharton, and even with the blizzard 25 people came. You have to love them!
- Feb. 22 - Left for Mesa to visit Don and Kay mostly, but we visit with Ray & Kirma, too.
- Feb. 27 - Attended the wedding of Allen Larsen & Alena (?) in the Mesa temple. Lovely reception in the evening. Alena is Latino and they have some customs and food different from what I am used to and it was fun.

### March 1, 1993 - Left Mesa for California.

- Mar. 2 - Visited with Mary Gail, Harlan and Hayley Hobbs for awhile. Went to visit with Judy Owen.

Mar. 3 - Went to the temple with Bea. Took Judy to see the LaBrea Tar Pits. Ate steaks at Chris & Pitts.

Mar. 4 - Started for home.

Mar. 5 - Arrived home in safety, which is always a blessing and greatly appreciated.

Mar. 9 - Missed the R S Anniversary Social as I had the flu.

Mar. 11 - Mer to the temple without me.

Mar. 12 - Conrad's birthday overnigher. His birthday is in Oct. so this was REALLY late.

Mar. 13 - **\*\*Marnie Weintz born at 6:50 AM, weighing in at 9#\*\***. We took Conrad and went up to the hospital to see them. Lori let Conrad (and us) hold Marnie. It was really special. The most amazing thing was that Lori bonded IMMEDIATELY with Marnie and became a real mother in her feelings and she hadn't been sure she would. She had stated that she wasn't sure she would nurse her child but would have to wait and see how she felt about it. The first thing she said to me was, "It's OK, Mom, I'm going to nurse her." I was happily relieved!! When Lou and Vi Wharton came to see her, Lou was completely "blown away" by the instant change in Lori's attitude. She said that that is the only time Lori has ever completely surprised her.

Mar. 14 - Michael Stone's missionary farewell.

Mar. 15 - Chris brought Lori and Marnie here from the hospital so I can care for them for a week or so.  
He will stay here, too, of course.

Mar. 17 - Mer to the temple without me.

Mar. 20 - Larsen family get together in Brigham City. Ate at Maddox again. Chris was here to help Lori while I was gone.

Mar. 21 - Here for dinner: L & C, Keith and Antoinette, Mom and the two of us. (Some time in Feb or Mar Keith came to live with us as a "landing spot" until he could find a place with other guys, to rent and share expenses. Keith worked for the US Post Office and had transferred to Utah. However, he never got around to finding another place to live and stayed on until Mar 2, 1994 - which date see.)

Mar. 23 - Chris, Lori and Marnie went to their own home. Lori has 6 weeks off from work, mandated by law.

Mar. 24 - Temple service.

Mar. 25 - Shower for Merilee Christensen. Mer to Eternal Riches class.

Mar. 26 - To Hale Theater.

Mar. 27 - Scout-A-Rama. Took care of Marnie.

Mar. 29 - Took care of Ricky.

Mar. 30 - R S Board mtg.

Mar. 31 - Eye examination.

**April 1, 1993** - E R class.

Apr. 5 - Left for N H and returned home on Apr 15<sup>th</sup>. No details recorded but we always love it.

Apr. 16 - Took care of Marnie.

Apr. 17 - Went to the wedding reception for Kim Mose and Cheryl (?).

Apr. 18 - Missionary farewell for Patrick McGrath.

Apr. 20 - V T.

Apr. 22 - Made cookies for, and went to, the Stake RS Spring Social.

Apr. 23 - Temple

Apr. 24 - Larsen get together at Little America.

Apr. 27 - I went to help prepare food for the needy at St. Vincent de Paul homeless shelter, run by the Catholic Church and they do a wonderful service.

Apr. 28 - Lori started back to work and I started tending Marnie. Lori didn't ask me to do this, but I just couldn't stand the thoughts of Marnie going to a child care place or to someone else.

Lori had to work 4 days a week so we had to change our temple service day to Fridays.

Apr. 30 - Merilee Christensen's wedding reception.

**May 1, 1993** - Went to Idaho Falls for the temple wedding of Gordon Larsen (Gary's son) and Jennifer (?). Went to Blackfoot, ID to see Theo and Lee Buttars (missionaries when Mer and I were there) and saw their lovely home and wonderfully landscaped yard and garden. A real show-place. Had a nice visit with them. Went back to Idaho Falls to attend the wedding reception, then returned home. Fun day.

May 2 - I went to hear and Mer went to take part in the blessing of Marnie.

May 6 - E R class.

May 7 - Suzanne McNair's wedding reception.

May 8 - A Dessert Social was held at the church. This is when everyone brings their favorite dessert and instead of food you follow the admonition that "Life is short, eat dessert first" and hope you don't get sick, sick, sick. Personally, I didn't enjoy it and would never go to one again without eating real food first!!

May 10 - Birthday celebration for Jeffery. His birthday is Apr 30<sup>th</sup> so it was a little late.

May 11 - Our wedding anniversary, but it was Homemaking Mtg and that is where I needed to be.

May 12 - Mer went to tutor the person he is helping learn to read.

May 13 - Mark, Dixie and family arrived for a vacation. E R class.

May 15 - Went on our annual hike to the U mountain, then went to the park for picnic and games - - - an all day affair!!

May 20 - E R class. M & D went out to L & C's to visit and I took care of the kids.

May 21 - Temple, having had only 3 hours sleep. VT. To Hale Theater.

May 22 - V T Conference. West Valley Symphony concert - they do a good job.

May 24 - Kathy Searle wedding reception.

May 25 - Mark and Dixie took us out to dinner.

May 26 - M & D treated the whole family to ice cream.

May 27 - E R graduation.

May 28 - M & D and family leave. Jeff's birthday overnighner.

May 29 - Larsen family get together in Logan.

### **June 1, 1993**

June 8 - Homemaking meeting which was a mother/daughter affair so Mom, Lori and I went together. It was very well organized and enjoyable. They had made padded, fancy picture frames for everyone, then took Polaroid pictures of each mother/daughter/grandmother so each person had one! Lots of work!

June 17 - Welfare Cannery assignment 12:00 to 4:30. I always really enjoy going to the cannery.

June 19 - Gilchrist wedding reception 2:00 to 4:00.

June 22 - To the Chicago O'Hare Airport. Rented a car and drove to Waukeegan, Illinois.

June 23 - 24 - Mer had located the other 8 members of his bomber crew from World War II and

they planned a reunion and chose Waukeegan as the place to meet as the crew member living there was dying of cancer and couldn't travel. We spent most of two whole days and three evenings together. Eight of the nine crew members were able to attend and it was a really great experience.

June 25 - Traveled from Waukeegan to Ft. Madison, Iowa. Rented a motel room there but went to Nauvoo, Ill to see the sights. The Mississippi River was overflowing in many areas and flooding homes and fields, really causing much damage and loss of growing stuff.

June 26 - 27 - Spent the days touring Nauvoo and really enjoyed it.

June 28 - Drove to Hannibal, Mo. - Mark Twain town. Went into the cave he wrote about in Tom Sawyer and went sight seeing all over town.

June 29 - Went to St. Louis, MO and rode up in the big arch, among other things. We wanted to go out on a river boat but they canceled all the tours because of high flooding.

Stationary boats that are really restaurants or stores could have no customers, so it was hard-times for them.

June 30 - Went to Springfield, Ill and visited all the Lincoln sights and I loved that.

**July 1, 1993** - Drove to Chicago and up the Lake Shore Drive, just to see it, then went to O'Hare Airport and caught our flight home.

July 3 - Larsen family get together in Ogden.

July 4 - Big family dinner. Celebrated Alex' birthday, which was on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

July 5 - Went to the flag raising ceremony in Murray Park. We then ate breakfast prepared by the Lions Club members. Watched the parade at the park. I took dinner to Nancy Collier, a sister in our ward who needed help.

July 6 - Hale Theater.

July 11 - Called John and then called Mark.

July 12 - **\*\*Baby girl, Amy Tamara Larsen - - 8 pounds 4 oz. \*\*!**

July 13 - Gwen and Amy here to be cared for until the 18<sup>th</sup>.

July 15 - To Stake center to give blood.

July 16 - Lori had an MRI to check for possible reasons for her having numbness in her legs ever since Marnie was born. They were afraid she might have the beginnings of Multiple Sclerosis!!

July 21 - Dinner at the church.

July 23 - RAIN, RAIN, RAIN!! Alex and Jimmy here for their birthday overnigher. Went to McDonald's for dinner as they can play inside and they really like it.

July 24 - Cool and partly cloudy. Some of the family went to the big parade but we didn't. Went to Liberty Park aviary. Keith came too.

July 27 - R S Board mtg.

July 28 - Camping up at Redman, Big Cottonwood Canyon. This is the camping when the kids all come. Shirley and Hilton arrived from Texas. (They don't go camping. This is the Carpenter side of the family thing.)

July 29 - 30 - 31 - camping.

**August 1, 1993**

Aug. 2 - Tend Marnie.

Aug. 10 - Homemaking Cook-off.

Aug. 16 - through 21 - camping at Redman for the adults.

Aug. 27 - Tend Marnie

September 1, 1993 - OMC and quartet performance.

Sept. 2 - E R class.

Sept. 3 - Mer took Mom to get her hair done. Hale Theater.

Sept. 9 - E R class.

Sept. 10 - Bro. C's class. Mer's highschool class reunion.

Sept. 11 - High Priests party held at John and Gisela Bingham's lovely backyard.

Sept. 12 - Our R S Presidency was released. Maxine is going to move. I am glad this will now be someone else's responsibility. I much prefer a less up-front calling.

Sept. 13 - Flew to New York for a vacation. We were gone until Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Mer's flight engineer during World War II, John O'Connor, lives in NJ and when he learned we were going to take a NY vacation he invited us to spend a little time with him at his home, which we did. He is a most gracious host. His wife is dead but he entertained us very well. He has a lady friend, Marie, and the four of us went out to dinner and to a play called "Paper Moon". The next night all his children and grandchildren were getting together for a birthday party at his home and we were invited, of course. He has a most impressive posterity. All of them were very friendly and even the little children shook hands with us and said they were glad to meet us - - - all without having to be prompted, which shows they have been carefully taught. John and his son are part owners of a 4-seater airplane and they took us up for a flight down the Hudson River, over Ellis Island and around the Statue of Liberty then back up the Hudson River and back to the airport. It was hot inside the plane and the ride was bumpy and I got rather air-sick and thought I was going to toss- my-cookies, but didn't - - thank goodness! They had headphones for each person in the plane so you could talk to each other, but mine didn't work and, since I got sick, I was glad.

John is a volunteer fireman and he took us to the fire station and showed us around. They collect soda pop cans which they sell and use the money for charity. There surely are a lot of fine people in the world.

The day we went to NY John drove us there and went sight seeing with us for some hours. We went out to Ellis Island, and to the Statue of Liberty where we climbed up to the crown. When we came back down we went out onto the pedestal. We were standing there talking about the B17 they flew during the war and, believe-it-or-not, an old B17 came flying by right then!!! This was most amazing as there simply are not very many of them still flying. We did some other things together, then John took us to our hotel and he went home. He is one of the nicest men I have ever met.

There can only be one first time for anything and when we went to N Y before everything was a new experience and overall we had a really good time, however, this trip was NOT a repeat. It seemed that most things we tried to do turned out disappointing. I did not keep any notes on this vacation but can remember a few things. Before we left home we purchased tickets to go to "The Phantom of the Opera", as we had heard nothing but raves about it. We had paid a dreadful price for the tickets as a real "splurge" and we didn't really even like the performance!! We are the only two people we have ever talked to about it that didn't like it. I suppose there are others but we haven't run into anyone. We went to tour the Metropolitan Museum of Art only to find it closed. All museums close the same day, like barber shops! Then we tried another play, purchasing tickets at TKTS in Times Square, where you stand in line and if there are any unsold tickets for that day you can get them half price. While standing in line we talked to others doing the same thing and

some ladies told us that the play "The Sisters Rosenvieg" was very good, so we went to that. It turned out to be a sleazy play with free sex, and homosexual references so we left at intermission. I guess we could have asked for our money back but we didn't.

On Sunday we went to the church meetings held above the LDS Visitors Center, which is across the street from the Lincoln Center. Much to our surprise we saw Sister Chantell Bramble who was a young missionary with us in Ventura! She is married and her husband was attending Columbia University. She was still bubbly and cute and it tickled us to see her. In our room we ate the food we had purchased on Sat. as we never buy anything on Sun. At the present time (Jan 2003) that's about all I can remember of that trip. We don't suppose we will ever go to NY again.

Sept. 23 - E R class.

Sept. 26 - Mark called.

Sept. 28 - John called.

Sept. 29 - Went to a movie with Kay. Mer was teaching his reading student.

Sept. 30 - E R class.

**October 1, 1993** - Temple. Class with Bro. C.

Oct. 2 - General Conference.

Oct. 3 - Gen Conf. Sunday dinner with all the family here.

Oct. 5 - Mark and Dixie to temple (I don't remember what this is about but it looks as though they were here for 4 days.)

Oct. 6 - Went with Kay to another movie. Mer was teaching his reading student.

Oct. 7 - E R class.

Oct. 8 - M & Dixie went back. Temple. Bro. C class. Natalie and Suzie overnighter.

Oct. 9 - Nat & Suzie here for part of the day.

Oct. 11 - Openhouse for Magdeline Barraclough's birthday.

Oct. 12 - Homemaking - - had a fall social.

Oct. 13 - Movie with Kay. We are taking advantage of the fact that Mer is teaching and Kay and I go to movies that he wouldn't like. Some of them are off-the-wall!!

Oct. 14 - E R class.

Oct. 15 - Temple. Bro. C class.

Oct. 16 - Larsen family get together.

Oct. 21 - E R class.

Oct. 25 - To Barbara Jean Mellor's for a party with the old Brigham City group. It was a lot of fun.

Oct. 28 - E R class.

**November 1, 1993**

Nov. 4 - E R class. Nov. 11 - E R class.

Nov. 12 - Hale Theater "Five On A Honeymoon".

Nov. 14 - Mark called.

Nov. 18 - E R class graduation.

Nov. 19 - Melanie Larsen's wedding reception. This is David and Marge's daughter. Went to Hinckley, Ut for the reception.

Nov. 20 - Went to see "Westside Story" somewhere.

Nov. 21 - We called John.

Nov. 22 - Went to see "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" at a highschool. Alena Copling had one of the main parts so that's why we went.

Nov. 23 - Clint called.

### December 1, 1993

Dec. 6 - Tend Amy.

Dec. 8 - Went to hear the West Valley Symphony playing at Symphony Hall.

Dec. 9 - Tithing settlement.

Dec. 14 - R S Christmas social.

Dec. 15 - Took care of Marnie while L & C went to hear Billy Joel.

Dec. 16 - Went to the highschool to hear the concert that Jeff played in. Always exciting when some one you love is part of it.

Dec. 17 - Called Mary Gail Hobbs. Andy Draper wedding reception.

Dec. 18 - Bryon Fitt wedding reception.

Dec. 19 - Called Judy O. John called us.

Dec. 20 - Family Christmas evening.

Dec. 25 - Christmas smorgasbord. Both John and Clint called.

Dec. 26 - Mark called.

Dec. 29 - Larsen family get together.

Dec. 30 - Rented 4 videos to watch.

Dec. 31 - Stake Christmas party but we stayed home and watched "The Magnificent Seven" with about 20 interruptions.