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To: john@larsen-family.us

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Subject: Printable Copy of Letter

From: printable_versions@dearelder.com

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Hello, Dear Elder Phillip Larsen!

Another week has passed, and I meant to send you several DearElder letters this week, but the time goes too quickly. I think I'll try what Dad has been doing, and doing a few shorter ones, rather than saving up everything for one large letter. I love getting the letters and emails from you. I love hearing how you are doing!

Gwen sent a couple of pictures, the same ones she had online, but it is great to have them.

One is a close-up of you, and the other is with you and Oma and Papa. When I talked to

Oma this week, she said Gwen had sent them the same pictures, and she really liked them.

She also read me the letter you sent to them, and she was so touched and so pleased to

hear from you, and by what you had written. She got quite emotional, reading it to me.

Oma called to let me know that her brother, Jay, had died on Sunday night/Monday morning. He went to bed, and seemed fine, but never woke up. As near as I can figure, he

was about 80. He had Alzheimer's disease, and his daughter, Karen (my cousin), had visited with him about a month ago and had a really nice visit and some nice walks with him, but notice he was eating almost nothing, which is one sign a person is preparing to die. I will be sending a letter, and maybe some flowers. Oma and Papa went to the viewing and the funeral today, which is in Grand Junction, Colorado. Jay (whose real name is Henry Earl Heusser, Jr.) will be buried in the same grave as his wife, Dolly, who died a few years ago.

Your most recent snail mail letter came on Monday, only a few days after you mailed it. Interesting how different the mail times can be.

I took your example and made a list of things to tell you, though I'm sure I'll think of more when I finish this letter. I'll also send (probably in a separate DearElder letter) Ricky's latest email, from Brazi I. That reminds me, how do you want to send letters? Gwen asked to be put on the list, but I'm so far only forwarding your emails to your siblings, plus Rachel (because she asked, and I read them first to be sure it's ok). Should I edit them and post them somewhere? Or just tell people bits and pieces of how you are doing?

What is your i-Tune store password? There are some applications I would like to get. Or maybe I should somehow transfer it to me so I have my own account. I'm not sure how to do that. I have a new visiting teacher, who comes with Marcie Estes. They came yesterday. This new sister, Jinsun Hong, has an iPhone, and was showing me an application for church stuff, plus they have the Mormon radio on a different application. I know Reta Brown has

one that has the whole Stake website on it. And I'm sure there are knitting ones I would like to get too. :)

To answer your question about birthdays: Rachel's is November 2nd. Geoff's is November 16th. Yea for Facebook, which tells me this information!

By the way, Rachel is fine. I don't know if she just got busy and didn't write, or what. She spent the weekend with us last weekend, and she seems the same as she was. I can't pick her up today because she has duty, but I'll get her on Sunday morning after my meeting with Pres. Coopride, so she can hear Mike Scott's farewell.

I'm running out of time for DearElder today, so I'll try to be quick. I'll get you the addresses you need, but some may be in the next letter. By the way, Jake Carroll asked about you, and wants to write. He is living with the Burgesses now, so I can give you their address as well.

Julia wrote to you, so you should be getting it in a few days. She did a nice letter, with some drawings, while I was having my yoga class. So, it's something to look forward to!

Beverly could use your prayers. She said the tumor is about the length of her thigh, and is growing at a very fast rate. The doctor saw her, then saw her five days later, and could tell a difference, even before coming close to her. She begins radiation treatment on

Monday,
and it will go until about Thanksgiving. This is to shrink the tumor. Then she'll have surgery about four weeks later. This is to remove the tumor. I suppose it may be to remove her leg, too, if necessary. I hope that is not necessary. She is on morphine, with Percocet for breakthrough pain, and said she is not used to it just yet. I saw her this morning. She is an amazing woman, with an amazing amount of faith, and positive outlook.

For Halloween, we got "boo-ed". Did I tell you that? A cone was hung on the doorknob, with candy, and a cute note. We'll pass it along. Julia and I will do that tonight.

Time is up. I love you! I look forward to hearing from you!

Love,

Mom

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