

## January 1, 2001

Jan. 3 - Temple service.

Jan. 5 - Did Bea's hair.

Jan. 6 - Bea and Cliff left for Mesa to visit with Kay and Don.

Jan. 9 - Missionaries here for dinner. Went to get my eyes tested and found I am developing cataracts. However, the optometrist signed my paper saying it is OK for me to get my new driver's licence, which I got. That was a relief.

Jan. 10 - Temple closed for two weeks. Mer went to an urologist to get the results on the biopsies and they are benign - - - HAPPY DAY. Enrichment night.

Jan. 14 - Sunday. Called Judy Owen.

Jan. 16 - Took care of Lori's kids at 1:30 while she went to the Dr. She is P G.

Jan. 17 - Ray and Kirma up from Mesa for the temple sealing of Jasmynn to Jack and Karen in the Jordan River Temple. Light supper after at their home. It was a very beautiful experience.

Jan. 20 - Bea and Cliff came home from Mesa. They had a good time there. Took Ray and Kirma to dinner at Applebee's. Watched a video at our house after.

Jan. 21 - Sunday. To D & G's for dinner. All there. Melanie's birthday. Gwen won the candle race. Julie Draper's homecoming. She had a happy time as a missionary.

Good meeting.

Jan. 22 - Went to Randy Black. My tooth can't be filled so have to get a crown. Will cost \$600. which is a big UGH!! He took the impression and put in a temporary.

Jan. 23 - Mer went to Randy Black to get HIS crown - - it also cost \$600. Larsen get together in Logan so Gordon and Yvonne don't have to travel since Gordon is so ill. We bought take out dinner from Maddox. I took the dessert from home. Gordon has lost all his hair and looks frail and miserable. SAD.

Jan. 24 - Temple service.

Jan. 26 - Went to Dr. Rosquist. Went to Hale Theater and saw "No Time For Sargents." It was OK but not a favorite. All here after for ice cream and visiting.

Jan. 29 - Mer went to lunch with Mel Thayne and Tough Holmes to celebrate Mel's birthday.

Jan. 31 - Temple service.

## February 1, 2001 -

Feb 2 - Left for Mesa to visit Nebekers. Arrived there about 7:00 PM.. No trouble on the way. Listened to a book on tape - - "Murder and the First Lady", written by Elliot Roosevelt. Heard half of it on the way down. I liked it. He is the son of Franklin D. and Eleanore and used them in the story very effectively.

Feb. 3 - Jeri gave me a Harry Potter calendar and I *love* it.

Feb. 4 - Sunday. Went to church with Don and Casey, and Jeri and Kris. Out to Ray's and Kirma's for dinner and FHE with Judy and her family, Barbie & Neal, and it was a fun time.

Saw Gale, Mark and their 4 kids for a short visit before dinner. They had meetings and couldn't stay.

Feb. 5 - Mailed Mark a birthday card before we left SLC and hope it got it on time.

Feb. 6 - Out to Ray & Kirma's by 10:30. Visited during the afternoon then we took them to dinner at the "Landmark". Came back after and watched a movie. Enjoyed our time together.

Feb. 7 - Played games, watched movies and visited. I read "Harry Potter."

Feb. 8 - Went to the temple with K & D and a nice neighbor named Hoot (Hortense.)

Feb. 9 - Played games. Talked to John on the computer. Lori called to wish me a happy birthday. Went to dinner with Paul & Nancy, Kay & Don. Paul paid for all of us as a birthday present for me. So nice of them!! Paul and Nancy have both stopped smoking & that is most wonderful!

Feb. 10 - Had my hair done at Great Clips. I never like how they do it. We took K & D and Jackie & Lud out to dinner then came home and watched a movie. Jackie and Lud have their big trailer parked in the same mobile home park and they are staying for an extended time.

Feb. 11 - Went to church meetings with Ray & Kirma. Their meeting starts at 8:00 AM as there are four wards meeting in their building! After, we visited for a while, then went back to Nebekers and changed clothes. K & D, Lud & Jackie and Mer & I to Brimhall's for dinner and visiting (Kay brings almost all the food.) Back to Nebekers. Don & Lud talked and the other 4 of us played "Oh, H" two times.

Feb. 12 - Up at 4:40 - got ready and left for home. Drove 12 hours without any problems. Weather just fine and no snow on the roads. Listened to the last half of the book on tape and it was very entertaining. The man who recorded it did a superb job.

Feb. 13 - Games with Bea and Cliff but Leah was sick. Did a lot of washing.

Feb. 14 - Temple service. Busy day. My leg is hurting a whole lot. Went to a rezoning meeting at the Murray City Office.

Feb. 15 - Went to Dr. Crawford 8:45 to check for pre-cancer spots. Hair-do 10:00. Shopping. To Randy Black 4:00 to get my tooth crown. Also had 2 small fillings so the total price was \$670. I feel quite outraged!

Feb. 16 - This is Bea's and Huibert's birthday. Went to a grave side service in the SLC Cemetery for Dale Mackay Acomb - Kent's brother. Went to see Huibert and Ed. Huibert is 90 years old! Looked quite good. Had a nice visit even though he is very hard of hearing.

Feb. 17 - Did Bea's hair. Went to see Collette Black who has been in the hospital. Bought some fruit, frozen veggies and TV dinners for her freezer so she would have something easy to fix when she gets home from work and spending time with her mother, who is in a rehabilitation home. They've had a rough time of it. Mer and I went to see Evelyn Black. She looks just awful and I couldn't understand anything she said. Poor lady. We then went to visit Morris Cannegieter at the Millcreek Retirement Center. He is not happy being there, of course, but there is no one to stay with him at his home and he can't be alone.

Feb. 18 - Sunday. New High Priest leaders: Riley Draper is Group Leader, John Hawkes is 1st Assistant and Russ Childs 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant. Saw Melanie Spears' wedding dress. Dinner at D & G's 5:30. All there but Alex. Antoinette was there, too. Late birthday celebration for me. Natalie won the candle race. Played Rummikub and Boggle and it was fun.

Feb. 20 - Games and visiting with sisters.

Feb. 21 - Temple service. Leg really bad. Dinner at L & C's for my birthday (again)! Hunter won the candle race.

Feb. 22 - Hair-do. Shopping a little bit. My leg is most miserable and I sit most of the time. Do sewing or reading or watch PBS. Very frustrating!!! Bud Schwarz came and visited about 2 hours. Eileen was at the Family History Center. Enjoyed visiting with him.

Feb. 23 - Went to Dr. Rosquist but he doesn't seem to be really helping me much if at all so I asked for the x-rays of my back to take to an orthopedic doctor and hear what he suggests. Went VT to Lois and Jeanne. Typed on my journal.

Feb. 24 - Did Bea's hair at 7:30 AM. VT Conference 8:30. Delicious breakfast

then inspirational meeting. Went to the funeral for Garner Wood (Sammie's husband). Best funeral I've attended in a long time. Called John. Called Mark and talked over two hours.

Feb. 25 - Sunday. Ethel Bradford came to buy some aloe juice. Never had met her before and she is a fun lady. Barbara here for dinner.

Feb. 26 - Went to Fashion Place Mall and tried to walk but, as usual, had to sit down. I'm not going to go any more as it is too painful and I might just as well stay home where it is more convenient and comfortable. Went VT to Mildred and to Donna. Beverly Esmeyer is in the hospital for a back operation. Judy called us and we talked over 2 ½ hours. She is still loving her church activities and the gospel.

Feb. 27 - Games with Bea and Leah. Called Casey in Mesa.

Feb. 28 - Temple service. My leg is just terrible - - hard to do the couple sealings work and even harder to do the work in the laundry. Went to see Evelyn Black again. I don't expect her to live much longer. I took an hour nap!!

**March 1, 2001** - Mer walked but not I. Hair-do & shopping with much leg pain and very slow walking. I hate to shop as the stores are so big and things are so far apart. If I fail to get something and have passed the spot where it is in the store I just forget it rather than go back. Mer took Morris Cannigieter for a ride then went out to tutor Amy. We watched "The Adams Chronicles."

Mar. 2 - Mer went to the eye Dr and needs new glasses. He has been seeing double for quite some time. He can close either eye and sees just fine but has a problem using both eyes.

Mar. 3 - Did Bea's hair. It is hard as I have to stand up to do it.

Mar. 4 - Fast Sunday and many people gave their testimonies. Barbara here for dinner.

Mar. 6 - Went to see the orthopedic doctor, Dr. Sawchuk. He took more x-rays. Set up an appointment for me to have an MRI. Mer went to Randy Black and has to go to an endodontist for a root canal, then back to Randy for another crown!!! We can't afford these dentists anymore.

Mar. 7 - Temple service. Went to see Evelyn Black and she had taken a turn for the worse and her family had been called to come.

Mar. 8 - Hair-do. Shopping at Ream's only. Since I was out that way I went to see Beverly Esmeyer at Health South Rehabilitation center. When I left the car wouldn't start and I had to call Mer. He called Det and they hauled the car in for repair. Mer went out to tutor Amy. I forgot to go to Stake Temple night and had really planned to go.

Mar. 9 - The car was repaired and it cost \$403. - - - WOE, WOE, WOE is our bank account!! Rosanne Cartwright's wedding reception.

Mar. 10 - Gave Bea a perm. My leg was bad but not as bad as I thought it would be having to stand on it so long.

Mar. 11 - Sunday. Missionary farewell for Wayne Bowers. Saw Mary Bowers (grandmother). She is happily remarried. They have gone on a mission to London and have now returned. No company for dinner as Barbara is on a cruise.

Mar. 12 - We went to Logan to see Gordon and Yvonne. He is a little less sick as he has stopped the chemo treatments that made him so nauseated. He talked just a little bit. Hospice is helping him and they have lots of friends. Visited with Harold and Norma awhile on the way home.

Mar. 13 - Games with Bea and Leah. Mer out to tutor Amy. Out to celebrate

Marnie's birthday with cake and ice cream. I won the candle race.

Mar. 14 - Temple service. went to see Evelyn Black again. She is being kept alive by artificial means. Awful situation. Larry Pino sold Mer's accordion to someone else or to himself. Mer got \$1800. for his share. Sad ending of that dream.

Mar. 15 - Went to Melanie's for a perm and etc. Grocery shopping. Clint called us from TX. His stepfather has died. MRI appointment 5:45. Interesting procedure. Didn't bother me at all. Some people get claustrophobia. Would have gone to sleep but it was too noisy!

Went to the Stake Center to see a RS program called "Women at the Well."

Mar. 16 - Went to see "Guys and Dolls" at Hale Theater - - not a favorite but OK. Barbara and Pauline are on a cruise so saw the play earlier. Jeffery Ammon and Melanie came for ice cream after the play but didn't go to the play.

Mar. 17 - Gave Bea a perm. My leg was bad but not as bad as I thought it would be having to stand up so long.

Mar. 18 - Sunday. I helped in the library as Gisela was sick. Wish I was still a librarian! Yvonne called and **Gordon died** this day. It hasn't taken him very long, which is a blessing for him, but rough for Yvonne. Barbara still on her cruise. Called J & J. Called Mark and Dixie and she is still suffering from walking pneumonia. Hope it gets cleared up soon. Clint is flying in for Wilbert's funeral. His brother will pick him up at the airport. Nina and the kids are not coming so no one will be sleeping here after all.

Mar. 19 - Called Dr. Sawchuck about my MRI results. Went VT and got 3 sisters. Took a nice cantaloupe to Jeanne for her birthday - - this is better than candy or baked goods as she has diabetes. Mer went to Dr. Steve Miller, a new cardiologist. He said Mer has hardening of the arteries. Gave him some medicine for it.

Mar. 20 - Funeral for Wilbert Jensen at 11:00 in Clinton, UT. Got to visit with Clint a little. He looks good. Mer to Randy B. and had his molar extracted. That cost only \$75.00 and it would have been \$1200. for a root canal and crown!. Evelyn Black died.

Took care of the kids so Lori and Chris could go to the temple.

Mar. 21 - Temple service. Did sealings with Bro. Woodward, then another hour with Steve & Annette Richards! A real treat. Missed usual endowment session. Went to the bank. Went VT to Lois Eatchel. Ordered product from FLP and did it online. This was for Mark and Dixie, to go directly to their home. Had my usual problems and it took me 1 1/2 hours! I don't know if it will ever get any easier for me.

Mar. 22 - FUNERAL FOR GORDON at 12:00 in Logan. Dotty and Dixie W. rode up with us. Beautiful funeral service. Weather perfect. Saw lots of the family, which was nice. Chapel was filled with people and flowers as Gordon & Yvonne have so many friends. Left home at 8:30 AM and returned at 6:30 PM. Good roads and no car problems. Quite a wonderful day.

Mar. 23 - Went to Dr. Rosquist again. Did a little shopping. Called and called on the phone to get food arraigned for Evelyn Black's funeral, but hardly anyone home. Gave up and went to bed.

Mar. 24 - Did Bea's hair. Spent most of the day making calls getting the funeral food. Got it all done. Hope it goes well. Also got sisters to help with the work part. Planned for 40 people. Called John and he is still feeling better - - how wonderful!!! Mark & Dixie called and they told us wonderful plans for our 50th wedding anniversary WOW!!

Mar. 25 - Sunday. Out to D & G's for Ricky's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Conrad had

invited his Home Teachers to dinner so there were 16 people at their big table. The Home Teachers were two nice young men. One was a very out-going Hispanic. Turned out to be OK. Glad I had cooked 40 rolls. The potato casseroles were extra good and all eaten. Too hectic for a candle race.

Mar. 26 - Funeral for Evelyn Black. Was at the church from 10:30 to 4:30. Lots of the sisters came and helped. We prepared for 40 and only 25 came to eat. Nice funeral service.

Mar. 27 - Games with sisters. Mer out to tutor Amy. Went to tend so C & L could go to Stake Temple night. Got home 10:45.

Mar. 28 - Temple service. Verlie Storms said she wants us to do sealings every week with the Richards so we will and we will enjoy it. Clint & Eris took us to see "You Can't Take It With You" at the Community Theater. They buy season tickets for 4 and sometimes their kids can't make it so they took us. It is always fun to be with them.

Mar. 29 - Hair-do. Shopping. Mer to tutor Amy.

Mar. 30 - Cooked lots of chicken breasts & boned them out & cut them up for noodle soup for Sunday. Took care of the kids so L & C could go to her missionary reunion. Mer came with me. The kids were very well behaved.

Mar. 31 - Did Bea's hair. This was conference and as usual, I loved it. I made lots of noodles and put them on a sheet on the floor in downstairs bedroom to dry. Will see how that works out. Doug, Conrad, Jeff Ammon, Jimmy and Chris came to our house after Priesthood Mtg. for ice cream. I went out to Lori's and she, the 3 kids and I ate pizza, popcorn and rootbeer floats and watched "Indian in the Cupboard", which is a very cute movie. Fun evening.

**April 1, 2001** - Sunday. Good Conference but over too soon. Here for dinner: D & G and all children except Alex (sad), & J.A.'s Melanie; L & C and their three kids. Barbara didn't come. After dinner others took over and I didn't even help with the big dishes cleanup! They are all trying to make it easier on me and I appreciate that. Daylight saving time began today.

Apr. 2 - Slept in late, and combined with daylight saving time, our whole day was out-of-whack. I did get washing done but that's no biggie with automatic washer & dryer. Watched 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 episodes on PBS of "Wives and Daughters". Very good story written in the late 1800's.

Apr. 3 - Picked up Lori, Randy and Hunter at her car service place and brought them to our house until their van is serviced. I went and played games with my sisters. Mer took Lori & kids back for their van when it was ready. Mer out to tutor Amy. To Dr. Sawchuk for MRI results. He will shoot me with steroids to see if they will help reduce the pain in my leg. Home Teachers came.

Apr. 4 - Temple service. Two Sealing Sessions. Four hours in the clothing. Very busy. I hurt the entire time.

Apr. 5 - Melanie Hancey in Washington, D.C. so I'm gong to "make do" with my hair until next week. Mer & I went to see Ricky get an award for being polite. One child from each class. Mer out to tutor Amy. I gave up and went to bed at 8:30.

Apr. 6 - Mer to Dr. Zabriskie, an ophthalmologist. His new glasses are doing what was needed to eliminate the double vision he was having. Very good!!

Apr. 7 - Did Bea's hair. Went to L & C's at 11:00 to help prepare for a light luncheon to be held after Marnie's baptism at 12:30. All went well and people had a good time. Chris had to baptize Marnie twice as her hand was out of the water the first time. Mer & Doug and a member of the bishopric helped Chris confirm her. Got home about 4:30.

Apr. 8 - Fast Sunday. Mer read to me for 3 ½ hours. I prepared dinner but it wasn't all done

when there was a loud pop and a flash of light and the entire stove stopped working. Had to finish cooking on the grill burner out in the garage. My stove was DEAD and I am sorry. Barbara here for dinner.

Apr. 9 - Went shopping for a new stove. Ordered one from a wholesale store called "Sure Appliance". It will take two weeks as I want an almond color and it was not in stock. A man who worked at Brinton Electric sent us there and it saved us lots of dollars. Bill Olsen called and asked us to come over as it was very important. His mind is all confused and he thinks he is talking to people in the spirit world on the phone and other weird things. It is driving his wife, Eloise, crazy. They need help but we don't know what to do for them. Taped "Wives and Daughters" to watch later. Our new stove is an Amana and cost \$678. with the tax. More money out of savings and it is a worry with no money going in.

Apr. 10 - Both Leah and Al really ailing. Mer and I played games with Bea and Cliff. Casey & Don came home from Mesa - driving the new Honda Paul bought for them! Mer out to tutor Amy for the last time as she has completed the course. Job well done on Mer's part.

Apr. 11 - Temple service. Two Sealing Sessions. Three & ½ hours in the clothing. Lisa Anderson let me use her oven to make some Brownies for Hinckley's. I had signed up to take some dessert to them and then my stove died. Mer went to Dr. Miller for a stress test, an echo cardiogram and a carotid artery examination. Told Mer he has blockage again and he must have an angiogram. They gave him a monitor to wear for 24 hours.

Apr. 12 - Hair-do and shopping. Had a dandy snow storm which we really appreciate. Worked on the computer a little while. Grilled chicken, cut up brownies and took to Hinckleys. Two other sisters prepared rolls, fruit salad, veggies and a potato dish for them. The Bishop had a gallbladder operation and two hernias repaired!! Watched the taped episode of Wives and Daughters. Mer had the monitor removed but knows nothing about what it recorded, as yet.

Apr. 13 - Kay and Don went with us to the Tabernacle to hear "The Redeemer", a sacred musical service by Robert Cundick. It was a beautiful performance. The Tabernacle Choir and the Temple Square Orchestra played and sang. There were also six soloists. Nice evening.

Apr. 14 - Talked to John a short time. Talked to Mark, also a short time. Called Judy Owen and talked to her two hours. Mer mowed the lawn and felt no more tired than usual.

Apr. 15 - Easter Sunday. Very inspirational Sacrament Mtg. Went to C & L's for an early dinner between the end of our meetings and the beginning of theirs. Good food and short visit. Came home and Mer read to me for two hours. Barbara in Logan with Yvonne. Mer called Gaye and she has been in the hospital 5 days with bleeding ulcers in her stomach and other problems.

Apr. 16 - Dr. Sawchuk gave me a steroid injection. I watched it on a monitor and could see the curved needle go right into the correct spot. It didn't hurt much. Hope it helps. Watched the third episode of "Wives and Daughters."

Apr. 17 - Games - - all four of us sisters. Kay won both games.

Apr. 18 - Temple service. Worked outside 2 ½ hours. I can bend over or kneel down and do a little bit. Felt good - hope I can do more. Mer cut off the limbs of the big pine tree and trimmed it up. Looks really nice now.

Apr. 19 - Hair cut and style. Shopping. My computer monitor died - DRAT!! Today it is 72 hours since my steroid shot and I am supposed to be able to tell a difference in my pain if it is going to help me and I feel no difference yet. Kay called Gary about my monitor

and he said it is not worth fixing so I have to buy a new one.

Apr. 20 - Gary said he has an old monitor I can have if I want it and I do. Kay went to Gary's and picked the monitor up for me. July O called us and she is feeling a lot better, which is great. Went to Hale Theater and saw "Charlie's Aunt" - very funny and well done. All eight of us came here after for ice cream and visiting.

Apr. 21 - Went to L & C's and took care of the kids for 4 hours. Casey brought the monitor and Mer installed it but it needed something more done to it to make it work. Gary said he would come do it.

Apr. 22 - Sunday. Ruby Ruflin in the hospital again and probably dying. Barbara not here for dinner. Mer and I went to the Stake Center for closed circuit dedication of Winter Quarters Temple. I enjoyed it. I used the same handkerchief I used for the Palmyra Temple dedication for the Hosanna Shout. Watched "Ben Hur."

Apr. 23 - Went VT got three of my sisters. Mer and I went to the Cottonwood Hospital to see Ruby. She is conscious & mentally sharp & pleasant to talk with. We used gift certificates from Mark and Dixie and went to "Applebee's" for dinner. Nice not to have to cook. Watched the last episode of "Wives and Daughters." Good series.

Apr. 24 - Games with sisters. Clint called and said he may get laid-off tomorrow. We hope not. He "talked me through" and I made the adjustments to use the monitor. Poor definition, so Gary will still come and straighten it out when he can make time for it.

Apr. 25 - Temple Sealings but not work in the laundry. Picked Lori up and went to a Bridal Shower for Melanie Spears in Provo. It was a brunch, so held in the middle of the day. Mer took care of Randy so Lori could go - - bless his heart! Went VT to Lois E. Clint did get "excessed". They are not too upset though as they feel he will be able to get another job before long.

Apr. 26 - Hair-do and shopping. Went to see Ruby and took her a pint of washed., fresh strawberries. Her granddaughter was cutting and curling her hair! Called and talked to the Bullocks. Gary came and gave me a newer monitor as he had just bought a new computer, key board, monitor, and speakers. He installed and adjusted everything so I'm back in business. Very nice of him!

Apr. 27 - New stove arrived and after reading the owner's manual I don't like it at all. The smooth top is a pain if a person really cooks a lot. Can't even use a pressure cooker on it! We will exchange it for one with coils. Went out to the airport to see Heather off for NH for the summer.

Apr. 28 - Mer took Morris C. to the eye Dr. then up to visit Leonard Berge. We went and picked out a different stove. I will be happier now. Will get it next week some time. Learned that Gaye fell again and has broken her hip and that's just awful.

Apr. 29 - Sunday. Went out to D & G's for Jeff Ammon's birthday (early) and Sarah's birthday (earlier). All the family there. Alex very friendly - even said he loves us, when we said it first!

Apr. 30 - Mer went to Cottonwood Hosp. for an angiogram. It showed "significant" blockage again and in the small arteries where it is impossible to do by-pass surgery. That is bad news.

**May 1, 2001** - RUBY RUFLIN died. Games with sisters.

May 2 - Temple service. Made some calls on funeral luncheon. RS Board meeting at Pam Hickman's.

May 3 - Hair-do and shopping. Many calls to arrange for funeral luncheon.  
May 4 - Filled 84 plastic Easter eggs for the egg "hunt" when all the family comes for our anniversary. Glad that is done. Doesn't sound like much of a job but it is!!!  
May 5 - Got my new stove today - - YEA!! Ruby's funeral. At the church from 9:00 to 4:00. Lots of sisters helped - - bless them all. Went to Hunter's singing group and it was a cute program. He sang a duet with another little boy. Watched "Fiddler On The Roof."  
May 6 - Sunday. Barbara here. Baked rolls in my new oven and it worked great. Can't see into this oven like the old one which was at eye level but suppose I'll get used to it. Did some reading in between church and dinner.  
May 8 - Went to L & C's to tend Hunter and Randy while Lori went on a Field Trip with Marnie's class. There from 8:30 to 2:00. Kids were good.  
May 9 - Temple service. I went to see Dr. Jeffery Margetts, a neurosurgeon and he says I need a back operation. Gave me some pain killer that is not a steroid nor habit forming to get me through the next couple of week's activities. Went to airport to welcome J & J and 5 kids. M & D paid for their airfare or they could not have come, which is most generous of them. J & J will rent a 7 person van. They will stay at Acomb's.  
May 10 - Hair-do and shopping. Picked up Mark, Dixie & 3 kids at the airport. They will stay with us and use the Cadillac. Kids excited to be here and it is fun. I had bought a big Papa Murphy's pizza for dinner and they loved it.

May 11 - **BIG 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.** This began with picture

taking up Little Cottonwood Canyon where the granite was quarried for building the temple and also the Conference Center. There was a professional photographer for this. There were 30 of us in the flesh and one six months along in the "basket". This turned out to be Charlotte who was born on Aug 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Lori, each family wore different colored T-shirts which makes it easy to see who belongs to each family. Doug and family were in grey, John and family were in red, Mark and family were in yellow, Lori and family were in blue and Mer and I were in forest green, and all wore levis or dark colored pants. We really looked great! (Lori went to the store and picked out the T-shirts, which was no easy task. What with 30 shirts to buy and all the different sizes and the adult shirts being in one area and the kid shirts in another part of the store, it became time consuming and a challenge!!!)

It was quite a process getting all the pictures taken as there were family groups, couples, siblings with parents, the whole tribe, and just siblings. This took quite a lot of time so there was just a little time to relax before we had to get ready to go to the Joseph Smith Memorial Building where Mark & Dixie had reserved the Kirtland Room for our anniversary celebration, which featured a wonderful catered dinner! Mark and Dixie had purchased favors for everyone for after dinner. They were the most cunning boxes shaped so that the closure looked like a bow and the boxes held two delicious chocolates. Everyone loved them. There was enough food to feed twice as many people as were there and after the evening was over we were able to take part of it with us as it had all been paid for. I know that a lot went to waste as they can't save any for another party nor give it to soup kitchens because it is against the law - - really makes me feel sick to see such waste and also knowing that there are hungry people who would have loved having it.

The Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg. is an elegant place and I never thought we would have a party there, but Mark & Dixie paid for EVERY THING and we are overwhelmed by their

generosity and caring. Besides the 29 immediate family members they had us invite our siblings and their mates and Jackie and Lud and Clint and Nina and their family, of course, however, Ray & Kirma couldn't come from AZ, nor Clint & family nor Shirley & Hilton from TX. Al and Leah were sick. Jeffery Ammon was also not able to attend. I am sorry that anyone had to miss out on this special time.

There was a table set up and some pictures from our past displayed. There was a piano and the grandchildren did impromptu playing, which we enjoyed a lot. Mark was the Master of Ceremonies and did an outstanding job. Our kids each took a turn talking and said many nice things about us, which we appreciated a great deal, then they had Mer and me say what we wanted. When Mer did his part he included singing the song "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" by Victor Herbert and everyone really enjoyed it. I really don't like speaking and hadn't prepared anything so don't feel like I expressed myself very well - not about our family nor our gratitude for what they did for us. Joyce had a beautiful counted cross-stitch hanging started which commemorates our anniversary, which she displayed, then took it home to finish and had it framed beautifully and it now hangs on our livingroom wall. She is an expert stitcher so every stitch is PERFECT! All in all this was a very busy, most successful day!!!!

May 12 - Mer has struggled to hide the Easter Eggs in the yard and each year feels there is just no place to hide that many so it was decided that each father would hide the eggs for his own family (except for his own eggs which would be hidden by one of the other fathers). Mer had made a diagram of the yard and had run off copies so each "hider" could mark where he hid the eggs. As is stated on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> I had filled 84 eggs, so that was a lot to be hidden. This worked out very well and was a big relief for Mer. Each person had 3 eggs to find. The eggs are marked with their initials and they are told what color or combination of colors they are and they are not to take any egg that is not his or her own, and they are not to tell someone else where one of their eggs is hidden. It is such fun to watch them all hunting and this usually takes quite a bit of time.

After the egg hunt we went to Liberty Park for our annual picnic and playing in the park. Since my leg was hurting so much Dixie took over this whole big picnic job and did it wonderfully well. She will need to "crash" when she gets back to OR and recuperate!

By the time the picnic was over and we cleaned up and were ready to leave my leg "froze up" on me and I had to stop walking every few steps & give it a rest. Thought someone would have to carry me to the car but managed to get there. We ate left-overs for supper so that was easy. The kids all had to have baths and shampoos so that pretty well occupied the evening time, along with their usual go-to-bed routine. This was another busy, fun day. It is great having all the family together again.

May 13 - Sunday, and it was Mother's Day and there was a nice program at church. Mark, Dixie and children and Mer and I went to L & C's for dinner. Andrew had to help plan, prepare and serve a cook-out dinner to earn a Cub Scout award, so we had grilled franks and hamburgers, fruit salad, chips, veggies & dip and etc. Also ate left-overs from our anniversary bash. Later D & G and family came for dessert. John, Joyce and children went to Acombs for dinner and visiting time with them and Joyce's siblings and families.

May 14 - Mark, Dixie and kids, Lori & 3 kids and we went to see "The Testaments" at the Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg. After that they went to lunch and Mer and I went to the airport to see John and family off for NH. We then went to a different terminal and saw Mark and family off for Oregon. The timing worked out just perfectly. Went to the wedding reception for Clint and Eris' granddaughter.

May 15 - Went to Willard to attend the funeral for Roy Lemon who was a high school classmate

of Mer's. We picked up Clint and Eris Holmes. This took most of the day. Came home and began the washing of sheets and putting the rooms back together and the usual cleanup after having company.

May 16 - Temple service. We drove in on the freeway for the first time in several years and it was very speedy and convenient. Will go that way all the time now.

May 17 - Hair-do and shopping. Arraigned for food to be taken into Jolene Jackson for a few days.

May 18 - Jeri's birthday and I mailed her a card but it will be too late. Mer and I went to see Dr. Miller and found out he had not talked to the surgeon so we know nothing more. Sat there for 1 ½ hours before seeing the Dr. Very aggravating!! Bought Mer some much needed new everyday shoes. Bought and planted 36 tomato plants.

May 19 - Took care of Marnie, Hunter and Randy from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Lori went to the temple then she and Chris went out to dinner. Mer and I went to "Sweet Tomato" for dinner, using two gift coupons from M & D. They gave me \$50.00 worth for Mother's Day even after all they did for our anniversary!!

May 20 - Sunday. Barbara came and we had dinner then drove to Ogden to visit Gaye in the nursing home. She has four breaks in her hip so they put in a steel plate with screws and she can't put any weight on that leg for weeks. She is doing quite well but is most "antsy" being there. Her daughter, Gwen, came to see her and we had a nice visit. Gwen is such a lively spirit it is fun to be around her.

May 21 - I am still driving to the park and meeting Kay after she walks so we can talk an hour or so. This is needed therapy for both of us. Mer went to Bountiful to the viewing for Ivan Kokerhans but I didn't go. I picked up a sister ward member at the Dr office and drove her home. Worked outside a few hours. I look really silly as I have to do it all bending over as that is the least painful position. Wrote some thank you notes.

May 22 - Games with my sisters. Rewrote five thank you notes as I had misspelled a simple word.

May 23 - Temple service. Mer went Home Teaching then he went with me to see Dr. Margetts and he showed Mer my MRI pictures and explained the operation to him. He thinks I can put it off without causing any further problems if I can stand the pain.

May 24 - Hair-do and shopping a little. Bought 7 potted chrysanthemums for Memorial Day. Went VT to Lois Eatchel. Mer repaired and rehung the storm door. The wind had caught it and slammed it open with such force it bent the hinges! We are glad he could repair it.

May 25 - We read for 1 ½ hours this morning, which is the first time since the 6<sup>th</sup>. Need to get back to that. Went VT to Mildred. Talked to Jeanne on the phone. Mer fertilized the lawns.

May 26 - Lori's birthday.

May 27 - Sunday. Sister Missionaries and Barbara here for dinner. We and Barbara went out to Chris & L's to celebrate Lori's birthday.

May 28 - Went out to my brother Doug's grave and for the first time someone had put a flower there. It is because Charles Parker (Midge's father) is now buried there, too. Went up to Brigham City Cemetery and put flowers there. Went with Harold and Norma to Marie Richardson's for "chips & chat". Ate at the "Peach City" with Harold and Norma. Went on a nostalgic drive (for Mer) around Brigham City with H & N for 2 ½ hours. Mer really enjoyed that.

May 29 - We four sisters and our husbands went for a late lunch at the "Stuff Noodle" then went to Nebeker's to play "Oh, H" and "Fan Tan". Nice time together - - lucky us! Went VT to Donna Edwards.

May 30 - Temple service. Doug, Gwen and 7 kids left for Washington, D C for the wedding and reception for Jeffery Ammon and Melanie Spears. They bought a 15 person van to handle them and their luggage.

May 31 - To Melanie Hancey's for a permanent.

**June 1, 2001** - Gwen and Doug on the way to D C so Barbara and Pauline were the only ones with us and we went to Hale Theater to see "Westside Story." Lori and Chris will see it later.

June 2 - Called Judy O and talked a long time. She has had 5 teeth pulled and the bridge work replacement cost over \$3,000. OUCH!!! We went to "Sweet Tomato" for dinner.

June 3 - Stake Conference. Ben B. Banks was the visiting general authority. His wife came with him and both of them talked and they are both good speakers and very enjoyable. Called Hilton and Shirley and sang them a belated Happy Birthday. Barbara here for dinner. She and Mer are a little "testy" with each other so it is less than enjoyable. Also, we are a little tired of playing "Shanghi."

June 4 - Went to St. Mark's hospital for preregistration and surgery packet. They took another x-ray of my back and did an EKG. Will go to hospital at 6:00 AM in the morning. Mer and George Young gave me a blessing and I am very calm.

June 5 - Dr Margetts did the surgery and everything went according to plan. He is a very good surgeon.

June 6 & 7 - The intense pain is now gone from my leg and I am thrilled beyond expression! They have gotten me up for therapy and say I am doing very well. Dr. Margetts came to see me and said he was going out of town for a few days and another Dr would be a backup for him. He said he wanted me moved to another unit (the TCC) for additional therapy on the 8<sup>th</sup>. He said he was going to Southern Utah for a vacation but that he had a cell phone and if they needed to get in touch with him they were to call. This was rather unusual, I think. Anyway, a girl that was supervising my therapy said she thought I was well enough along that I could go home and they became quite "pushy".

June 8 - A nurse came into my room and said "What are you still doing here? I thought you had gone home." I told her that Dr Margetts wanted me moved to the TCC and who was I supposed to take orders from, from him or a backup Dr. I told her what he had said about calling him on his cell phone if they needed to and at that point I think they decided I was a friend of his and they better not try to force me to leave the hospital early. They acted very annoyed but moved me to the other unit. There another nurse came in and had to take down all the information on me again and while doing it said that she had had instructions to "pamper" me!! That was fine with me as I certainly didn't feel up to going home yet.

There was a Collier Family Reunion held in Vernal, UT on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and Kay and Bea went and really had a good time.

June 9 & 10 - Therapy several times each day and instructions on how to care properly for myself upon going home. No bending, no twisting, no lifting and etc.

June 11 - Came home from the hospital. I still have some pain - sort of like the pain has been there for so long that the shadow of it is still there. I suppose it will go away sometime.

Quite a few people came to see me in the hospital and I received some beautiful flowers. Lori & Chris brought a rectangle shaped box made of small vertical branches (very rustic) and planted

with many beautiful plants. I only hope I don't kill them off too soon! Indoor plants have a very hard life in our house. In fact, I have given up to the point that I never buy them for us myself. So we will see how they survive - - IF they do.

June 12 through 19<sup>th</sup> - Spent much time in bed. Did very little. Listened to audio tapes telling a story called "Children of the Promise" and enjoyed that. Did exercises every day prescribed by Dr Margetts. Walked for ½ hour at a time 2 or 3 times per day around the bedroom, down the hall, around the kitchen and livingroom and back down the hall. Many people came and brought us food although I had given strict instructions to the RS not to be sending around a sign up list as we didn't need anything and I didn't want people bringing in dinner for we could manage just fine.

No list was sent around but some neighbors brought things anyway, and it was really appreciated. I felt that those who came really wanted to do it or they wouldn't have made the effort. I kept a list of all those people so I could write thank you notes, which I did, but wish I had kept the list, which I didn't.

June 20 - Mer went to do temple service.

June 21 - I shampooed my hair in the shower (I hate showers !) and that sweet Melanie H. came here and did my hair. VERY nice of her.

June 22 - Mer picked up Mark at the airport and they went directly to the wedding breakfast and then to the reception for Jeff Ammon and Melanie.

June 23 - Mark showed me the video he took of the wedding reception and etc. Great to be able to see it in action since I couldn't be there. Mark went out to visit with Lori and family about 4:00 PM and got back here at 4:00 AM!!! Crazy kids!! They had a very good time together.

June 24 - Mark went to Sacramento Meeting with Mer. We had dinner, then visited and played Rummikub.

June 25 - Mer took Mark to the airport. Mer drove me to see Dr Margetts. He said I am doing very well.

June 27 - Mer went to do temple service.

June 29 - Mer picked up Clint Hastings at the airport. He slept here. Nina and the kids are in Circleville visiting her dad.

June 30 - Nina and kids came early - got Clint and went to a Whitaker family reunion at her sister's home. They bought Arbys for all of us. We opened bottles of pop and that was dinner. Nina bathed the kids and then we watched "To Kill A Mockingbird."

**July 1, 2001** - Sunday. Mer went to church. Clint & Nina let the kids sleep in. Curtis, Nicole and I played two games of "Battleship", then they ate breakfast and left at 11:00 for Elko, NV to visit Earl Hastings and his wife. Mer and I ate canned Sweet and Sour Chicken over dry noodles for our dinner.

July 2 - Alex' birthday.

July 3 - Watched half of "My Fair Lady."

July 4 - This was the first time in years that I haven't been to the flag raising ceremony in Murray Park. Mer went and met Lori, Chris and the kids. He didn't stay for the Lion's Club breakfast but he did give L & C money to pay for theirs, as we always buy for them. He came home and later on we watched the other half of "My Fair Lady", then watched "1776." When it was dark we watched the fire works from our kitchen window.

July 5 - Mer drove me out to Melanie's for my hairdo but she forgot I was coming and had gone

to do her other job, which is permanent makeup. Shopped a little at Macey's.  
July 6 - Out to Melanie's again for hairdo. To L & C's to celebrate Randy's birthday.  
Didn't stay very long.  
July 7 - Went to Jim and Deanna's home for an ice cream social they sponsored for George Krebs. He has put in his full 5 years in prison and is now released. This has been such a nightmare for all the Krebs and I hope things will begin to open up for George and that he can get a job and get on with his life.  
July 8 - Sunday. Out to D & G's for a three-birthday celebration. Amy won the candle race.  
July 9 - Party at Murray Park with Brimhalls, Cashes and Nebekers.  
July 11 - Temple closed.  
July 12 - Started using Efudex on my face. This is to bring to the surface all precancerous spots and kill the cancer cells. The tube of Efudex is a tiny one and cost \$100. so I hope it works.  
Went to Melanie's for hairdo and then went shopping.  
July 14 - We visited Gaye in the Ogden Hospital. Keith Mose called and had a nice talk with Mer.  
July 15 - Sunday. I went to Sacrament Meeting. Called Mary Gail. Went for a walk around the neighborhood - a first for us. Visited with people along the way.  
July 16 - Jimmy's birthday.  
July 17 - Went to Randy Black, dentist. Home Teachers came.  
July 18 - Mer to temple. Judy O called me and we talked for two hours. Went up to the Spruces for family camping. We were there for 5 ½ hours. It was fun so we will go more days next year.  
July 19 - Hairdo and grocery shopping.  
July 20 - Went to Hale Theater and saw "A Bundle of Trouble." VERY, VERY FUNNY!  
July 21 - Dotty came and visited and brought me two large cans of tomato soup which was delicious.  
July 22 - Sunday. Mer picked up Bill Olsen for church. He is not supposed to drive his car any more. I went to Sacrament Mtg even though my face looks just awful because of the Efudex doing its job. Barbara here for dinner. Picked our first cucumber for the season.  
July 23 - Dr. Crawford said my face is doing fine and for me to come back in Oct for a checkup, which I have no intentions of doing. Dr Margetts said I am doing very well. I can now bend and twist but need to be careful and not over do. I can stop showering and can sit down in the tub again. YEA! I am to go back in Oct. for a check up.  
July 24 - Drove the car today! Kay and I walked both loops in the park, then talked. Played games with Kay and Bea and it was fun. Larsen family get together at "Archibald's", then to Barbara's for dessert and visiting.  
July 25 - Mer to temple. Out to L & C's to celebrate Hunter's birthday. Hunter won the candle race.  
July 26 - Perm and grocery shopping.  
July 28 - Walked ½ hour with Mer. Keith came and visited about 2 hours. Mark called us.  
July 29 - Sunday. Went to Sacrament Mtg even though my face was peeling and even heavy makeup couldn't hide it! I will be glad when this mess is over. Barbara here. Played Shanghai and 3 games of Rummikub. After she went home Mer and I went for a short walk.  
July 30 - Walked with Kay. Went VT to Donna E and Mildred R in person; talked to Freddie C., Lois E. and Jeanne F on the phone.

July 31 - Walked. Games with my sisters.

August 1, 2001 - Mer to temple. He stayed and worked in the laundry for 7 hours as they were so short on help.

Aug. 3 - Went up to Thayne's cabin for a get together of the Brigham City group. Very enjoyable evening, as always, when we are with that group.

Aug. 4 - Walked with Mer 1 hour. Went to Amy's baptism at 6:00 PM.

Aug. 5 - Sunday. I went to Sacrament Meeting only. Barbara came for dinner, then we drove up to see Gaye. Talked to John.

Aug. 6 - Mer and I rode the whole Trax line just for the fun of it. Went to see the movie "Brigham City" and really liked it.

Aug. 7 - Went to Randy Black and had a molar pulled as it could not be saved. Played games with my sisters. Home Teachers came.

Aug. 8 - I finally went back to the temple and we did two Sealing Sessions. I then drove home and Mer stayed to work in the laundry. He caught Trax and I picked him up at the 45<sup>th</sup> So. stop.

Aug. 9 - Hairdo and shopping. Enrichment meeting and it was a fun evening and well attended.

Aug. 12 - Sunday. I attended all three meetings today. Barbara not here. Called Bullocks and had nice visit. Went out to L & C's for dinner. Very nice of them to invite us out.

Aug. 13 - Kay's birthday. My VT came. Took dinner to Jim Ganske. Also arranged for two more meals to be taken to him.

Aug. 14 - I went out to Lori's about 9:00 PM. Lou was there until I came.

\*\*\*CHARLOTTE WEINTZ born 10:30 PM - 7#3oz - 18 3/4 inches long.\*\*\* Chris came home at 1:30 AM then I came home.

Aug. 15 - Mer to temple alone. Went to St. Mark's Hospital to see Lori and the baby. She is so CUTE. Took Lori some flowers.

Aug. 16 - Suzanna's birthday which we will celebrate Sunday. Hairdo and shopping.

Aug. 18 - Chris had a Triathlon so I went out there at 7:30 and stayed until 4:30. Charlotte is a good baby. Lori is doing quite well. The kids are crazy about the baby, of course. Mer and I put Roundup on the orchard grass that is growing in the Blue Rug tams. Very tricky job. He held the grass in clumps and I stroked it with a sponge dipped in the Roundup. Hope it does the job without harming the tams. We were very careful and if this doesn't work the grass will continue to grow up through the tams and always look a mess.

Aug. 19 - I went to all 3 meetings again. Went out to D & G's for dinner and to celebrate Suzie's birthday 3 days late. All I furnished was tomatoes, cucumbers and 40 rolls (all were eaten). All of Doug's family were there except for Ammon and Melanie. I won the candle race.

Aug. 20 - Walked - and it is so wonderful to be able to do so again!! Cleaned the kitchen and utility room floor (on my knees) while Mer read to me. It took 2 1/2 hours. Went to the Amber for dinner. D & G and the whole family left for a trip and camping down in the Grand Canyon on the Havasupai Indian reservation. It is a big undertaking as all their gear, food, clothing and equipment has to be carried in and they charge by the pound!! They will be gone until Saturday.

Aug. 21 - I arranged for dinner to be taken to Heather Pehrson. She was in labor 40 hours and refused to have a C-section. Rough! Mark, Dixie and family arrived late evening. I had

made chicken noodle soup so had something for them to eat. I rested on the bed 3 times during the day as my back needed it.

Aug. 22 - To temple. I did 2 Sealing Sessions then came home. Everyone was still sleeping. Mark and family went to Lagoon. Got home about midnight. They had a fun time. Mer, Casey and I went to the viewing for Marjorie Collier, Palmer's wife. Palmer had gone home but we saw and visited with all their BIG sons, and with Ina May.

Aug. 23 - Hairdo. Came home to visit with M, D and kids until they went to L & C's. They had dinner together. I went grocery shopping after they left. Pulled the orchard grass a little and it is dying and I'm very glad.

Aug. 24 - M, D & kids took Lori's 3 kids to the park and to lunch to give Lori some "down" time. Bless them!! Fixed coleslaw, watermelon, tomatoes and cucumbers; took Moose Bars and Monkey bars and went to L & C's with M & D & the kids for dinner. Nice time together. Got home late.

Aug. 25 - Mark, Dixie and kids sleep in late every morning, then take a long time getting away to where they are going. They went to the Distribution Center and the Conference Center. Came home and we all went to "Sweet Tomato" for dinner. I love not having to cook. I prepare scrambled eggs for the kids for breakfast and they love them. Doug, Gwen and family arrived home safely. Good! They had a great family togetherness time and it was an out-of-the-ordinary vacation.

Aug. 26 - Sunday. Dixie and Gwen went to Temple Square to hear and see the Tabernacle Choir broadcast. M, D and kids and Mer and me here for dinner, then they went to D & G's for the evening. Came home late, of course. Our Stake has dissolved the 1st and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wards and divided them up among the remaining wards. We get back 3 more apartment buildings: the Feldspar, the Camilla and the Hyde Park and two homes. This will give us about 75 new people. They will start coming to our meetings next week. The reason for this is that in our area there are now 60% non LDS to 40% LDS people. It used to be the reverse not too many years ago. Things do change and adjustments have to be made. We hear that there are some really great members living in the apartments so they will be most welcome.

Aug. 27 - M, D and kids left about 3:00 PM for Boise. I started washing sheets, towels and etc. I watched an old Betty Davis movie "Now Voyager" and I liked it but Mer didn't so he did figuring of our finances, which are not very encouraging.

Aug. 28 - Played games with my sisters. Lori brought the 3 kids here while she took Charlotte for her first check-up. She has gained 1#, which is very good. It's been quite awhile since the kids were here and they enjoyed it. Didn't get a rest today and got quite tired.

Mark called and they arrived in Boise safely.

Aug. 29 - To temple. Did Sealings then I came home. Mer worked in the laundry for 4 hours then caught the Trax to 45<sup>th</sup> and I picked him up. Went VT to Lois and Mildred. Took Mildred a Forever Living Products Liquid Soap for her birthday.

Aug. 30 - Hairdo. VT to Donna E. Jeanne canceled-out on me.

Aug. 31 - Elliot Rachlin came with his parents, Morris and Vera, who are visiting from Florida. Had a nice visit. Ate brownies and ice cream. Went to Hale Theater and saw "Lucky Stiff" - a slap-stick play that I liked but Mer didn't. Lori and Chris will go next week while I tend the kids. She doesn't want to leave the new baby with a regular sitter and that's fine with me.

**September 1, 2001** - Mer and I watched "Shadow Lands" again. It is such a good movie. Really gives us a lift.

Sept. 2 - Sunday. Barbara here for dinner. Played games and visited..

Sept. 3 - Mer and I went to visit Gaye in the assisted living home. She is very unhappy and miserable. We hope she can go home soon. Went to "Antelope Island" for a couple of hours. Went to dinner with Dotty at "Robetinos". I didn't know it was Italian food but was able to eat something not too bad, (which means it was not too spicy.)

Sept. 4 - Natalie's birthday. Mer sat with Bill Olsen for 3 hours plus while Eloise got a perm. I drove her to the beauty salon, then I went to Cottonwood Mall for awhile. Went to the Social Security office for a duplicate card but about 40 plus people were in line so I left. Went to Fashion Place Mall and bought a dress.

Sept. 5 - Temple service. After doing Sealings I went in the laundry for 1 hour. Went to St. Mark's Hospital to see Renate Kline. Took her a bottle of aloe juice. Opened a new checking account at Zion's Bank (in Smith's Market), for my FLP account.

Sept. 6 - Hairdo and shopping.

Sept. 7 - Went to visit Harold and Norma awhile. It was Mer's 58<sup>th</sup> class reunion and Yvonne invited us to sleep at her home after it was over so we went to her house to change our clothes but she was not home so we had to change in her garage. The class reunion was held at the "Sherwood Hills" golf course building, which is a nice place to meet. Had a good time. Our Brigham City group sat at the same table for dinner. We went back to Logan after and Yvonne was home and we did sleep there.

Sept. 8 - Yvonne prepared us a very nice breakfast. We visited awhile than returned home. Went to L & C's to tend the kids from 2:00 to 9:00. They went to the matinee at Hale Theater, then out to dinner, then to Fashion Place Mall for whatever. It was not physically tiring but my nerves were worn out as Randy and Hunter were being pesky with each other. Charlotte is just a darling, of course! Marnie was VERY helpful - bless her!

Sept. 9 - Sunday. Went to RS and SS at our ward then came home and cooked rolls, sliced cucumbers and etc. to take to dinner at D & G's. D & G spoke in their Sacrament Meeting. We went to all of their meetings. Celebrated Natalie's birthday. Doug won the candle race even though his candle was the 1<sup>st</sup> to fall down. It had a lot of wax to burn on the plate.

Sept. 11 - There was a terrible **TERRORIST ATTACK** that destroyed both of the World Trade Center buildings and hit the Pentagon. Four of our own commercial airplanes were hi-jacked and used as missals by suicide groups. Most dreadful!!!! A 4<sup>th</sup> plane crashed in Pennsylvania. Mer and I went to Roy, UT and bought 2 bushels of peaches and two big sliver Hubbard squash. Got them at Roy Lemon's stand which is called "Grammy's". His son is now running the farm and the produce stand. I bottled 7 quarts of tomatoes off our garden.

Sept. 12 - Temple service. After Sealings I stayed one hour in the laundry. Came home and bottled 42 quarts of peaches.

Sept. 13 - Hair-do and shopping. Bottled 7 more quarts of tomatoes and 25 quarts of peaches.

Enrichment night and it was on reading for kids and adults.

Sept. 16 - Sunday. Barbara here. Another bad tragedy: Freddy Tuckey was driving drunk and killed an 18 year old boy on a motorcycle. I feel so sorry for Leah and Al as well as for Freddy. He has a very bad record and he drove away from the crash, so is in BIG trouble.

Sept. 19 - Temple service. Stayed in the laundry 3 hours today, by then the work was done so we both came home.

Sept. 20 - Hairdo and shopping.  
Sept. 21 - Mer and I went to see the "Golden Lane" down in Granite Flats. It was the second most beautiful we have ever seen it. We climbed up to the moss rocks, too. It is so amazing to me to be so near pain free and able to walk and climb a little. Never thought I'd be able to do that again. Took care of L & C's kids so they could eat out for their anniversary.  
Sept. 22 - Bottled 18 quarts of tomatoes. Called John.  
Sept. 23 - Sunday. Barbara here.  
Sept. 24 - Went VT and got two. Freddy Tuckey out of jail and not charged with anything as yet. Dinner at Bea and Cliff's with Kay and Don. It was a trout-fry on their patio. It was a delicious meal and was good to be together.  
Sept. 25 - Went VT and got two more sisters visited.  
Sept. 26 - Temple service including 4 full hours in the laundry. Went VT to Lois E.  
Sept. 27 - Hairdo and shopping. Went on a VT blitz to visit those who are not yet assigned to anyone. We had 10 sisters to contact.  
Sept. 29 - Went to the funeral for Ray Johnson at the Murray 8<sup>th</sup> Ward. Made cookies for after the baptism tomorrow. Mark called..  
Sept. 30 - Sunday. Barbara not here. Went to the baptism for Mabel Allred.. She is an ex-polygamist whose husband, Rulon, was murdered many years ago by a rival polygamist group. So many people attended it looked like a Sacrament Meeting!!!

**October 1, 2001** - Bea, Cliff, Don, Kay, Mer and I took a picnic and went to Big Cottonwood Canyon. We walked down into Redman camp ground but it is still not usable. We ate our lunch by Silver Lake and then walked around it.  
Oct. 2 - Games with sisters. I went to Welfare Square and dry packed 10 cans of food for our storage. It is very quick and easy and fun to do. Also helped Leslie Eatchel can a bunch for herself and some others. It was fun.  
Oct. 3 - Temple service. We did our two Sealing Sessions with a young man here from Italy. He will be an interpreter at General Conference. Neat experience working with him. We were through by 11:45 as there wasn't a whole lot of laundry.  
Oct. 5 - Went to Hale Theater and saw "Heaven Can Wait."  
Oct. 6 - General Conference. Doug, Conrad, Jimmy and Chris met Mer at the Stake Center for Priesthood Meeting. After it was over they came here and had ice cream. I had gone out to spend the time with Lori and the grandkids. We watched a movie and had munchies.  
Oct. 7 - General Conference. Mabel Allred blacked out and fell in her bathroom, hitting her head on the tub. They took her to the hospital and operated and installed a pacemaker. She has stress fractures in her back and won't be able to come to church for weeks!! This happened the day after her baptism - - bummer.  
Oct. 10 - Temple service.  
Oct. 11 - Enrichment night. They were doing crafts, so I just visited with Pam Hickman and others.  
Oct. 12 - Took care of the kids so Lori and Chris could go to the play at Hale Theater.  
Oct. 13 - Went out on "Pennies By the Inch" drive. Visited Mabel Allred. She is in a lot of pain but is doing as well as can be expected.  
Oct. 14 - Sunday. Called Judy O and talked to her for 2 hours. There was a Temple Devotional on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the temple and Pres. Hinckley was the speaker. It was great. He told us lots of interesting things about the filming of the temple ordinances so they could be used

with all languages. The 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the temple was where it was done and lots of rocks, trees and plants and etc had to be brought in to accomplish this with the privacy necessary. He said that the padded chairs at both ends of the room were covered with sheets to protect them and sometimes he was so tired at night he would crawl under the sheet and go to sleep.

Oct. 17 - Temple service.

Oct. 21 - Sunday. Barbara here.

Oct. 22 - Lori asked me to make Marnie a Halloween costume so I cut it out and started sewing. She will be a princess.

Oct. 23 - No games. Sewed on costume.

Oct. 24 - Temple service. Sewed, but needed to try it on Marnie so drove out there. It fits fine. Chris is going to sew a dragon costume for Hunter - - it just tickles me that he has the confidence and is willing to tackle such a project.

Oct. 25 - Hairdo and shopping. Did some shopping for John and Mildred Redd.

Marnie was not happy with the sleeves on her costume as they looked too bare as they were made of netting. I went out and put a second sleeve in made of the regular fabric and it looks better. It was a "pesky" job.

Oct. 26 - Out to Marnie's and Hunter's school to see the kids parade in their costumes. There were lots of fancy ones and must have cost a small fortune. I thought what I made was pretty fancy until I saw other "princesses" and then, by comparison, it was quite plain. Marnie liked it and that is all that matters. Chris did a good job on Hunter's dragon costume - - it was made out of felt and had a long spiked tail and was a real project. Mer and I went to the Assembly Hall for a concert and it was enjoyable.

Oct. 27 - We had two sister missionaries here for dinner. Both are from the south but neither of them had a southern accent. They are quite cute.

Oct. 28 - Sunday. Primary program in our ward and it was excellent. Cooked 40 rolls for dinner. Went to L & C's ward for their Primary program. Went to D & G's for dinner. All the kids were there but Alex. Mary Crozier (cousin) and her male friend were there, also.

Birthday celebration for Conrad and Gwen and Mary. It was so hectic we forgot to have a candle race! Had games and FHE.

Oct. 29 - Washing. Went outside and cut down the perennials. Went to visit Mabel Allred.

Oct. 30 - Conrad and Chris' birthday. Games with my sisters. Birthday dinner at Lori's and Chris' for his celebration.

Oct. 31 - Temple service. Trick or treaters came and we had quite a few.

**November 1, 2001** - Melanie in Mexico so no hairdo.

Nov. 2 - Sisters and husbands to dinner at "Home Town Buffet" 2:30. Nebekers after to play games.

Nov. 3 - Gary bought me a new monitor and I paid for it with my aloe money. It cost \$160.00. Kay said she planned to pay for it herself but I refused her generous offer. She is one neat sister! Gary came and installed it and also cleaned up my hard drive a little. I really appreciate his help.

Nov. 4 - Sunday. Went to L & C's ward for Charlotte's blessing, which was very nice. Had dinner at our house with Barbara. Played Rummikub. Went to D & G's and picked up

Heather and drove her back to BYU.

Nov. 6 - Played games with my sisters. Gwen's birthday.

Nov. 7 - Harold's birthday and he is 81. Temple service, then went to the Veterans Hospital for Mer to get assigned to a Dr. I sat in the car 2 hours. Hurried home and went to Melanie's for hairdo. Shopping at Macey's for Redds and us.

Nov. 8 - Walked, then Nebekers left for Mesa for the winter - - - - -SIGH.- - ☹ .

Nov. 9 - Larsen dinner at Maddox 12:00 with Harold and Norma, Barbara, Dotty, Yvonne, Mer and me. To Harold's after for dessert and visiting. Dotty brought two cakes and Norma had ice cream. Gary came and worked on my computer again and got it working. Bless him!!

Nov. 10 - Elizabeth's birthday. Left home at 9:00 AM and went to Provo to watch Jeff Ammon run with BYU Cross Country team. There were college teams from all over the USA competing - - 150 runners in all and Jeff A. came in #25!! Not bad at all, in fact, he is good. The weather was cold and rainy to begin with but cleared up during the race. Glad we went as it was fun to watch and to visit with the kids.

Nov. 11 - Sunday. Barbara here for dinner and games. Had the first fireplace fire of the season.

Nov. 12 - Leah's birthday - age 81. Called Donna Edwards at the hospital and she is doing OK. Visited Mabel Allred and she is still in pain with her back. She has stress fractures and they can take a long time to heal.

Nov. 13 - Played games at 1:30 instead of 10:00 as Bea had a Dr appointment. As it turned out she went a week early! Jana is here visiting so we had 4 to play.

Nov. 14 - Temple service. Very busy in the laundry. We were late for our appointment with Hank Brock at Apex Advisors but he was running later so it was OK. He spent 1 ½ hours with us. We like him a lot. He gave us his book "Your Complete Guide To Money Happiness" and asked

us to read several chapters before we come again.

Nov. 15 - Hairdo and shopping. Enrichment Night and we packaged personal care kits for the humanitarian aid. We assembled 100 kits, each containing: hand towel and washcloth, shampoo, 2 combs, toothbrush, toothpaste, 2 bars of soap, needles, safety pins, thread and buttons. This was all donated by the RS sisters.

Nov. 17 - Went to Bea's and rolled her hair. Made orange-cranberry bread for my VT ladies.

Took dinner in to Donna Edwards.

Nov. 18 - Sunday. Barbara here for dinner and Rummikub but she had to leave early. Had fire in the fireplace and so I read the paper, then went to sleep in front of the fire. Love it.

Nov. 19 - Went VT to Jeanne and to Mildred.

Nov. 20 - Went VT to Freddie C. and to Bonita Robertson (a new sister). Lois Eatchel is no longer on my VT list. Played games and Jan was still here so it was a foursome.

Nov. 21 - Temple service. To Melanie's for hairdo. Shopping for us and Redds. Made spice cake with caramel nut icing for Mer's birthday.

Nov. 22 - **THANKSGIVING DAY.** Held at L & C's with all of Doug's family, Heather, Mer and me, L & C and kids - made 20 people. Celebrated Mer's birthday early. Marnie won the candle race. Very delicious dinner provided by all of us. Played games, sang songs, expressed what each is thankful for. Got home at 11:30 PM. Big, busy day and all is well. Blessed us!

Nov. 23 - Slept in until 9:00!!!. No walk today. Mer took Bill and Eloise Olsen

shopping. I went to tend Lori's kids so she could go "early-bird" shopping for Christmas. Charlotte wouldn't take the formula so it was an unhappy time for her and for me, but we both survived. It started snowing today.

Nov. 24 - Mer's birthday. More snow. Dug out the flowers in my 6 pots and moved the pots back against the wall and will just leave them there for the winter instead of moving them into the shed. Mark and John both called to wish Mer a "Happy Birthday." Watched one half of "The Cazlets" - but won't watch the other half as it is not up-to-par for a PBS show.

Nov. 25 - Sunday. Still snowing. Heather has been visiting Acombs since Wednesday evening. Kent brought her to our house after church. Barbara came and we four ate dinner early so we could drive Heather to BYU before dark. As it turned out there was no snow south of the point of the mountain. If we had know that we would have played games before driving her home.

Nov. 26- Kenna missed her bus so Mer drove her to college on Redwood Road. Harold called and talked awhile so we didn't get to the mall to walk until 9:10. Not many people there so it was OK for us but bad for business. John Redd is in the hospital. They operated on his colon and removed 3 feet!!!! Read in Brock's money management book for a couple of hours.

Nov. 27 - Games with sisters. Skipped our walk so we could read more in the money management book. Went to Apex Advisors from 2:00 to 5:20. Signed up with them to manage our savings. The name of that part of the business is "Five Star Asset Management, LLC."

Nov. 28 - Temple service. Out early as the work in the laundry was done. Went to North Visitors Center to see the remodeling that has been done. Mer went to lunch with Clint H. and Mel T. for his birthday. I went to visit Lois E and tell her I am not her VT anymore.

Nov. 29 - Hairdo and shopping for us. Went to St. Mark's to visit John R. He was his usual pleasant self even though he is in much pain.

Nov. 30 - Mer drove Jan to the airport, then took Olsens grocery shopping. I went to visit with Mabel Allred again.

**December 1, 2001** - Judy's birthday. Bea was sick so I didn't go do her hair. We picked up Ray and Kirma and drove to Hinckley for Layne's wedding reception. It was neat to see David and Marge and their kids and grandchildren.

Dec. 2 - Sunday. Barbara, Ray and Kirma here for dinner. After dinner Ray & Kirma went to visit two of Kirma's sisters. Mer, Barbara and I went to visit Gaye. It was a real "downer" to see her. She said that her kids had sold her home as she'll never be well enough to return. Very sad. She gave most of her furniture to her kids and grandkids.

Dec. 4 - Played games early so we could go out to an early dinner with the Larsen family. We dined at the Sizzler then came to our house for dessert and visiting.

Dec. 5 - Temple service.

Dec. 6 - Hairdo and shopping.

Dec. 7 - To Lori's to help her from 9:30 to 3:00. She went to school to do a Christmas project with Marnie's class. Each student made a tree ornament using a styrofoam ball on which they glued Christmas tissue paper then more glue and sparkles and a pipe cleaner hanger and a bow - they

turned out very pretty. Lots of preparatory work involved and Lori did it all.

Dec. 8 - Mer went to the hospital from 10:00 to 4:00. He has to wear a heart monitor for two weeks and record any unusual heart behavior. Ward Christmas party.

Dec. 9 - Sunday. Barbara here for dinner and games.

Dec. 10 - I drove Eloise Olsen to the beauty parlor for a permanent. Mer sat at home with Bill while she was gone. I picked her up when she was through and drove her home. I went to Mildred R's and got paper to go make copies. Went back and visited for awhile.

Dec. 11 - Games.

Dec. 12 - Temple service. Made 6 fruit cakes.

Dec. 13 - Permanent and etc. Went to tithing settlement. Relief Society party.

Dec. 14 - We went to a school program for Amy and Ricky. Made 6 batches of PCB's. Went to a "Pampered Chef" party held at Sherri Ramsey's home. Bought several items just because it is expected.

Dec. 15 - Gave Bea a permanent - then rolled her hair. It takes me about 4 hours. Shirley and Hilton came from Texas today. The Larsen family went to "Applebee's" for early dinner.

Dec. 16 - Sunday. Sort of missionary farewell for Joseph Hawkes. Wrote ALL of our Christmas cards!! Went to Art Ball's for an openhouse pipe organ recital. Linda plays hundreds of songs very well. They have a really big organ and dozens of pipes and it is a very unique experience. It is similar to what we used to see and hear at the old "Pipes and Pizza" eatery. Art and Linda are not finished acquiring more parts for it and plan to have more performances.

Dec. 17 - Bagged the PCB's to mail away. Made a cheese ball for Mary Gail. Mer boxed them all up and took them to UPS to ship away. Mailed our Christmas cards, too.

Dec. 18 - Games with my sisters. Made more PCB's.

Dec. 19 - Temple service. Clint and Eris gave us 4 tickets to see "A Tuna Christmas" as they couldn't use them. We took Govert and Freddie Copier with us and the play was really a "hoot." It was very generous of the Holmes' to give us the tickets.

Dec. 20 - Hairdo and a really BIG shopping.

Dec. 21 - Mark, Dixie and the kids flew in from Portland. Dixie's brother, Tom, came up from Texas and we picked all of them up at the airport. A niece of Dixie's is getting married in the SLC Temple so that is why they came down. Went to the Hale Theater and saw "A Christmas Carol" with Shirley and Hilton. Very well done. Went to dinner after at "The Cracker Barrel" and it was not a good meal. We will never go there again, but it "was only a meal", as Casey says and we "will be hungry again in 4 hours." In other words, don't fuss about it.

Dec. 23 - Tom left for Texas again.

Dec. 25 - **Merry Christmas!!!!** This was a BIG day and fun (much to my surprise). There were 24 of us here. Alex didn't come and I was sorry. Ammon and Melanie brought one boy they are house parents for as he had no where else to go. We tried to make him feel welcome and hope it was at least an OK time for him. Everyone got along well and seemed to enjoy the day.

Dec. 26 - Temple service. Shirley and Hilton left for Texas. Mark and Dixie & kids went out to L & C's to tend their 3 kids while L & C go away for a night - - - paid for by M & D!! What a super-nice couple they are. When it comes right down to it M & D could use a night alone themselves!

Dec. 27 - Mark and family and Lori and family went tubing and sledding up in the canyon and

had a good time

Dec. 28 - M & D went out to D & G's for a few hours. We combined our left-overs with Lori's left-overs and had dinner together at L & C's so we could have more time all together.

Dec. 29 - Drove to the airport and saw Mark, Dixie and the kids off. Had to say goodbye in the ticket area as no one is allowed to pass through the security checkpoint unless they are flying away.

Melanie Hancey had given me two tickets to see "Harry Potter" so I told Mer that she didn't say I had to take him but I would IF he promised not to say anything negative about it. We went and I really liked it even though it is not as good as the book. Mer didn't say anything negative, HE JUST WENT TO SLEEP!!!!!! What a waste of a ticket.

Dec, 30 - Sunday. Barbara here.