

The Diary of
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1983-1987

Saturday, January 1, 1983. Fair, fine day, 40°. We all went to Rons for the day. Everyone took some food. Jo had chili & soup. Mary and Marie, CRs & Rays there too. Gordons gone to Florida. Jo, Marj, Amy, Carol & I to our church to show the girls our tree. We all made some of the birds. Was nice day. Much to be grateful for. Talked to Allens in morning. Fixed a box for Marty & apples [for him] to take back to school.

Sunday, January 2, 1983. Fair, partly cloudy in p.m. Marty left at 5:00 for Bethel, driving alone. Was stopped in Missouri, got ticket. Pauls left at 9:00 for home. We went to Sunday School. Home for lunch. We went to Love Feast and Communion at 6:00. Marty got to Newton at 7:30. Glad he made it okay.

Monday, January 3, 1983. Clear, 20s, fine day. I did the laundry. We took tree and decorations down. Put things away. We went to Mary's at 2:00, helped her pack her suitcases. We went to Jürgen *Schorers* (sp?) at 6:30. Wen Lang & Cathy [Lin] there & another couple. Cathy's birthday. We gave her a glass with candle. Got home at 11:30.

Tuesday, January 4, 1983. Fair, windy, warmer, near 40°. I went to prayer group at Eddy S[talter's]. Mary left with Lorene Schelle at 5:30 for Chicago, then [will] fly to Tucson Arizona. Glad that she can go. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship. Pete home. I set Benjy's quilt together.

Wednesday, January 5, 1983. Cloudy, chilly, near 30°. We volunteered at hospital. Stopped at Phoenix Towers, got Mary's mail. Brought her car out here. We went to see Ed. He was in chapel when we got there. Seems little better than last time we were there. Were home in evening. Worked on Amy's quilt.

Thursday, January 6, 1983. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., windy, 40s. I worked on our anniversary book awhile in morning. We got Merle at 11:30. We went to hospital. Ron & Leon [Smucker] took she & we to dinner there. Then on a tour of new chapel & organ & new wing. Merle gave check for the organ. We went to her apartment awhile, then to Red Lobster.

Friday, January 7, 1983. Mostly fair, 30s. Did the cleaning. I baked pecan rolls. Gave Rons some. I worked on our anniversary book. Were home in evening. Had letter from Mary. She had a good trip to Tucson. Worked some on anniversary book in evening. We got sweaters in mail, for Deb & Randy. Pete's is blue, mine, white jackets sweater. Very nice but large.

Saturday, January 8, 1983. Fair, fine day, around 40°. We met Edgar, Marguerite & Ella at Denny's. Went to College Hills Mall. Got Mary's mail. Volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. I talked to Deb. They are okay. She is working at bank full-time.

Sunday, January 9, 1983. Fair in morning, cloudy PM. We went to church. Rons & we to Red Lobster at noon. Were home in p.m. & evening. Wrote some letters. Rons here awhile in p.m. Pete gave Ron watch chain.

Monday, January 10, 1983. Cloudy, showered some, 40°. Did laundry. Worked on Amy's quilt in p.m. & evening. Talked to Deb.

Tuesday, January 11, 1983. Partly cloudy in morning. Started to snow about 2:00. Kept it up until after dark. Windy, colder. Prayer group here in morning. Lucy C[atherine], June [Jantze], Shirley [Krahn], Wendy [Jones] & children & Alma [Galloway] here. We met Marie at 11:45 at new Sheraton on route 51. Jo joined us too. Had lunch together. A nice place. Worked on Amy's quilt. Had about ½ inch snow. Roads slick for awhile.

Wednesday, January 12, 1983. Partly cloudy, 15° in morning. We volunteered at hospital. Marie had lunch with us at hospital. I took her on tour of new part. Pete to dentist at noon. We went to June [Jantze]'s. She helped me put border on Benjy's quilt. I started marking it. Ron with Gail Bressner to Spotlight at Bowling Green Kentucky. Left at 12:30 p.m. Took 2 of Marty's hogs.

Thursday, January 13, 1983. Fair, nice day, 15° in morning, 40°. I went to HEA [Homemakers Extension Association]. Finished marking Benjy's quilt in p.m. Jo here awhile. Pete home, reading, [he] went through some files.

Friday, January 14, 1983. Cloudy, windy, few flurries. We went to auxiliary board meeting. Pete was presented with clock pencil for his 10 years as Treas. Ruth Zehr got one for 10 years at Thrift Shop. We were home in PM. I got supper. Made ham loaf, Pete's dessert, apple salad. Larry Jantze's, Jo & Jon here. June helped put Benjy's quilt in frame. We quilted little while.

Saturday, June 15, 1983. Fair, 15° in morning, nice day, chilly. Pete to men's breakfast. We met Edgar at Denny's. Marie met with us. We went to College Hills Mall awhile. I quilted when we got home.

Sunday, January 16, 1983. Mostly cloudy, 12° – 15° in morning. We went to church & to Merle's for dinner. She had Lorraine Kraft too. We got home at 4:30. Ron home from Kentucky at 2:30 this morning. Jo to Chenoa to get him. Had snow flurries in night.

Monday, January 17, 1983. Partly cloudy, 12°, up to low 20s. I did laundry. Fixed food to take to Lila Eschenfelder. Made chicken casserole, Jell-O pear salad & tapioca pudding & corn. Also some cookies. Jo taught school at Hudson. I quilted.

Tuesday, January 18, 1983. Clear, 5° above, nice day. Jo taught school again. I went to prayer group at Lucy Catherine's], then to tour guide meeting at hospital. Also saw Mrs. Dennis, Reach to Recovery. I quilted in PM. Had a call from Westminster at 5:30. Said Merle fell & wanted us to come. She had knocked over the metal cabinet & everything on floor. We ate at Denny's on way home.

Wednesday, January 19, 1983. Fair. We volunteered at hospital. Ron & I met Jo at Darlene's in Hudson at 11:30. She got 2 dresses & I got a blue & brown green print. Were half-price. Jo teaching at Hudson. We got back to hospital at 12:30. Had lunch. Got Mary's mail. I quilted

awhile in p.m. We went to Earl Kaufmans at 6:00. Harold & Helen [Patton] there too. Had good dinner.

Thursday, January 20, 1983. Mostly cloudy, 20°. I baked coffeecake braid & quilted. Had letter from Allens, also [from] Mary. She went to Dave [Yoder]'s at Oceanside last Tuesday.

Friday, January 21, 1983. Mostly cloudy. Started to rain about 2:00 p.m. Started to freeze later in afternoon. Turned to snow about 5:30 or 6:00. Did cleaning. Went to hospital at 12:30. Had permanent. We got groceries & [went] back to hospital. Volunteered at 4:00, [Info] Desk & Gift Shop. Came home at 7:00 on account of weather.

Saturday, January 22, 1983. Cloudy, 34°, snowed in morning. Had over 2 inches [snow] since yesterday. We went to annual hospital meeting at 11:00. Had good attendance considering the weather. We & Rons, CRs, Rays & Gordons met at Marie's in evening [to] talk about Pearl's estate.

Sunday, January 23, 1983. Cloudy, snowed some in morning, foggy. We went to church. Had dinner there & Congregational annual meeting in p.m. We went to Home Builders at Paul Millers. David Vintons had slide & music show of Christmas.

Monday, January 24, 1983. Cloudy, 32°, colder in evening. I did laundry & quilted. Pete worked some on family history. We went to town at 5:00. Took Alma Galloway & Esther Wohlgemuth to Barney's. [We] gave Esther [an] Illinois calendar. She leaves Saturday for [her] next 6 month assignment. We had a nice evening.

Tuesday, January 25, 1983. Fair, 20s. I went to prayer group at Alma Galloway's. Quilted some. Jo & we to see Ed awhile in p.m. He seemed pretty good. We went to Heritage [Group] at Alma G's. Tom Yoder gave program on Amish. Snowed in night. Mary back to Tucson.

Wednesday, January 26, 1983. Cloudy, snow flurries, near 30°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Done some errands. Went to Birkelbaws, got bushel [of] apples. I quilted.

Thursday, January 27, 1983. Fair, 10° in morning, nice day. I baked coffeecake, quilted, got things ready for supper. Made ham & potatoes in crockpot. Ron & Jo here for supper. Jon busy at school.

Friday, January 28, 1983. Cloudy, hazy & foggy, near 30°. Did some cleaning. I quilted. Got alumni scholarship fund material ready to mail. Pete worked on filling in family history book.

Saturday, January 29, 1983. Cloudy, misted in p.m., foggy, 30s. Did usual work. We went to town at 10:15. Met Edgar & Marie R[opp] at Duffy's Cafeteria. We went to hospital at 12:15. Worked at Information Desk until 4:00. Quilted. Snowed little in night.

Sunday, January 30, 1983. Cloudy, rather windy, 20s. We went to church. Earl Kaufmans & we had dinner at Perkins. Home in PM & evening. I quilted some.

Monday, January 31, 1983. Fair, 30°. Washed and ironed. Pete worked on family history. I quilted.

Tuesday, February 1, 1983. Cloudy, windy, started to rain about 1:00. Froze ice toward evening. Near 30°, roads icy, also trees. I went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. Quilted in p.m. & evening. Women's Fellowship called off. Jo taught school at Oakdale.

Wednesday, February 2, 1983. Cloudy, some icy places. Our yard glazed. Rained more during day. 33°, ice melted. Snowed some in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Pete in Gift Shop until 3:00. Jo & I went shopping for Mary's birthday, [got] a divider for her kitchen cabinet top. We were home in evening. Quilted.

Thursday, February 3, 1983. Cloudy, windy, cold, low 20s. Snow flurries most of day. I made doughnuts & cherry pudding. Gave Rons some of each. Jo taught school at Oakdale. I quilted some. Lawrence Mishler passed away.

Friday, February 4, 1983. Clear, zero, nice day, 20s. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:30. We put Rachel Mitchell's quilt in frame. June [Jantze] helped. We had lunch at hospital. I quilted a little while. We got groceries for Merle. We had supper with her (famous fried chicken) Merle not too good. Keeping falling. I quilted awhile in evening.

Saturday, February 5, 1983. Cloudy, few snow flurries most of day. We took baby book to Anton Romyns for their new baby Nancy. Jo stopped at Earl Mishler's. Left salad & coffeecake for them. We met EA, Art [Sieg]s & Ella Sanburg [Sauburg?] at Denny's. Arts back from Arizona Thursday. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Rons to dinner there in evening.

Sunday, February 6, 1983. Started to snow early morning. Light snow most of day, 20s. We went to church. Ate dinner at International House. Went to Hospital Auxiliary Tea at Ewing Castle at 2:00. We went to Danvers to visitation for Lawrence Mishler. Home in evening.

Monday, February 7, 1983. Clear, near zero, nice day. I washed and ironed. We stopped at Margaret Rader's. Left the coffeecake. Margaret's father passed away. We went to Lawrence Mishler's funeral at 1:00. We went to Carlock Church for lunch after the service. I quilted in evening.

Tuesday, February 8, 1983. Clear, nice day, 33°. We met Marie at Steak 'n Shake at 9:00. Had breakfast together. Pete took Marie to train. She left for St. Louis. I went to prayer group at Helen Pattons. Pete met me there. We took Marie's car to Companys. I finished Benjy's quilt & sewing the binding on. We went to Herman Laesch's visitation (Margaret Rader's father).

Wednesday, February 9, 1983. Cloudy, 30s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked coffeecake braid in p.m. and worked on binding Benjy's quilt.

Thursday, February 10, 1983. Cloudy, low 30s. I went to HEA. Mabel along. We went to town in p.m. Got groceries for Merle & took her to hospital for x-rays of her side & hip. She had fallen several days ago. (We got Chinese food, took to Merle's.) Dr. thinks arthritis has set in causing the pain.

Friday, February 11, 1983. Fair, nice day, 30s. We did the cleaning. I baked sugar cookies. Gave Rons [some] & fixed [a] box for Marty. Finished binding Benjy's quilt.

Saturday, February 12, 1983. Fair, warmer, nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. We had lunch with Edgar, Art [Sieg]s & Ella Sandburg. Got groceries. Made cherry dessert. Ron left with Gail Bressner at 5:30 for Columbia Missouri. Marty got there at 5:00 p.m. We went with Jo to ISU in the evening to hear the Inkspots, Four Freshmen and The Four Aces. Enjoyed it.

Sunday, February 13, 1983. Another nice day, 43°. We went to church. Harvella S[tutzman], Judy & Cindy Ramseyer & Jo here for dinner. Had chicken & rice, peas, tossed salad & cherry dessert.

Monday, February 14, 1983. Fine day, 52°. I did laundry. Jo here for lunch. Pete & I to Eureka. Ed has eye problem. Can't see to read. They are treating it but Dr. hasn't seen him. He still has a cough too. I wrote to Allens. Worked on Amy's quilt.

Tuesday, February 15, 1983. Another nice day, 53°. We took Merle to lawyer at 9:00 then to Wee Sew to have dresses altered, then to Chadbands [Jewelers]. Had her rings cleaned. We ate at the Sheraton Inn. Pete outside awhile after [we] got home. Picked up cans on road. I worked on Amy's quilt.

Wednesday, February 16, 1983. Cloudy, foggy in morning, near 40°. We volunteered at hospital. I was to her guide for IPSI. Had 2 groups. I went to Garfield club at Debbie Paullins. Mabel along. Ron got home from Columbia Missouri at 3:30 a.m. We were home in evening. Worked on Amy's quilt.

Thursday, February 17, 1983. Cloudy, chilly, 30s. We went to annual Service Company meeting at Consistory. Got 2 dresses for Merle at Wee Sew. Also groceries for her. We were home in evening. Worked on Amy's quilt. Wrote to Steve.

Friday, February 18, 1983. Cloudy in morning, few sprinkles. Partly sunny in p.m., 40s. Did cleaning. I went to auxiliary room at 9:00. Helped quilt on Rachel's quilt. Came home at 12:30. Baked brownies in p.m. Got things ready for supper. Rons here, had pizza.

Saturday, February 19, 1983. Fair, fine day, 60°. We went to town at 10:30. Had car washed. Met Art [Seig]s, Edgar & Ella Sandburg at Perkins. Went to Eastland. Did some shopping for Merle. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jo to Wayland Iowa for workshop. Evelyn Bertsche & Delores Bauman with her.

Sunday, February 20, 1983. Fair, another nice day, 62°. We went to church & to Merle's at Westminster for dinner. We stayed for Vesper service at 4:00. Ron was the speaker & he sang "The Holy City," was beautiful. We got home at 5:00. Went to MYF spaghetti supper at church at 6:30.

Monday, February 21, 1983. Nice day, 60s. I washed & ironed. Pete worked outside some. Jo here for lunch. I went to June [Jantze]'s in p.m. Quilted on MCC quilt. Wrote to Allens, Deb & Pam.

Tuesday, February 22, 1983. Fair, high 60s, cloudy in p.m. Turned cooler in evening. Had shower in evening. I went to June [Jantze]'s at 8:30. Quilted. Pete & Jo to town at 11:00. Pete came to June's in p.m. Came home with me at 3:00. I baked cookies. We went to Heritage at Edith & Rachel Zehr's. Rons met Mary at Holladay Inn at 11:30 p.m. She came on shuttle bus. She had a good trip & nice time in Arizona.

Wednesday, February 23, 1983. Mostly cloudy, cooler. We volunteered at hospital. Stopped to see Mary. I quilted at June [Jantze]'s awhile. We took Mary & Irene Lowery to Barney's at 5:30.

Thursday, February 24, 1983. Cloudy, few snow flurries, colder. We went to Meadows Home annual meeting. We were delegates. Ron to Chicago to meeting. Jo taught school at Oakdale. Mary to June [Jantze]'s. They finished the MCC quilt. We went to Prime Timers in evening.

Friday, February 25, 1983. Mostly fair, colder. Did cleaning. Packed suitcase for Pete. He & Ron left about 2 PM for Men's Retreat at Camp Friedenswald. Ron the speaker. I went to auxiliary room, quilted awhile. Mary & Ruth Zehr there. I went to church at 4:00. To help get meal for Meda [?] Regional Seminar. Came home at 6:15.

Saturday, February 26, 1983. Clear, 17° in morning, 40s. Nice day. I had lunch with Edgar, Art [Sieg]s & others at Denny's. Did some shopping. Got groceries for Merle & took them to her. Met Jo at College Hill Mall. She came home with me. Jon helped clean up the 4-H exhibits there. Jo here for supper. She brought chicken.

Sunday, February 27, 1983. Mostly cloudy, 40s. I went to church. Went with Ruth Zehr & Mary to Eric's. They had free dinners for birthdays. I got home at 2:30. Pete & Ron home from Friedenswald at 3:50. Glad to see them. We went to Home Builders at John Reimers. Were co-hostess.

Monday, February 28, 1983. Fair, nice day, 40s. I washed and ironed. Made lime fluff. Mary & we to Eureka in p.m. [to] see Ed. He's about the same. We went to show [to] see "Gandhi" at 5:00. Long show. We ate at Grand Café. Took Mary home. Marie got home from California.

Tuesday, March 1, 1983. Another fine day, 62°. I went to prayer group at Wendy [Jones]'s. Pete did some errands. We delivered Mobile Meals at noon. Ate lunch at McDonald's. Went to

Merle's. Took her some things she needed. I went to Women's Fellowship. Was on committee. May Mohr had surgery (bowel).

Wednesday, March 2, 1983. Nice day, warmer, 70°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Washed windows, woodwork & floors in the upstairs in afternoon. We were home in evening. Saw May Mohr in morning. She's in ICU. Prognosis isn't good.

Thursday, March 3, 1983. Fair, warmer, low 70s. We went to town at 9:30. I went to auxiliary meeting. Pete went with Mary to Ludtke to see about income tax. We had dinner at auxiliary quarterly meeting. I quilted some. Pete worked in volunteer office awhile. Cindy Ramseyer here awhile in p.m. Gave her some candy for Steve. We, Mary & Marie to nurses spaghetti supper for student summer program.

Friday, March 4, 1983. Partly cloudy, 72°, windy. Did usual cleaning. Went to hospital at 10:30. Led tour group for Catholic students. Met Art [Sieg]s & Edgar at hospital. We went to Elms at El Paso for dinner. We were home in evening. Worked some on Amy's quilt. Merle fell again. They took her to hospital. She's in [room] 257.

Saturday, March 5, 1983. Cloudy, windy, 62°, rained late p.m. I baked pecan rolls & cranberry bread & [did] usual work. Pete worked outside awhile. We went to town before 3:00. Got some things for Merle at her apartment. We worked, 4 – 8:30, Info Desk & Gift Shop. Saw May Mohr a few minutes. She's a sick girl.

Sunday, March 6, 1983. Partly cloudy, windy, 60°. Had thunder storms and rain late p.m. We went to church. We ate at Denny's. Were home rest of day. Marie here awhile before going to Rays for supper.

Monday, March 7, 1983. Cloudy, showers during day, 50s. Washed & ironed. We went to town in p.m. Got some things for Merle at her apartment. Went to auxiliary rooms to get supplies for Bake sale. Were home in evening. Jo taught school in morning.

Tuesday, March 8, 1983. Cloudy, colder, low 40s. I went to prayer group at Eddy [Stalter]'s. Pete to Mall. We delivered Mobile Meals. Cleaned kitchen cupboards in p.m. We got our bus tickets for Memphis. Wrote Allens.

Wednesday, March 9, 1983. Cloudy, snow flurries all day, chilly. We went to hospital at 8:00. Ron with us. We volunteered. Jo & we took Merle home from hospital. Got groceries for her. We went to Beichs, got candy. Baked butterscotch cheesecake bars for bazaar. Packed suitcases.

Thursday, March 10, 1983. Cloudy, snow flurries, 20° in morning. We left at 6:45 by bus for Memphis. Got here at 8:00 p.m. Had a good trip. Paul met us at station. Went to see all of them. We had 2 hour wait at St. Louis. Chilly here.

Friday, March 11, 1983. Partly cloudy. Ron called at 8:00 saying May Mohr passed away this morning. Sorry to hear it, but maybe it's best for her. Wish we could be there. We went with Pauls at 10:00 to take Andy to orthodontist. He got his braces off. Took Andy back to school. Marj to Computer Center in p.m. I helped Paul some with supper. Jo called in evening. May's funeral is Monday at 2 PM. We talked to Allens in evening. Andy & Amy at friends all night.

Saturday, March 12, 1983. Clear, nice day, warmer. Pete and I went with Marj to Computer Center in morning. They have around 35 students. Paul did the cleaning while we were gone. Marjorie busy getting ready for company. Evelyn and Jack [Costantino] from Oxford Mississippi were here for Chinese dinner. Very good. Had chicken soup with noodles & spinach meat balls in cabbage, chicken strips, shrimp, broccoli, rice & dessert.

Sunday, March 13, 1983. Fine day, 78°. We all went to church. We took Paul's to dinner at Gridley's Barbecue. Ribs very good. We got some pecans. Pete & I went for walk. Boys to youth group in evening. Marjorie to book review. Helped Paul make sandwiches for school.

Monday, March 14, 1983. Marjorie, we & Jane Rousseau (friend) left Memphis at 8:30. Got to Champaign at 5:00. Left Jane there. We got home about 6:00. Thankful for safe trip. May Mohr's funeral was at church at 2:00. They had lunch there. Ron sang. Jim [Waltner] had service. Jo, Mary & Marie there. Jo took them to Cemetery. Marj & we to CRs awhile in evening.

Tuesday, March 15, 1983. Fair, nice day, 59°. Marjorie left for Chicago at 6:40. I washed & went to prayer group at Alma Galloway's. Pete to Mall. We delivered Mobile Meals. Got groceries for Merle. She wasn't feeling very well. I washed bedding from guest room. Dried some clothes outside. Ironed.

Wednesday, March 16, 1983. Fair, rather windy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went with Marie to Garfield club at Evelyn Schwoerer. Marie & Mary here for supper. Had waffles & sausage.

Thursday, March 17, 1983. Partly cloudy, windy, around 60°. We took Rons to shuttle bus at 8:00. They left for hospital meeting at San Diego. Pete worked up ground in truck patch. I cleaned closet in West bedroom. We went with Marie to Red Bud for lunch. Home at 2:00. I baked coffeecake braid & cleaned west bedroom. We sowed lettuce, radishes, spinach, cabbage seed & peas. Pete planted row of potatoes. Jon here all night. Rained in night.

Friday, March 18, 1983. Rained most of day, chilly. We went to the church at 8:00. Helped make 76 shoo-fly pies. Pete helped with boxes, etc. Came home at 1:30. Went with Paul & Ann Miller to [MCC] Relief Sale at Civic Center in Peoria. Pete & I, June [Jantze] & Shirley [Krahn] worked at Pie Counter. Were busy. Large crowd. Worked 3 – 6:15. Pauls & we ate there, barbecued chicken dinner. Waited in line.

Saturday, March 19, 1983. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 40s. We did the cleaning. Made salad. Went to town at 11:15. Met Edgar, Art [Sieg]s & Marguerite [Burwitz] at Denny's. Got groceries for Merle. Worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, March 20, 1983. Snowed all day, drifted. Over 4 inches. Our drive drifted. We went to church, brought Mary along home but roads bad so took her back to town. Marty & friend Jeff Unruh here for dinner. Jeff's folks got him in p.m. Jon with his girlfriend. Marty here for supper. We played cards. Ron called in evening. We called Pauls. Marj had good trip home from Chicago Friday. Jon got stuck on way home.

Monday, March 21, 1983. Partly cloudy, few flurries, near 30°, windy. Jon opened our drive toward evening. Washed & ironed. Pete cracked pecans. Cleaned our 2 closets & broom closet. Made shoo-fly pie. Got supper. Marty & Jon here. Charles Hoffman died of heart attack.

Tuesday, March 22, 1983. Clear, 19° in morning, nice day, melted some. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine]'s. Pete to Lenten breakfast. Took CR. We delivered Mobile Meals. Mary & we to see Ed in p.m. Marty to Joliet in evening to see Adam Denzer. Pete helped Jon chore. We went to Heritage at Homer Parks.

Wednesday, March 23, 1983. Clear, nice day, 30s. We volunteered at hospital. Had income tax done at Seth Swift. Took Mary to Bloomington Federal Savings. Pete did chores. Boys at Joliet. We went to visitation for Charles Hoffman. A huge crowd.

Thursday, March 24, 1983. Partly cloudy, 30s. I cleaned the kitchen & waxed floor. Washed curtains. Cy Colter here awhile in morning. I went to Farm Bureau in p.m. Home Extension had tea honoring the outstanding volunteers. I was nominated from Dry Grove [Township]. Got a carnation. We & Lloyd Singley's went with CRs to Prime Timers. CRs & we were on committee. I got donuts & milk. Rons got home from California at 4:30. Marty met them at O'Hare.

Friday, March 25, 1983. Fair, 19° in morning, 30s. We went to hospital at 9:30. I quilted & Pete made charts. We went to get Merle at noon & take her to lunch & then to Dr. but she had a weak spell. Nurse came to see her & talked to the doctor. Pete got carryouts at Bob Johnson's. Merle some better. We got her groceries. Was nearly 4:00 when we got home. I baked cookies. Jo here awhile. Ron took day off.

Saturday, March 26, 1983. Cloudy, misted some, very windy, 40s. Pete to men's breakfast. Mary & I to Pancake House for breakfast. Pete and I volunteered at info desk, 9 – 12. We met Edgar, Marie & Marguerite [Burwitz] at Denny's. Home in PM. Got things ready for supper. Ron & boys here. Jo brought pork chops & salad. Allen called in evening. Edward Yeakel [Shirley's brother] passed away. Allens are coming in morning. Iowa has heavy snow.

Sunday, March 27, 1983. Cloudy, rained, snowed late evening. We went to church in morning. Had reception of [new] members (9). We and Marie at Mary's for dinner. Came home at 2:30.

Made chili & did some other things. Marty & friend left at 2:30 for Newton [Kansas]. Hope all goes well. We went to Home Builders at Gerlof [Homan]s. Jon Bertsche talked.

Monday, March 28, 1983. Cloudy, few light flurries, chilly, 40°. We left at 7:30. Took Merle to Dr. for blood sugar test. Had breakfast. Took her to Eastland (got wheelchair for her). She did some shopping. Went to Dr. at 1:30. Her blood sugar low. Got groceries for her. Got home at 3:30. Jo & we to visitation for Edward Yeakel. Allens got here about 10:00 p.m. Glad to see them. We had chili. Jo here too. Ron came late. Had meeting.

Tuesday, March 29, 1983. Fair, nice day, warmer. Allens left at 9:00. Went to Edward [Yeakel]s home. We all went to funeral at 10:30. Allens with Shirley's family. They had dinner at the church. We came home. Got things ready for supper. Allens, Rons, Mary, Marie & Cindy Ramseyer here. We had waffles & sausage. Pam to Rachel [Clemens] after supper, [they] went to show.

Wednesday, March 30, 1983. Cloudy, chilly, 40°. Allens & Pam left at 8:30 for Michigan to see Deb & Randy. We went to hospital, volunteered awhile. We delivered Mobile Meals. Got groceries. I washed sheets, towels, etc. in p.m. Stirred up sugar cookies.

Thursday, March 31, 1983. Cloudy, 42°, had light shower. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Ironed sheets. Dusted bedrooms. We went to services at church. Had communion. We were greeters. Took Mary.

Friday, April 1, 1983. Rained most of day and night. Windy. Did cleaning. Went to town at 10:00 to Eastland. Saw Janet Patton Schubbert with puppet show. I had hair done at hospital beauty shop. Saw Mrs. Starkey, Reach to Recovery. I made lemon lush desert & fixed casserole for breakfast. Franklin Basingers got here at 11:00 p.m. Came with Bill & Mary Ramseyer.

Saturday, April 2, 1983. Cloudy, rainy, windy. We spent the morning visiting. Had chicken casserole for dinner. We went to Cindy Ramseyer's apartment at 1:30. Cindy's family there & her sister Jeri & husband too. We went to College Hills Mall. Marcella [Basinger] did little shopping. We stopped at hospital. I took them [Basingers] through new addition. They took us to Red Lobster at 5:00. They liked the food. They were here all night.

Sunday, April 3, 1983. Easter. Cloudy, colder. We all went to church. Basingers, Bill Ramseyers, Cindy, Randy & his friend, Rons, Jon's friend Sheila (sp?) & Mary here for dinner. Jo baked ham & scalloped potatoes. Mary made salad. Bills & Franks all left at 3:30 for Ohio. Was a nice weekend.

Monday, April 4, 1983. Mostly cloudy, 33° in morning, 40s. Had some rain in p.m. Washed & ironed. Pete took snow fence down. Jo here in p.m. We worked some on our anniversary quilt. Merle was taken to hospital in afternoon, weakness. I cleaned closet & bathroom. Jo & we to the

Ropp Agriculture Building [at ISU] at 8:30 to surprise for Gordon's 50th birthday. Ron there too after a meeting.

Tuesday, April 5, 1983. Cloudy, chilly, windy, rained. I cleaned bathroom. We went to town at 11:00. Stopped at hospital. Merle not feeling well, nauseated & very weak. Dorothy Imhoff not good either. We got Mary at 12:30. Drove to Goodfield. Had lunch & on to Eureka. Ed has more fluid again. Mary here for supper. We went to Good Will with Jeanette.

Wednesday, April 6, 1983. Cloudy, very foggy, 40s. We volunteered at hospital. Merle about same. Dorothy Imhoff doesn't respond. So sorry for them. I cleaned silverware after we got home. Worked on Amy's quilt.

Thursday, April 7, 1983. Mostly cloudy, sun shone few times. I cleaned our bedroom. Washed curtains & bedding. Dried fairly well outside. I baked quick coffeecake & cranberry orange bread. Rons left at 6:00 PM for conference at Pandora Ohio. I worked on Amy's quilt. Jon here all night.

Friday, April 8, 1983. Fair, nice day, cool, quite windy in evening and cloudy. We went to town at 9:00. Got eye drops for Merle at her apartment. Went to auxiliary meeting. Went with Art & Helen [Sieg] to Kiwanis Pancake [Lunch] at noon. Back to auxiliary. Quilted awhile. Pete & I to dentist at 2:00, then to Beichs to get candy for Merle for nurses. Back to hospital & found Mary had fallen on walk in front of hospital. Fell on her face. Had stitches above her nose, large bump on forehead. Has to have new lenses in her glasses. Her blood pressure very high. Brought her home with us.

Saturday, April 9, 1983. Cloudy, windy, rained some in evening. Pete to men's breakfast. I made vegetable soup. Finished cleaning. Mary little better, slept fairly well but she has 2 of the blackest eyes. We took her home at noon. Stopped at hospital first. They checked her blood pressure, some lower. We had lunch with Art [Sieg]s & Edgar & others. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Rons home from conference at 12:00 [midnight].

Sunday, April 10, 1983. Cloudy, chilly, had light rain early a.m. We went to church. I got dinner. Marie & Mary here. Mary is some better, but eyes still purple. I had roast beef & mince pie. Rons to small group for dinner. Came here in p.m. Ron played the tape of his presidential address at San Diego. Very good. I wrote to Steve.

Monday, April 11, 1983. Fair, nice to see the sun, 50s. I did laundry. Took Mary to Dr. Bertsche at 10:30. She's doing pretty good. Blood pressure still a little too high. Pete made charts at hospital awhile. I had lunch with Laura, Irene & Marie at Sheridan. I went back to hospital to see Merle. We went to her apartment. Got mail, checkbook, etc. Back to hospital. Jo to town with us in morning. Got Ron's car. Taught school in p.m. She came home with us.

Tuesday, April 12, 1983. Partly cloudy, windy, warmer, 60°. Got ready for prayer group. Alta [Litwiller], Shirley [Krahn], June [Jantze], Lucy C[atherine], Alma [Galloway] & Helen [Patton] here. Pete worked outside awhile. We went to town at 3:00. Pete to Dr. Bertsche. Had appointment on breast [?]. Stopped to see Merle. She's about same. We went with CRs to Marie's for supper. Had ribs & sauerkraut. Paul left for China. He's in San Francisco until Friday. Jo taught school.

Wednesday, April 13, 1983. Cloudy, 60s, had hard rain about 1:30 p.m. Rained in evening too, windy. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary to Health Center after lunch. Had stitches removed. She got groceries. Pete to dentist at 2:30. Home in evening. Wrote Allens. We put pictures in albums. Jo taught school.

Thursday, April 14, 1983. Cloudy, very windy, colder, 40s early, down to 30s. Ron left at 8:00 for Nashville Tennessee to chaplains meeting. Others went with him. Jo taught school again. I baked coffeecake braid. We cleaned all bookshelves. Finished putting pictures in album. Jo here awhile after school. I worked on Amy's quilt.

Friday, April 15, 1983. Fair, good to see the sun, chilly in morning. Near 40°. We went to hospital at 9:30. I quilted. Pete made charts. Went to Merle's apartment. Got her mail. Went to May Mohr's house to look over her things they are selling tomorrow. Back to hospital. Had a permanent at 2:30. Mary worked in beauty shop. Jo taught school. Paul left for Hong Kong.

Saturday, April 16, 1983. Fair, 24° in night, had shower in p.m., colder and windy in evening. We went with Art Siegs to Conklin Players at 11:00. Had dinner at 12:00, then the play, "The Impossible Years." Very good. Herb Laeschs along too. We volunteered at hospital in evening. Dudley Callenders came to see Merle.

Sunday, April 17, 1983. Partly cloudy, 28° in morning. We went to church. Dudley & Mabel there too. We took them to Denny's for dinner. Lucy C[atherine], Mary & Harold [Patton]s along. We came home. Dudleys to hospital to see Merle, then left for Michigan. We took CRs to Frieda Stahly's 80th birthday reception at East White Oak Church. Home in evening.

Monday, April 18, 1983. Fair, 26° in morning, low 40s, cold. Washed & ironed. Cleaned Cedar closet & hallway. Went with Mabel at 5:00 to visitation for Mary Dively. Got supper. Ron & Jo here. Jon had meeting. Made fresh rhubarb crisp.

Tuesday, April 19, 1983. 20s, broke records, clear. We cleaned the fruit room. I went to prayer group at Alta L[itwillers]. Went to Merle's apartment to get her mail but no mail. Stopped to see her. She was depressed as Dr. told her she couldn't live alone anymore. Feel sorry for her. Pete set new posts for wash line. Mary and we to see Ed, [he] has a lot of fluid. Jo to workshop at Sterling [Illinois].

Wednesday, April 20, 1983. Clear, nice day, 50s. We volunteered at hospital. I left at 10:00. Went to Garfield tour to Beichs [Candy], then to Grand Café for dinner, then to Art Center. I went back to hospital some. Went to Davis Mansion. We went to Merle's apartment. Got her mail and talked to Mr. Quick about cost of nursing home. Merle has decided to go to Long-Term Care at Mennonite [Hospital]. I cleaned drapes & furniture in living room, also flower stand.

Thursday, April 21, 1983. Fair, nice day. Jo & we to town at 9:15. Went to Merle's apartment. Got some things. We took her sweeper & bedspread & drapes. Stopped at office. Got paper for Merle to sign. Went to hospital. We went to Tea for volunteer week. Merle was moved to long-term care in p.m. Jo worked in Ron's office. They moved chaplains in West Wing on first floor. Went to apartment again. Got more things for Merle. I done some laundry for her. Rons to FFA banquet. Jim [Waltner]s, Paul [Miller]s & John [Gundy]s put in garden. We replanted some peas.

Friday, April 22, 1983. Partly cloudy, 60s, nice day. I did cleaning. We planted onions & potatoes. Set out cabbage, broccoli & cauliflower plants. Pete spaded some around perennials. I raked back yard. Went to Merle's apartment at 1:00. Movers got table & chairs for Irene Davis. Took some things to Merle. She's doing pretty good. Ron & Jo left at 3:30 a.m. for Bluffton [College] board meeting. Pete helped Jon chore in morning.

Saturday, April 23, 1983. Mostly cloudy, 60s, windy and cooler in evening. Pete to men's breakfast. We left at 8:30 for Genealogical Society meeting at Illinois Mennonite Museum at Metamora. Alta L[itwiller] and Alma G[alloway] went with us. Willard Smith speaker. A good meeting & attendance (165). The museum a large & interesting building. We stopped to see Ed. He fell last night, hit his head.

Sunday, April 24, 1983. Partly cloudy, 60s. We went to church and to Alma Galloway's for dinner. Ada, Arlene & Phyllis Litwiller there. We took Mary to Merle's apartment at 3:30. She got some wicker pieces from her bedroom. We took some things to Merle. We went to Home Builders at Bob Stutzmans. The Engels spoke on aging. Ron called in morning. They were going to Deb & Randys.

Monday, April 25, 1983. A beautiful day, 70°. I did laundry. Pete worked outside, spaded around some shrubbery & flowers, trimmed trees. I spaded flower beds in p.m. Jon here for supper.

Tuesday, April 26, 1983. Nice day, 71°, very windy in evening. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Pete & Paul Miller to Merle's apartment. Moved her clock to hospital (Ron's office). We worked at her apartment all afternoon. Irene Davis there too. We went to Heritage [Group] at Werner Fransen's. Ron and Jo home from Michigan at 8:30.

Wednesday, April 27, 1983. Fair, thunder shower in evening, rained. We volunteered at hospital. I went with Willie & Esther Brown to nurses luncheon at Elms. Pete at hospital. We planted some sweet corn & row [of] green beans. We went with Ron to get sow at Gail Bressner's. Jo, Rosalee & Jon to Ayrshire sale at Cedar Rapids Iowa.

Thursday, April 28, 1983. Partly cloudy. We went to Merle's apartment. Irene Dunn there, Harold Pattons there in p.m. Got Merle's TV, also some other things. Movers delivered Merle's organ & hi-fi & chair to Long-Term Care. We took Marie & Mary to Consistory to see "The Alps." Very good show. We ate at Grand Café.

Friday, April 29, 1983. Cloudy, rained late p.m. and evening, rather foggy. We went to hospital. Helped Merle sort dresses & slips, etc. Went to her apartment. Movers got big chair, marble topped chest, lamps, etc. for Esther Cash. We took more things to hospital. Pete started to mow yard but [got] rained out. I got supper. Ron ate with us. Rained during night.

Saturday, April 30, 1983. Mostly cloudy, near 60°. We went to Merle's apartment at 10:00. Packed few things. I went to [Nurses] Homecoming at Bloomington Country Club. Laura S there. We had good crowd. Pete had lunch with Mary & Mrs. Fuller. Dudleys got to apartment about 2:00, [they] got bedroom suite & all other things they could take. Think they thought they should have everything that Merle had. Pete helped unload. I went to apartment at 3:00. Pete finished mowing yard. I cooked chicken. Jo, Jon & Rosalee home at 8:00.

Sunday, May 1, 1983. Rained most of day. Heavy rains in p.m. Tornado watch out in PM. We went to church. Had small group meeting at church. Rosalee left for home at 2:40 p.m. We were home in p.m. & evening. Jo & Ron here awhile in evening. Had nearly 2 inches rain.

Monday, May 2, 1983. Mostly cloudy, 50s, windy. I washed and ironed. Jo & we to town at 11:00. Had lunch at Dairy Queen. Went to Merle's apartment. Cleaned & sorted everything out. Got things ready for Thrift Shop. Stopped at hospital. Helped Merle sort some things. We took all the books, etc. out of our bookcases. Another busy day. Ron bought a truck (Chevy, white).

Tuesday, May 3, 1983. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 50s. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's. Jean, Shirley and Carolyn at Mary's. Pete to hospital, made charts. June Jantze and I unrolled Rachel M[itche]ll's quilt at auxiliary room. Pete to see Merle. She sorted out some things. Went to her apartment. Delivered some of Merle's clothes & shoes. Also chair for Dudleys. Took boxes of things to Thrift Shop. Home in evening. Rons helped us turn rug in evening. Moved furniture out.

Wednesday, May 4, 1983. Clear, rather windy, 60°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. Took Merle our little bookcase. We got rug shampooed at Weavers. Cleaned living room & cleaned rug. Jo helped. Jo & Jon took one bookcase to Lucy C[atherine]. Met Ron there at 5:00. We went to Merle's apartment. Got her bookcases & metal cabinet. (Glad everything is out of the apartment.) Ron & Jo brought them home. Jo to board meeting. We took Mary, Jean, Shirley & Carolyn to Pancake House. Rons here later. Helped to rearrange bookcases.

Thursday, May 5, 1983. A beautiful day, 70°. We cleaned the dining room & cleaned the rug. Jo took equipment back to Weavers at noon. I washed some of Merle's rugs, etc. Washed sofa

cover & rugs. We straightened up living room. Put books, etc. on bookshelves. Another big day. So glad it's done. Paul home from China.

Friday, May 6, 1983. Mostly fair, 79°, very high winds. Very bad dust storms in p.m. Visibility very poor in places. Route 9 closed awhile. Jeanette had accident, ran into truck. We went to auxiliary board at Denny's at 9:00, then to hospital. Had hair done. I quilted awhile. Did some shopping. Jo & I to Mother – Daughter salad supper. Jeanette along. We went to Don Nesters after meeting to open house for Marge's graduation from nurses training. Ron & Pete came too.

Saturday, May 7, 1983. Mostly cloudy, rained in evening. Pete to men's breakfast at Meadows Home. I baked mincemeat pie, finished cleaning. Maple Lawn [Home] called at 10:00 a.m. Said Ed had stroke last night, right side is affected. Pete & I to Gordons at 12:30 to brunch for Darren's graduation. Mary & we to Eureka in p.m. Ed isn't good. Hard to understand him. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jo to Chicago, workshop.

Sunday, May 8, 1983. Nice day, cool. We went to church and to Rons for dinner. Ron got dinner. Mary there too. I took pie. We all went to Eureka in p.m. Ed seemed slightly better. Can move his right hand & leg some, also could talk better. We were home in evening. Paul called in evening. He's still tired from his trip but had good trip. Allen called too. Good to talk to both of them.

Monday, May 9, 1983. Clear, 32° in morning, fine day. I did laundry. Pete took [roto-]tiller to town. Jim W[altner] here planting garden. Dycks came in p.m., also Franzie [Loepp]s. We planted more beans, carrots & beets. I trimmed some of raspberries. Jon & Pete cut down evergreen tree in garden & one by kitchen window. Cleaned recreation room. Willis [Kropf] called. Orvie isn't doing well.

Tuesday, May 10, 1983. Clear, warmer, 70s. Pete mowed lawn. Finished trimming raspberries. I went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. To hospital at 11:30 to lead tour group. Ate lunch there. Visited with Merle awhile. Had Info Desk meeting at 2:00. Met Mary at 3:00. Took her to Hollege Hills [Mall] & Eastland looking for dress, but no luck. I got pair of slacks & blouse. We planted some sweet corn.

Wednesday, May 11, 1983. Fair, fine day, 82°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I took Mary to Hudson in p.m. She got 2 dresses. Pete done some shopping. We cleaned windows & put screens in. We put out 1 dozen tomato plants. I baked coffeecake.

Thursday, May 12, 1983. Cloudy, rained, had over 10 ½ inches. I went to HEA in morning. Mabel along. We & Mary to Eureka in p.m. Ed about same. Slept most of time. Hard to understand him. Mary, Marie and we to Bob Evans for supper. Stopped little at College Hills [Mall]. Did cleaning in morning. Done some packing in evening.

Friday, May 13, 1983. Cloudy, finished packing. We went to town at 9:00. I took group of children on hospital tour at 9:30. We got Cindy R[amseyer] at 11:00. Left home at 11:40 for Allens. Got here at 6:15. Had some rain around Iowa City. Good trip. Good to see Allens. Pam home too. Had storm at home, rained hard.

Saturday, May 14, 1983. Rained in morning, cloudy and chilly. Shirley & Pam to work. I cooked potatoes for salad. Allen & we uptown at 11:00. Brought Shirley home at noon. We all went to Ames awhile. Drove around campus. Helped Shirley with supper. Allen made lemon pie. Jeff came at 5:30. Dick & Shirley Pilgrim here for supper. Looked at pictures. Had good time. Got to bed late. We all talked to Steve.

Sunday, May 15, 1983. Clear, chilly. We all went to church. Cindy sang with choir. We had dinner at Allens. Left there at 1:45 for home. Got here at 8:30. Had good trip. Think Cindy enjoyed it.

Monday, May 16, 1983. Fair, nice day. Washed and ironed. Pete mowed lawn. I got things ready for company. Virginia Porst, Dave Ijams & girlfriend, Gary & his wife & Marie here. Had chicken & rice & vegetables, rhubarb dessert. Jo here few minutes & Ron & Jon came later.

Tuesday, May 17, 1983. Cloudy, showered little in p.m. We went to town at 9:00. Pete shopped some. I went to prayer group at Eddy [Stalter]'s. We got plants at Niepagens. Mary & I to see Ed. He's about same. Pete worked up some ground. Planted tomatoes, eggplant, petunias & pansies. We went to town at 5:00. Ate at McDonald's. Pete to Mary's apartment. She & I to auxiliary building, quilted. June [Jantze], Harvella [Stutzman], Alma [Galloway], Ruth [Miller], Ilene & Arlene worked on Rachel [Mitchell]'s quilt.

Wednesday, May 18, 1983. Cloudy, very windy, some dust in p.m. Had shower in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Pete had hospital delegate meeting at 12:00. I went to club meeting with Marie to Elsie Millers. Pete plowed some in truck [patch]. We set out sweet potato plants & planted cucumbers. I went with Mary to Phoenix Towers Mother – Daughter Dinner.

Thursday, May 19, 1983. Partly cloudy, cool. I baked pecan rolls & peanut cookies for Bible school. Cleaned the furnace-laundry room. Pete trimmed shrubbery. Got things ready for supper. Rons here. They hung the light fixture in dining room that we got from Merle.

Friday, May 20, 1983. Nice day, warmer. We went to hospital at 8:00. Pete cashier for hospital (garage sale). I quilted some. Took 2 & 3 groups of children from Stanford [Illinois] on tour of hospital. We went to June [Jantze]'s. Left slacks for June to shorten. Marie & we met Virginia Porst, Dave & friend & Gary at Red lobster (guests of Marie & ours). Stopped at our church awhile and then to CRs awhile. Marty home from Bethel [College] around 7:00. Good to see him.

Saturday, May 21, 1983. Partly cloudy, 70s, showered little in evening, had 1/3 inch. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. We set out Dahlia & Gladiolus bulbs. Pete worked up

ground in truck patch. Had lunch with Edgar, art Siegs and others at Bob Johnson's. We planted more sweetcorn. Replanted few potatoes. Worked up south side flower bed. I hoed potatoes. Fixed flower box. We were guests of Virginia Porst at Sheridan Inn. Marie, Dave & girlfriend there. Garys left for home. Fern Miller passed away.

Sunday, May 22, 1983. Cloudy in morning, fair and breezy in p.m. We went to church & to Mary's for dinner. We went to see Ed. He was in wheelchair. Thought he seems little better. Were home in evening. Talked to Evelyn Bearly. Orvie still having back trouble. Lot of pain.

Monday, May 23, 1983. Fair, 70°, windy from Northwest. Washed and ironed. Pete working outside. Put manure on raspberries. We planted 2 roses (Mr. Lincoln & Crimson Glory). We planted mush melons & watermelons & spaghetti squash. I put out tuberous begonias. We went to with Marie to Danvers, visitation for Fern Miller. Marty to work for Gail Bressner.

Tuesday, May 24, 1983. Clear, nice day, 77°. I went to prayer group at Alma G[alloway]'s. Had lunch with Laura, Irene & Marie at Maxwell's. Pete mowed lawn & hoed some in truck patch. We sowed flower seeds & planted lima beans, lettuce & radishes. We went to Rons for supper. Ervin Koops, Stewart & Carolyn were there.

Wednesday, May 25, 1983. Had light shower early a.m., fair, little cooler. We volunteered at hospital. Met Jo at Eastland. Looked for gift for Doug Nord. We went to laundry mat. Washed some of Merle's things & took them to Thrift Shop. Went to Mary's. Had supper with her. We went to auxiliary room at 5:30, quilted. Ruth Z[her], June [Jantze], Alma [Galloway] & Ilene Arnold there. Ron to Chicago in morning.

Thursday, May 26, 1983. Fair, nice day. We worked outside, hoed some in garden & truck patch. We went to town at 2:00. I finished Rachel [Mitchell]'s quilt. I went to dentist, have sore place in my gum. We went to Bob Johnson's at 6:00. Met the Prime Timers there. Went to Farm Bureau building after we ate. The *Praijs* (sp?) showed pictures of Alaska.

Friday, May 27, 1983. Partly cloudy, windy. Did cleaning. Pete trimmed grass. We trimmed some shrubbery. Planted a peace rose. I washed some dresses & put some winter things away. Pete made some shelves to put in closets. We were home in evening. Marty home from Bressners. Had shower in evening & night.

Saturday, May 28, 1983. Mostly cloudy, 70s. We went to town at 10:00. I got light blue skirt & jacket & blouse at West Side. We met Edgar & Art [Sieg]s at Denny's. We met Marie & Mabel at Cemetery. We put flowers on graves. We volunteered at 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, May 29, 1983. Fair, cool, windy in p.m., light shower in evening. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. We ate lunch at home. We went to John Bertsche's 25th anniversary at church. Program at 4:00 and meal afterwards. Ron with us. Jo worked at reception. We went to Rays at 6:30 for wiener roast. Had it inside. Carol's folks there. CRs, Gordon's

family, Marie, Cutters, Ron & Marty. Jo came late. Talked to Pauls. Told them we couldn't come now.

Monday, May 30, 1983. Partly cloudy, intermittent showers and sunshine in p.m. Windy, real chilly. I washed & ironed. We got Merle at hospital at 1:30. Took her to Troyer Cemetery. Put geranium on graves for her. I got supper. Lucy C[atherine], Mary & Marie here. Rons busy working outside. They came awhile before we took Merle back to L[ong]-T[erm] C[are] at 7:40. She enjoyed the outing. We had chicken & rice, vegetables, lettuce & fresh strawberries Lucy C[atherine] & Mary brought.

Tuesday, May 31, 1983. Mostly cloudy, 40s in morning, real chilly all day. Went to town at 9:00. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine]'s. Pete did some shopping. We met Harold Pattons at *Murry's* (sp?). We got Merle a little radio. We had lunch together at Silver Moon. Went to June [Jantze]'s. She shortened my blue skirt. Jo worked at Provident [Book Store].

Wednesday, June 1, 1983. Fair, nice day, warmer. We volunteered at hospital. I helped bind Rachel [Mitchell]'s quilt in p.m. Had dental appointment. Rons & we to surprise for James & Lenore Waltner at Werner Fransen's. Near 80 there. Was Jim's wedding anniversary, also 25 years since his ordination. Had short program. Ron spoke. Had finger foods. Church gave James \$400 for office chair.

Thursday, June 2, 1983. Cloudy. Had light drizzle all day, chilly. I cleaned the oven. Did some handwashing. Pete outside awhile. I made rhubarb pie for supper. Gave Rons some.

Friday, June 3, 1983. Cloudy, rained in morning, over one half inch, fair late p.m. We went to hospital at 8:00. I volunteered until 10 in Drs. Lounge for new board at switchboard. We went to Brittany at 11:00 to auxiliary luncheon. Presented Rachel [Mitchell] with her quilt. Bill Dunn talked to the group. 36 there. Mary along. Pete mowed lawn. Done cleaning. Marty home from Bressner's.

Saturday, June 4, 1983. A beautiful day, 70s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Trimmed some grass. Pete (unclear) some. We met Edgar & Art [Sieg]s & Ella at Denny's in Normal. Mary & we to see Ed in p.m. Had a program, ice cream & cake at the Home. I took coffee cake to Lois Baker. Kenneth Baker passed away. Got more sweetcorn. We planted row of peas & a few onions & 7 rows sweetcorn. I baked cake.

Sunday, June 5, 1983. Partly cloudy, cooler in evening. I got things ready for dinner. We went to church. Didn't have Sunday School as church [is having] Retreat at [Camp] Menno Haven. But had fairly good attendance. James & Lenore Waltner, Rons & Mary here for dinner. Had casserole. Were home in evening. Had some rain late evening.

Monday, June 6, 1983. Cloudy in morning, cleared off, cool. Pete done some weeding for Walter Dycks. I washed & ironed. Baked coffeecake braid. Worked in truck patch in p.m., hoed. We plowed. We went to visitation in evening for Ken Baker.

Tuesday, June 7, 1983. Fair, fine day, 80°. Pete sprayed apple tree. I washed off the porches, baked French bread. We worked outside in afternoon. I went to Women's Fellowship. Jeanette along.

Wednesday, June 8, 1983. Fair, warm, 81°. We volunteered at hospital. Saw Marguerite Burwitz at St. Joe [Hospital]. I picked pint of strawberries. We went to Bob Kaufmans home in evening. Helped clean. Getting house ready for Bob's return from Taiwan.

Thursday, June 9, 1983. Fair, 85°, nice day. I went with Mabel to HEA. We hoed in truck patch in p.m. We went to CRs awhile in evening. Took letter from Bill Lawrence (appraisals). Watered plants in evening. Ron & Jon helped move furniture to Bob Kaufman's house.

Friday, June 10, 1983. Fair, warm, 86°, more humid. Did cleaning. Picked 1 ½ quarts strawberries. We went to town in p.m. Took some peonies, lettuce & onions to Virginia & Florence Crowley. Virginia has retired & is taking care of Florence at home. Rons here in evening for strawberries and shortcake.

Saturday, June 11, 1983. Fair, 80s, rather windy. Finished cleaning. Baked brownies. Fixed broccoli for salad. We picked 2 quarts strawberries. Put jar in freezer. Gave Jo a quart. Ron to Denver to meeting. He drove to Chicago. Plane left around 3:00. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, June 12, 1983. Fair, breezy, high 80s. We went to church & to Woizeski Reunion at Nob Hill. Large attendance, around 55. Same officers elected. Jeanette & some of her family came. Bob & Roger W[oizeski]. Henrietta [Thietje], Marilyn & Vernon & Nancy K[ampmeier] there. Jo & boys there too. We were home in evening.

Monday, June 13, 1983. Fair, windy, 87°, 89°. Washed and ironed. Jo and we picked strawberries. Got 7 quarts. Divided them. I put 3 jars in freezer. Kept out [some] to eat. We defrosted the freezer. Pete watered strawberries & roses.

Tuesday, June 14, 1983. Fair in morning, windy, 80s. Had thunderstorm & rain in p.m. Had over inch rain. I hoed some in morning. Pete plowed truck patch. Put out more lettuce. Jo & I to June [Jantze]'s at 10:00. She helped finished putting our anniversary quilt together. Done little shopping. Got home at 7:30. We picked 4 ½ quarts strawberries. Jo took half. I put jar in freezer. I baked coffeecake. Made mint tea. Ron home from Colorado at 7:15.

Wednesday, June 15, 1983. Fair, nice day, little cooler. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield club at Alta Litwillers. Mabel & I on committee. I had Alice Jiles talk on first aid &

CPR. Took she & Mary. Pete stayed at hospital, made charts. We went to church in evening. Bluffton male quartet gave program. Todd Hanes & Keith Nisley here all night.

Thursday, June 16, 1983. Fair, warm. Boys had late breakfast. Jo & we picked strawberries, 4 ½ boxes. I kept 2. Put small jar in freezer, gave Mary some. We picked peas. Put pint in freezer. Mary & we to Eureka. Ed wasn't feeling good. Has problem with hemorrhoids. We ate supper at Denny's & [went] to hospital at 6:45 for tour guide. Ron home with us. Jon home from FFA convention. Bluffton boys home late as they went to late show.

Friday, June 17, 1983. Fair, 80s. Did cleaning. Pete plowed garden. I hoed some. We went to town at 11:00. Had dental appointment at 11:30. Boys got up late. Jo had all of group for lunch. We had new muffler put on car. I did laundry for the 2 boys. Had a big one. Pete plowed truck patch. We planted some sweet corn. Marty home from Gale [Bressner]s.

Saturday, June 18, 1983. Fair, warm, 80s. Picked few peas. Gave to Jo. We picked 2 quarts strawberries. Gave Jo one box. She picked rest of berries. Got breakfast for Todd Hanes & Keith Nisley. They left at 10:30, going to Chenoa. I washed sheets & towels. We met EA [Gurtner], Art [Sieg]s & others at Denny's North. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Marty to St. Louis [to] ballgame with Denzers.

Sunday, June 19, 1983. Had rain last night, nearly an inch here. Much more East of town. Mostly cloudy, 70s. We went to church. Our small group met but we went to Rons for Father's Day. Allen called in morning. Randys left for Michigan, had been home week. Jeff went to Dallas a few days & got back. Marty home from St. Louis.

Monday, June 20, 1983. Fair, hot, humid, 87°. Had a shower in p.m. I washed & ironed. Got dinner. Jo & Jon here. Had backbone & sauerkraut, strawberry shortcake. Jo & we picked 4 ½ quarts berries. I put 2 jars in freezer. We picked peas. Put pint in freezer. Pete cut & pulled some weeds. Paul Millers here in evening. Just back from vacation.

Tuesday, June 21, 1983. Fair, hot and humid, 80s. Pete worked outside awhile. I baked cookies for Camp Friedenswald. Did some handwashing. Dusted up stairs & made up beds. Started marking my quilt. Mary & we met Dorothy Scogin at Bob Johnson's at 6:00. Went to Mary's apartment afterwards.

Wednesday, June 22, 1983. Fair, 88°, not so humid. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Merle ate with us in the cafeteria. Got groceries. Jo & we picked 3 quarts berries. I kept quart. Put jar in freezer. Picked peas. Put pint in freezer. Worked in garden a little in evening. Wrote to Pauls.

Thursday, June 23, 1983. Fair, hot, 91°, no breeze. We worked in truck patch in morning & again in evening. Paul [Miller]s & Jim [Waltner]s were out in evening. Pauls & we had ice

cream & berries. Jims had left. I finished marking our quilt in p.m. Marty came home for ballgame.

Friday, June 24, 1983. Fair, hot, 93°. We worked in truck patch. Picked quart & pint of strawberries. Gave Jo [a] box. Did cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Went to visitation for Russell Hensley. Mary along. Marty home from Gale [Bressner]s.

Saturday, June 25, 1983. Fair, hot, 95°. We picked peas. Put pint in freezer & 2 containers of broccoli. Finished cleaning. We went to Russell Hensley funeral at 10:00 at the church. Met Edgar at Denny's, had lunch with him. Cindy Ramseyer called at 3:00. Said she & her friend were riding their bikes out (Cindy Garretson). [They] were here for supper. Rons to hog show at Eureka. Boys had ballgame at 3:00.

Sunday, June 26, 1983. Fair, hot, 94°. More breeze. We went to church. Had dinner there for Bob Kaufman family who returned from 3 years in Taiwan. Got home at 1:15. Went for walk in evening to where Gordons are going to build a house.

Monday, June 27, 1983. Mostly cloudy, 80s. Had shower in p.m. More [rain] south of us. Washed & ironed. Picked nearly quart of berries, divided them with Rons. Picked enough peas for dinner. Pete mowed yard. We trimmed grass around trees & shrubbery. Worked some on Amy's quilt.

Tuesday, June 28, 1983. Partly cloudy, thunder showers in p.m. but very little rain here. I did some hand laundry in morning. We went to town at 10:00 to bank. Pete to dentist. I saw Lucille Johnson (Reach for Recovery). Mary & I to Verna Wallace at 1:30. Made programs for Garfield [club]. Pete watered raspberries, swept out garage. I shortened apricot colored dress.

Wednesday, June 29, 1983. Partly cloudy. Had thunderstorm in p.m. Under tornado warning 45 minutes at 3:00 p.m. Under watch most of afternoon and evening. Had 2 inches rain in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Pete with CR to Rotary at noon. I went with Marie & Laura to Lakeside [Country Club]. Irene [Lowery] didn't feel well. We had planned to go see Ed in PM but weather threatening. I waxed kitchen floor. Rained some in night. Had over an inch of rain.

Thursday, June 30, 1983. Fair, nice day, 80s. I baked bars in morning. We went to town at 10:00. Took our drivers test. We both passed. So glad that's over. Went to Eastland. Got Pete a tan suit. Went to hospital at 12:30. I had permanent at 2:30. Pete made charts. We picked peas. Put quart in freezer. Picked some of Paul [Miller]'s snow peas. Put 3 cartons in freezer. I transplanted some flowers.

Friday, July 1, 1983. Mostly fair, hot, 93°, windy. Did cleaning. I put 2 containers broccoli in freezer. Kept some to use. Picked beans. Canned 5 quarts. Worked in garden awhile. Pete pulled some of peas. Allen & Shirley got here little before 10:00 p.m. Good to see them. Rons here awhile.

Saturday, July 2, 1983. Fair, hot, 92°, windy. Pete to men's breakfast. He & I went to church at 8:30. Helped clean. We & Allens worked in truck patch. We all met Edgar, Art [Sieg]s & Marie at Denny's. We went to Eastland & got groceries. Allens to Bill Dunns at 5:00. Pete & I worked outside after supper. Ron built a leanto on the metal shed. Marty's gilt had 15 pigs, 2 dead.

Sunday, July 3, 1983. Fair, hot, very windy. We all went to church. Pete & I were ushers in Chet [Roth]'s place. Allens & we to Mary's for dinner. We all went to Eureka to see Ed. Allens went on to Metamora to see Charlene. Ed seems little better than last time we were there. Rons to Dunns in evening. Rained in night, had ¼ inch rain. Steve called from California. He's OK & busy.

Monday, July 4, 1983. Cloudy, showered little in morning, cleared in p.m., a beautiful day, quite cool. I washed 3 loads. Allens took we and Marie to *Sheritan* (sp?) Inn for lunch. Allens on to see Fern [Wick]. I got things ready for supper. Had picnic here. I made ham sandwiches & other things. Rons, Allens, Cindy Ramseyer, Mary, Marie, Rays & CRs here. Gordons busy. Wally [Denzer]s came late but ate some. Sheila Petty here too. Watched fireworks.

Tuesday, July 5, 1983. Partly cloudy, cool. Allen and Shirley left at 8:15 for home. We miss them. I did laundry. Pete hoed some in truck patch. We picked beans. I canned 6 quarts & had [some] to eat. Gave Jo [a] few. We picked row of Jim [Waltner]'s peas. Put 3 pints in freezer. Gave Jo [a] few to eat. A busy day.

Wednesday, July 6, 1983. Fine day, 70s, 50s in morning. We volunteered at hospital. Met Jo at Garlic Press. We got cutting board & grater for Cynda Dunn's shower & bread & muffin pan for Lorie Kaufman. Pete mowed yard and I picked peas. Got a quart. I washed car. Jo & I went to shower at Bob Stutzman's for Cynda Dunn.

Thursday, July 7, 1983. Fair, nice day. I picked quart of raspberries. Seth Swift called about a dog at animal shelter. Went there but didn't get one. A lady called when we got home. Had a dog she wanted us to have, so [we] went to town. Got Toshi, yellow shorthaired spaded female. I got things ready for supper. Mike & Cynda Dunn & Marvin Kym. Had hamburger casserole, Jell-O salad, raspberries & ice cream. We had nice visit.

Friday, July 8, 1983. Fair, warmer, 80s. Did cleaning. We picked beans. I canned 6 pints. Gave Jo some. Picked rest of Jim [Waltner]'s peas. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. I canned quart of beet pickles. We hoed in truck patch awhile in evening. Shampooed my hair.

Saturday, July 9, 1983. Fair, near 90°. We picked 1 ½ quarts raspberries. Went to church at 8:30. Helped clean. Got groceries. Met Edgar, Ella & Mildred [Burwitz] at Denny's. We got plate & mug for Cindy's birthday. Went to College Hills Mall. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Marty home from hog show and sale in Wisconsin.

Sunday, July 10, 1983. Fair, hot, 93°. We went to church. Marie Yoder & Lucy C[atherine] took us to dinner at Carson's. Went back to Lucy C's awhile. Bob & Mary Kaufman told of their experience in Taiwan. Rons & we to Mutual Fund for students at Warner Fransen.

Monday, July 11, 1983. Fair, hot, 92°, fairly good breeze. I washed and ironed. We picked beans & raspberries. Jo helped. I canned 7 quarts & 3 pints beans. Put quart [of] raspberries in freezer. Gave Jo some. Rons & Mohrs baling's straw around Lake Bloomington. Jo helping haul. Ron came home in PM to help. I made lemonade for them. Worked outside awhile.

Tuesday, July 12, 1983. Fair, hot, 93°. We went to town at 10:00. I went to annual HEA meeting at Wesley Methodist [Church]. Long meeting. I left at 2:00. Pete did some errands. We got Mary & got roses for Cindy (that Steve ordered) & took them to her. She came home with us. Had supper, chicken, potato salad, cherry dessert. I took she & Mary to shower for Lori Kaufman at Harvella [Stutzman]'s. Jo couldn't go, had meeting. Gave Cindy plate & cup [to] match her set. Harvey had surprise card & shower for her.

Wednesday, July 13, 1983. Fair, hot, humid, 93°, not much breeze. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Picked beans. Canned 6 quarts [beans] & picked 2 quarts raspberries. Gave Jo a box. I put 2 jars in freezer. We were home in evening.

Thursday, July 14, 1983. Partly cloudy, hazy, hot, 93°, humid. Put container of broccoli in freezer. Picked rest of peas (pint). Pulled up the vines. I polished silver service in p.m. Pete worked outside awhile. Were home in evening. Wrote Steve & Jeff.

Friday, July 15, 1983. Hazy, hot, 91°, humid. We picked 1 ½ quarts berries. Finished cleaning. Went to town at 10:00. Stopped at church. Helped awhile. Jo there making salads & setting up for Cindy's wedding. We went to auxiliary board luncheon at hospital at 11:00. I had hair done at 2:00. Pete got haircut. We & Rons to Davis Lodge to Cynda & Marvin's wedding rehearsal dinner.

Saturday, July 16, 1983. Fair, hot, 93°. We went to church at 9:00 to take pictures of wedding party. Cynda Dunn & Marvin Kym were married at 11:00. Pete & I were Cynda's honorary grandparents. We felt it an honor to be part of it. Was a beautiful wedding. Everyone invited to reception & luncheon at church. Jo hostess for everything. A big job well done. We went to Bills at Lake [Bloomington] later in p.m. [They] got a lot of gifts. Marty had 4 games (4-H). Won all.

Sunday, July 17, 1983. Fair, another hot day. We went to church. Mary & we to Eureka. Had dinner at Troyer's Restaurant. Went to see Ed. He slept most of time, has [rash] breaking out, doesn't seem much better. Home in evening. Wrote Allens. Went to Rons. We made ice cream for the ballplayers. Gordons, Denzers, Hoefts, Gary Mohr there.

Monday, July 18, 1983. Fair, hot, 90s. I washed and ironed. We & Jo picked beans. I canned 7 quarts for Jo. She had company. Carltons [Emerick, Jo's brother] & another couple there for

lunch. We met Marie & Mary at Denny's at 5:30. Went to Marie's afterwards, had dessert. We took Mary home.

Tuesday, July 19, 1983. Fair, hot, was 104° on our garage thermometer. We picked little over quart [of] raspberries. I put jar in freezer, made a raspberry custard pie. Made broccoli salad. We got bushel [of] transparent apples at Birkelbaws. Got supper. Terry Stutzman & Cindy R[amseyer] here. Had hamburger casserole.

Wednesday, July 20, 1983. Fair, hot, 101°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Jo picked beans. Helped her can 6 quarts this afternoon. Got things ready for supper. Went to Garfield picnic at Carlock Community Building. Lucy C[atherine] hostess. Mary with her. We took CRs.

Thursday, July 21, 1983. Another hot day, 101°. We need rain badly. We picked ¾ box raspberries. Gave [to] Jo. I made applesauce. Jo helped finish in PM. I worked in flower garden awhile in morning.

Friday, July 22, 1983. Fair, 102°. Gardens & crops are suffering for rain. We got beets. I canned 2 ½ quarts. Did cleaning. I baked carrot cake for Lori Kaufman's wedding. Marty home from Bressners.

Saturday, July 23, 1983. Another hot day, 101°. We picked pint of raspberries. Gave to Jo. We helped her pick beans. Not enough to can. Went to church at 8:30. Helped clean. We met Edgar, Arts, Ella, Gertie & Mildred at Ponderosa. Pete had a bowel problem so came home. Worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, July 24, 1983. Mostly fair, not quite so hot. We went to church & to Diana Emberton for Marie's birthday. Had potluck. CRs, Cutters, Gordons & we & Marie [there]. Rons & Rays busy. We went to Lori Kaufman & David Yost's wedding at 3:30. Came home & changed clothes. Went to Anton [Romyn]'s for dinner. Anton's sister & husband and Gerlof[Homan]s there. Had nice evening.

Monday, July 25, 1983. Fair, nice day, 80s, much less humid, but we need rain. I washed & ironed. Pete worked outside. Watered some plants in truck patch. I made ½ gallon dill pickles. We worked outside awhile after supper. Rons to FFA fair at Pontiac in morning. Jon did all right, had no competition. Ron to work in p.m. We picked nearly quart of raspberries, put jar in freezer.

Tuesday, July 26, 1983. Fair, warmer, 89°. I canned 3 pints beans. I went with Marie & Irene Lowery to Barneys for lunch. Were to meet Laura. She thought we were to meet at Maxwell's. So [we] didn't get to see her. We helped clean church in evening. Pete cut some weeds around truck patch.

Wednesday, July 27, 1983. Fair, 92°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Merle had lunch with us in cafeteria. We picked over pint of raspberries. Gave them to Rons. Picked cucumbers. Made ½ gallon Dills & 4 ½ pints bread-and-butter [pickles]. Pete did some watering.

Thursday, July 28, 1983. Fair, hot, near 100°. I baked cookies. Went to Birkelbaws. Got bushel of apples. I cooked some. Put 4 jars in freezer. Rons took us to Shakespeare play at Ewing Castle, "Much Ado about Nothing." We ate on lawn. Had pizza. Stopped at Steak 'n Shake on way home. Enjoy the evening.

Friday, July 29, 1983. Fair, hot, near 100°. Had a severe electrical storm 6:45 PM. Lightning struck Rons house. Blew their TV. Blew fuse in deep well pump, also lightbulbs in house & barn. Had ¾ inch rain. Thankful for the rain. I canned 3 pints beans & ½ gallon dills. Went to hospital at 10:30, reception for Harry Frank's retirement. I cooked applesauce in p.m. Gave it to Jo.

Saturday, July 30, 1983. Partly cloudy, humid, looked rainy in p.m. Marie & Mary took us to the Peppermill at Morton for lunch. Got home at to: 30. I put carton [of] broccoli in freezer & made quart [of] dills. We sowed endive & planted more green beans. Were home in evening. Got \$5 from Mary & Marie & \$10 from Allens.

Sunday, July 31, 1983. Fair, 92°, more breeze in afternoon. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Lucy C[atherine], Mary & Marie Yoder & we to Elms for our birthdays. Gave Lucy C. necklace. She gave me half slip. We drove around Evergreen Lake. We stopped here. Took them back to church. Rons got sweet corn at Denzers. We fixed 20 pints. They ate supper here. Ron & boys took feed to Fairgrounds.

Monday, August 1, 1983. Fair, pleasant day, 80s, a relief from the heat. I washed & ironed. Baked apple pie. Gave Rons some. I cooked kettle of applesauce. Mary & we to see Ed. He seemed very forgetful. Picked cucumbers. Made 4 quarts dill [pickles]. Rons took Marty & Jon's livestock to 4-H fair. Wrote to Deb & Randy.

Tuesday, August 2, 1983. Fair, near 90°. I canned 5 quarts tomato juice. We went to 4-H Fair at 11:30. Jon showed dairy. Did real well. Had Champion & Reserve Champion Ayrshire. We came home awhile. Went back with Rons for evening to crowning of King & Queen. Miller boy & Miller girl were crowned. Jon did real well in talk. Marty presented Crown to new King. Rons & we ate at Pancake House on way home.

Wednesday, August 3, 1983. Fair, hot, 94° – 95°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Picked tomatoes & cucumbers. Made 5 quarts dills. We were home in evening. Marty showed barrows. Did quite well, 2nd & 3rd. Rons back to Fair in evening. Had little shower at night.

Thursday, August 4, 1983. Cloudy in morning, fair, 90°. We & Mary to Fair at 8:30. Marty & Jon showed gilts. Got 3rd & 4th, got (blank) on pair. We came home at 4:00. I went back with Ron in evening. Had horse pulling contest. I enjoyed it. Jo left at 4:34 Bethlehem Pennsylvania. She flew.

Friday, August 5, 1983. Fair, hot, 90°. Foggy in morning. Pete dug some potatoes. I canned 5 quarts tomato juice & 4 quarts dill pickles. We touched up some places in kitchen with paint. Cut weeds in evening. Pete watering some of truck patch.

Saturday, August 6, 1983. Fair, hot, 88°. Foggy in morning. We went to town at 10:00. Took some papers to Merle. Did some shopping. Met Edgar [Gurtner], Art [Sieg]s & Thietje girls at Denny's. I made 2 quarts dill pickles in afternoon. Ron & boys brought livestock home from Fair. Ron & we to Eric's for our birthday dinners. Boys busy. We went to Derby Demolition awhile. Good way to celebrate, ha.

Sunday, August 7, 1983. Fair, hot, 90°. Not much breeze. We took Marie tomatoes & cucumbers. Went to church & to Mary's for dinner. Ron sick, went to ER, was vomiting & very dizzy. Gave him IV. Left him there until about 2:00. Brought him home. Boys ate at Mary's. They brought Ron's car home. I got things ready for supper. Cindy & Marvin here. Ron better in evening, but has headache.

Monday, August 8, 1983. Fair, hot, 90°. Very little breeze. Pete picked tomatoes. I washed & ironed. We went to Baums at Clinton. Having trouble with air conditioner on car. They found a nut loose. We got few peaches at Produce. Ron feeling better. He went to work at noon. I made tapioca pudding for them. Also gave them some cake we got at Eric's. Had \$10 for our anniversary from Allens.

Tuesday, August 9, 1983. Fair, cooler, 88°. Less humid, pleasant. I baked coffeecake braid. I put 6 jars peaches in freezer. Made 3 ½ pints preserves & marmalade. Canned 6 quarts tomato juice in p.m. Pete watered some things in truck patch. Jo & Irene Dunn home from Pennsylvania at 3:20. Boys took hogs to Springfield in evening. Got to bed late. Ruth Ann Dirkson & girls at Rons all night.

Wednesday, August 10, 1983. Hot, 95°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Merle had lunch with us in cafeteria. Jo & we worked with sweet corn from Paul Millers and some of ours. (Pauls are in Colorado.) We got 8 packages. Divided it. Done some watering in evening. Everything is so dry. Had shower in night, .03 [inch] rain.

Thursday, August 11, 1983. Much cooler, near 80°, partly cloudy, windy from the north. Quite a change but welcome. We picked tomatoes. Jo here. I helped her canned 10 quarts. I baked zucchini muffins. Jo helped us finished digging potatoes. I made 3 quarts dill pickles for Jo. Ron & Jon went to Springfield in evening.

Friday, August 12, 1983. Fair, nice day, 79°. Joe and I to Springfield. Marty showed in Junior show. Got 1st in all his classes & Grand Champion gilt. Am happy for him. Was a good day. Jo & I went to Crafts & Vegetables Building. We got home at 6:30. Ron came home with us. Pete home. Did some typing.

Saturday, August 13, 1983. Fair, little warmer, 84°. Finished cleaning. Made 3 quarts dills for Jo. Rons to Fair early. Marty showed barrows. Got 3rd. We met Edgar, Art Siegl's and Thietje girls at Denny's. We went to College Hills Mall. We worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jo & Jon home. Ron stayed to help Marty move hogs. Pauls at Allens.

Sunday, August 14, 1983. Partly cloudy, warmer. We went to church. Mary & we ate dinner at 76 Restaurant. Went to see Ed. He seems some better, goes to dining room for his meals. Jo to Fair in morning. She and Ron home at 8:00. Marty did quite well in barrow show. Kenney Ropp fell in barn. Cut his back. Is in hospital (Mennonite).

Monday, August 15, 1983. Fair, hot, 90s. Washed and ironed. Jo & I canned 17 quarts tomato juice. We went to town awhile in p.m. to bank & fruit stand. Pauls got here at 5:00. They had word at Allens that their house had been broken into again. Hope they didn't take anything. Ron worked. They were here for supper. Jo grilled meat.

Tuesday, August 16, 1983. Fair, hot. Ron & Jon to fair. Took Jon's cattle. Carol brought Kenny home from hospital. He stayed here with boys. Went home at 2:00. Boys with him. Amy & Karen at Marie's. Marjorie done some laundry. We all, Jo, Mary & Marie to Denny's for supper. Jo to church board meeting. Rest of us to Marie's for ice cream.

Wednesday, August 17, 1983. Had little shower in morning. Fair, hot, 100°. We all went to Springfield [to State] Fair. Marty showed in open show. Got 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 9th. Did very well. Lot of competition. Pauls & we got home at 5:30. Stopped in town. Rons home late. Pete & Paul watered hogs. Ron stayed at fair. Marty home.

Thursday, August 18, 1983. Fair, hot, near 100°, very little breeze. Pauls left for home at 8:30. Hope they had a good trip. We cleaned house. I washed sheets & towels and ironed. We went to town at 3:00. Took boxes to Thrift Shop. Got some peaches. Put quart & pint in freezer. Made 1 ½ pints preserves. Got shirt for Ron's birthday. Jon showed in open show, got 2nd.

Friday, August 19, 1983. Fair, near 100° again, more breeze. I put 3 quarts peaches in freezer. Gave Mary some for preserves. I canned 10 quarts tomatoes. Mary got 5 gallon bucket of tomatoes. Jon showed in Jr. show. Got 3 Reserve Champions & won showmanship. He had a good day. Marty to Fair in morning. Came back at 2:00. Jo & Jon home in evening. Ron brought hogs home.

Saturday, August 20, 1983. Fair, hot, 100° plus, no breeze. Rons to Fair again. Jon won Ayrshire milking Derby. They brought cattle home. I put 8 pints sweet corn in freezer. We worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Gave Walter Dycks tomatoes. They gave some to Evelyn [Bertsche].

Sunday, August 21, 1983. Fair, windy, hot, 90s. We went to church. We ate at Pizza Hut. Were home in p.m. and evening. All church picnic was at Underwood Park. We didn't go.

Monday, August 22, 1983. Had thunder shower at 3:00 a.m. Had 10th [of an] inch. Had [one] inch south of us. Fair in p.m. Breeze from north, 90°. I washed & ironed. Pete picked tomatoes for [Jim] Waltners. Jo & we put up 14 pints corn in p.m. I kept 4 pints. Paul Miller home from Colorado. He picked tomatoes & peppers & melons.

Tuesday, August 23, 1983. Partly cloudy, 88°. I baked chocolate chip cookies for Marty to take to school. Had lunch at Lakeside with Laura, Marie & Irene. Podded soybeans that Dycks gave us. Put a carton in freezer. Did some handwashing.

Wednesday, August 24, 1983. Fair, hot again, 93°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Helped Jo can 10 quarts tomato juice. Ron left at 6:30 with Jon's cattle for Indianapolis [Indiana State] Fair.

Thursday, August 25, 1983. Fair, hot, 90s. I baked pecan rolls and lemon bars for Marty. Washed bedding from upstairs & bedspread from our room & rugs. Lucy C[atherine], Mary & we to Perkins [Restaurant] at 5:30. Marty with Gail Bressner to Indiana State Fair. Took 3 hogs.

Friday, August 26, 1983. Had rain to: 30 a.m. and again in forenoon. Had ¾ inch, sure glad for it. Did usual cleaning & cleaned the upstairs. Jo to Indianapolis at 4:00 a.m. They showed hogs & cattle. Got 3ds on all classes hogs & cattle. Jo & Marty got home at 6:00 p.m. Ron brings livestock Sunday.

Saturday, August 27, 1983. Had a shower in morning, fair, hot and humid, 90s. Jo & we fixed 4 pints corn for freezer. Pete & I met Edgar, Srt [Sieg]s & Ella at Perkins [Restaurant] at noon. We were home in PM. Got some things ready for tomorrow's dinner. Transplanted a flower. Had 1/3 inch rain in evening.

Sunday, August 28, 1983. Fair, hot. We went to church. Jo with us. Jon not feeling good. Jo & Marty & Jon, Marie & Mary here for dinner. Had chicken & rice. Jo made peach cobbler. We went to potluck supper at Bill Dunns at 5:30 [to] talk about World Conference in France next summer. Ron home from Indiana [State] Fair.

Monday, August 29, 1983. Fair, quite warm. Marty left for Bethel College at 6:30. Hope he has a good trip. I washed & ironed. Jo & we finished the sweet corn. Had 7 pints. I kept 2. Jon home from school in morning, isn't feeling well. Dr. thinks he has some sinusitis & inner ear problem. Mary & we to see Ed. We took Cindy Ramseyer to Grand Café.

Tuesday, August 30, 1983. Cloudy most of day, cooler, had little shower in morning. We picked tomatoes. Paul Miller here in morning, got tomatoes. I wrote to Steve. Worked on quilt a while in PM. Helped Jo canned 4 ½ quarts tomato juice. We went to Carlock for visitation for Ruth Orns. Jon feeling better.

Wednesday, August 31, 1983. Fair, nice day, 80s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Merle had dinner with us in cafeteria. Worked outside awhile in p.m. Took Toshi (dog) to vet. Got her

tag. We went to visitation group meeting at church. Jim Waltner will be on sabbatical for 3 months.

Thursday, September 1, 1983. Another nice day, 80s. Pete took some weeds out of strawberry bed. I made 8 glasses grape jelly. Gave Jo 4 glasses. She gave us 3 quarts peaches. We went to town at 4:30. Pete had dental appointment at 5:00. We ate at Red Lobster. Went to Rachel Mitchell's at 7:00, meeting for bazaar. Deb & Allen called. They're coming for weekend.

Friday, September 2, 1983. Fair, warmer, near 90°. Did cleaning. Made 2 pie crusts. Fixed sweet pickles. We & Jo to grocery store in PM. Rons & we walked to Gordons building site. They poured footing today. Allen & Shirley got here at 9:30. Rons here awhile.

Saturday, September 3, 1983. Fair, 90°. I made chili. Got things ready for lunch. Allen & Shirley to Yeakel family reunion. Deb & Randy got here from Michigan at 11:30. They went to town in p.m. to see Shirley's family. We all, Mary, Marie & CRs to Barney's in evening. Marie & Mary took Allens & Randys as guests. Went to Marie's awhile. Rons busy.

Sunday, September 4, 1983. Fair, breezy, 92°. We all went to church. Allens, Randys, Rons, Mary & Cindy R[amseyer] here for dinner. Marie at Elmer Siegs. Allens left for home at 5:00. Randys & Cindy here for lunch. Randys left little after 7:00. Had a nice weekend, but we miss them.

Monday, September 5, 1983. Fair, windy, 94°. I did laundry. Washed bedding. Had 9 loads. Did ironing. June & Larry Jantze here in evening. June helped me put our anniversary quilt in frame. Rons home all day. Mowed weeds & yard. Had a shower in night.

Tuesday, September 6, 1983. Mostly cloudy in morning, fair & windy in p.m., 80s. Pete went with Paul Miller at 7:00 a.m. for Paul's acreage in southern Illinois. I went to prayer group at Eddie Stalter. Quilted in PM. Mary here, helped in p.m. I went to Good Will with Jeanette.

Wednesday, September 7, 1983. Fair, nice day, 50s in morning. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Mary here in p.m. We quilted. I baked bars & made salad dressing in evening. Pete & Paul [Miller] got home at 6:00. Glad to see them. We went to Rons for supper. I saw a Mrs. Finfrock, Reach to Recovery.

Thursday, September 8, 1983. Fair, warmer, 90°. I went to HEA with Mabel. Quilted in PM. Pete home. We went to town in evening. Pete to delegate hospital meeting. I visited with Merle.

Friday, September 9, 1983. Fair, hot, 97°. We went to auxiliary quarterly meeting & to potluck dinner. Went to Eastland & to grocery store. I quilted some in p.m. Jo here awhile. Deb & Randy flew to Iowa to Iowa State & Iowa football game]. Randy going to Newton [Kansas] for a week. Deb back to Detroit.

Saturday, September 10, 1983. Fair, hot, 96°. Pete to men's breakfast. I got things ready for dinner. Marie took CRs, Gordon & we to Peoria to Ropp reunion. Only 18 there. Pete elected Pres. next year. Gordon vice pres. A committee appointed for program next year, being 80th year of Ropp reunion. Marie & we to Birkelbaws, got apples, etc. Rons home. He's on call at hospital. Had shower in night.

Sunday, September 11, 1983. Partly cloudy, cooler. We went to church. Had sandwich, fruit lunch there. Congregational meeting. Cindy came home with us. She did her laundry and helped quilt. Jo here awhile.

Monday, September 12, 1983. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy, cool, 70s. I washed & ironed. Canned 6 quarts tomatoes. Jo helped awhile. She was here for lunch. I quilted some in p.m. & evening. Pete worked some on genealogy.

Tuesday, September 13, 1983. Fair, cool, 50s in morning. I went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. Pete did some shopping. We took Merle to Bob Johnson's for lunch. She enjoyed it. Mary & we to see Ed in PM. He's about same. His right arm bothers him a lot. I quilted in evening.

Wednesday, September 14, 1983. Had a full day, 40s in morning, 72°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Marie, Irene [Lowery], Pete and I met Laura & Frances S. at Lakeside. Had lunch together. Marie & Pete made reservations for Ropp reunion at Miller Park. Mary here in p.m. We quilted.

Thursday, September 15, 1983. Cloudy, cool. Rained most of morning & more rain in evening. I quilted. We went to town at 3:00. We had physicals at Dr. Bertsche's. Jo took hogs to Gale's, then to Streator to get Marty. They went to Gale's to get ready for the sale. We ate at Denny's on way home. Had 1 1/3 inches rain, most we had for several months.

Friday, September 16, 1983. Fair, nice day, cool, 70°. Jo here. We made 9 pies for Bresner sale. Jo made 4 gallons baked beans. Ron & Marty to Gale's in morning. Jo & we went to Gale's at 3:00. We cut & packaged pies. Sale started at 7:30. Marty sold 11 head, did quite well. We got home at 11:00. Rons home much later.

Saturday, September 17, 1983. Fair, little warmer. Finished the weekly cleaning. We met Edgar, Art [Sieg]s & Ella at Denny's. Came home & quilted until 3:00. Went to hospital, volunteered, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, September 18, 1983. Had a shower early a.m., windy, quite warm. We went to church. Ron preached. Rons, Mary & we to Buddy's Restaurant for dinner. Mary came out here. We quilted. Marty and Rons to Gail's. Adam Denzer took Marty to Streator. [He] leaves at 7:00 PM. We went with Rons to church in evening. Hospital had program. Had thunderstorm, 8:00 PM. Had .8 inches rain.

Monday, September 19, 1983. Partly cloudy, windy, near 90°. I washed & ironed. Mary came in morning. We quilted. Jo here for dinner. Pete working on Ropp history. I quilted in evening.

Tuesday, September 20, 1983. Cloudy, showered most of morning and also afternoon. Turned much cooler in morning. Temps dropping. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. I finished our anniversary quilt in afternoon. Cleaned closets in our bedroom. I put plastic on Jon's quilt to take to quilt show.

Wednesday, September 21, 1983. Partly cloudy, 37° in morning, chilly day. We volunteered at hospital. I met nurses at Grand Café. 17 of us. I went to Garfield club at Katherine Mishler's with Mary. Came home with Mabel. Put plastic on Benjy's quilt. We & Ron to Marie's in evening. Jo had meeting. CRs, Gordons & Rays there too [to] talk about Pearl's Estate.

Thursday, September 22, 1983. Partly cloudy, 34°, light frost in places, 50s. I cleaned our bedroom & washed bedding. We took 2 quilts (Jon's & Benjy's) to quilt show at Farm Bureau Field. Shopped some at Mall. I cleaned closet in west bedroom. Pete dug sweet potatoes. Were home in evening. Pete shot raccoon sitting on our evergreen in front of house.

Friday, September 23, 1983. Had Frost, 32°, nice day, 60°. I cleaned west bedroom & washed curtains. We went to hospital at 10:30. Pete worked on charts. I helped Rachel at auxiliary room. Mary & we to Eastland, then to Farm Bureau Field to quilt show. Large crowd. Got groceries. I cleaned bathroom & shampooed my hair. Pete mowed lawn first time since June.

Saturday, September 24, 1983. Clear, breezy, warmer. Pete to men's breakfast. I cleaned hallway & Cedar closet & broom closet. Cleaned some of kitchen cupboards in p.m. Pete picked some apples. I helped Jo awhile in p.m. We got the quilts at Farm Bureau Field. Went to Rons in evening. The IPSI group there, around 50. (I took baked apples.) The group went on hay rack ride.

Sunday, September 25, 1983. Cloudy, rained most of day. We went to church. Marie along. Ron preached. Mary, Marie, Cindy R & we to Denny's for dinner. Mary & we to Eureka. Ed is about same. Seemed quite alert. Had ½ inch rain. Jo & we to Home Builders at Bob Stutzmans.

Monday, September 26, 1983. Foggy in morning, fair, 74°. I washed & ironed. Pete picked bushel [of] apples. We cleaned all bookshelves in living room. I cleaned furniture & drapes. Waxed furniture. Jo taught school at Oakdale. Gave Jon money for barbells.

Tuesday, September 27, 1983. Fair, warmer, nice day. We went to health center at 8:00. Had blood work and EKGs. I went to prayer group at Alma [Galloway]'s. Pete to mall. Cleaned living & dining room & cleaned rug. We planted Tulip & grape hyacinth bulbs. I transplanted some violets. Jo taught school. We went with Rons to Ground Round Restaurant for Jon's birthday. Sheila along.

Wednesday, September 28, 1983. Fair, 83°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I finished cleaning cupboards in kitchen. Cleaned the oven & cleaned the fruit room. Paul M[iller] & [Walter] Dycks were out in garden. Gave them some of fallen apples. Ron to Chicago [to] meeting.

Thursday, September 29, 1983. Another nice day, 80s. I cleaned kitchen & waxed floor. We worked outside awhile. Cut off peonies & Iris. I went to Alumni Appreciation Scholarship Fund dinner at 6:00 & to alumni meeting. Pete home. Ron home from Chicago.

Friday, September 30, 1983. Fair, fine day, 83°. We went to town at 9:00. I helped put quilt in frame at auxiliary room. Quilted awhile. Pete made charts. We had lunch at Grand Café. I had permanent at hospital beauty shop. Jo to workshop at Fort Wayne Indiana.

Saturday, October 1, 1983. Another lovely day, 80s. We went to Denny's at 9:00. Met Bob Woizeskis, Marie, Edgar, Helen & Mary Sieg & Mildred D. Had breakfast. Gordon & Ron stopped to say hello. Bobs on way home from vacation. We washed car. Walked to see Gordon's new house. I made salad. We worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jo home from Indiana. I talked to Shirley about going out for Allen's birthday. Ron having back trouble.

Sunday, October 2, 1983. Fair, fine day. We went to church. Home for lunch. Got things ready for supper. Anton [Romyn]s and Gerlof [Homan]s here. Had ham loaf & apple pie, etc. Ron down with his back. John Bertsche to see him in morning. Gave him medication. Jo took tables, etc. to Congerville for Hospital picnic. We looked in on Ron. I took him some supper.

Monday, October 3, 1983. Partly cloudy, windy, 81°. I washed & ironed. We cleaned the recreation room in PM. Ron seems no better. Jo took him to hospital at 1:00. He had therapy on his back. Got some things in his office. Had some rain in night.

Tuesday, October 4, 1983. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 71°. Rons to hospital in morning. Saw Dr. *Merrimin* (sp?). He was admitted to [Room] 260. Feel so sorry for him. I went to prayer group at Helen P[attons]. Pete did some errands. I saw a Mrs. Leo Smith for Reach to Recovery. We went to College Hills Mall. Got black skirt. I cleaned laundry & furnace room. Went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette.

Wednesday, October 5, 1983. Beautiful day. We volunteered at hospital. Ron seems little more comfortable. They x-rayed his back. Didn't show anything. Mary & we to see Ed in p.m. He has lot [of] pain in his arm. Mary paid for our supper at Hen House. I baked cookies and stirred up rolls. Allen called. Steve got to Allens this p.m. Left Fresno Sunday p.m. Jo taught school. She went to hospital in evening.

Thursday, October 6, 1983. Fair, fine day, cool. I baked pecan rolls. We cleaned Windows and put in storm Windows. We went to town at to: 30. I had hair done. Had Bazaar committee

meeting at 4:00. Pete got Cindy. Took her to see Ron. He had therapy again, is about same. We took Mary to K's New Store. Got a radio. Ate at Perkins.

Friday, October 7, 1983. Fair, cloudy in p.m. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. I quilted after meeting. Pete worked in auxiliary room. Went to see Ron. Didn't have very good night. Jo left for Newton at 11:30 with Franzie [Loepp]s. Adam Denzer along. We packed. Got Cindy at 3:30. Left for Allens. Got here at 10 PM. Had light drizzle in evening. Ate at Amana. Glad for good trip. Good to see Allens. We surprised Allen. He didn't know we were coming.

Saturday, October 8, 1983. Cloudy in morning, clear, nice day, cool. We had late breakfast. We went uptown. Got gas. Helped Shirley get supper. Ate early. We went to Dick Pilgrims at 7:30. They had a surprise for Allen, 20 – 25 people. It was a fun time. Shirley served sandwiches, chips, cake & ice cream. Allen got gifts too numerous to mention. Got to bed late.

Sunday, October 9, 1983. Fine day, cool. We all went to Ames Mennonite Fellowship. Allens, Steve, Cindy & Pam sang a song. We ate at University Inn, Captains Table. Allens & we took Pam to Lake City. She had to go to work at 4:00. Talked to Rons. He is about same. Deb called.

Monday, October 10, 1983. We and Cindy left at 7:00 home. Got to normal at 1:30. Cindy had class at 2:00. Stopped at hospital. Ron was having CAT scan. I did laundry. Jo got home from Kansas at 2:00 a.m. We and Jo to see Ron in evening. He was very restless. Had slept long time after hypo they gave him during the scan. He has ruptured disc.

Tuesday, October 11, 1983. Mostly cloudy, windy, 70s. I went to prayer group at Shirley K[rahn's]. Stopped to see Ron. Had a better night. Seems some better. I cleaned out dresser drawers upstairs for Steve. Cleaned all the silverware. Cooked chicken. Cleaned some drawers in kitchen. Rained in night, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Colder.

Wednesday, October 12, 1983. Mostly cloudy, chilly. We volunteered at hospital. Jo had prayer group here as their furnace isn't running. We took Merle to Gailey's at 1:00. Waited as usual. Got home after 4:00. I baked Apple cake. We met Edgar, Art [Sieg]s, Henrietta [Thietje], Gertie & Ella at Denny's at 5:30. We packed suitcases. Ron about same. Getting tired of bed.

Thursday, October 13, 1983. Partly cloudy in morning. They chicken casserole. Went to HEA. Mabel & I on committee. Got home at 1:15. Steve got here at 12:00. Packed car. Left home at 1:45. Went to hospital. I saw a Mrs. Dixon, Reach for Recovery. Steve & Pete to see Ron. We got Cindy. Left town at 3:00 for Bluffton. Got here at 1:00. Rained all away until we got to Van Wert. Steve & Cindy drove some. I drove from Huntington to Basingers.

Friday, October 14, 1983. Clear, real windy, chilly. Got up late. Marcella & I quilted awhile. Steve & Cindy went to Bluffton in morning. Franklins & we to Lima to Museum. Stopped at plastic factory. Steve, Cindy & Judy S came for supper. After we ate we went to see Bob Gerbers

in evening. Katherine gave me a pillow. Bob gave Pete pencil holder. Ron home from hospital. Glad for him.

Saturday, October 15, 1983. Fair, fine day. Cindy to Bluffton at 8:00 to meet Randy & Deb. They had breakfast at Franks. Steve, Cindy & Randy left at 9:30 for Willington. Franks & we left later. Had lunch at Willington. Went to Bill Ramseyers. We all went to Willington – Defiance [football] game. Bills team won, 42 – 21. We all had supper at Bills. We all sang around player piano. Kids went swimming.

Sunday, October 16, 1983. Nice day. We all went to Quaker church, nice service. We had dinner at Bills. Randys went back to Bluffton with Franks & on home. We left at 2:00 for home. Got to town at 7:30. Stopped, had pizza. We all went to see Ron. They had MYF Wiener roast & hay ride. Rons staying down. Steve took Cindy home. He was here all night.

Monday, October 17, 1983. Partly cloudy, cool. I washed & ironed. Sewed binding on anniversary quilt. Pete helped Jo move fence for calves. Earl Kaufman & Meredith King to see Ron. James W[altner] there in evening. Steve to town at 7:00. Had breakfast with Cindy & went back to Iowa [to] help Dick Pilgrim.

Tuesday, October 18, 1983. Fair, nice day, 62°. I went to prayer group at Alta L[itwillers]. Pete worked outside some. Moved the potatoes in basement. I made 2 recipes of lemon lush for club. Ron didn't sleep well last night.

Wednesday, October 19, 1983. Cloudy, started to rain about noon, 52°. Pete volunteered at hospital in morning. I got things ready for club meeting. 20 members & 6 children were here. Ron about same. Took them some dessert. Maple Lawn [Home] called in evening. Ed wanted to talk few minutes. He was worried something was wrong as we hadn't been there for 2 weeks. Finished binding the quilt.

Thursday, October 20, 1983. Rained & misted all day. Chilly, windy. I baked coffeecake. We were at Rons awhile in morning. He slept better but was nauseated. He's depressed. Feel so sorry for him. We went to see Ed in p.m. Had a lot of pain in his arm & leg, also in his head. I washed some dresses. Put summer clothes away. Talked to Pauls. Benjy hurt his foot playing soccer. Paul called Ron.

Friday, October 21, 1983. Rained most of day, windy, chilly. Did cleaning. Went to town at 9:30. I quilted at auxiliary room. Pete made charts. I went with Marie to Maxwells. Irene & Laura there too. Pete & I to Rons awhile in PM. [He's] still restless & discouraged. Jo got different medication for pain. Don Nesters brought some food out. Had supper with Rons. I made chili for Sunday group dinner. Ron enjoyed Dons visit.

Saturday, October 22, 1983. Cloudy, rather foggy, some drizzle. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked 2 recipes of Apple cake. We met EA [Gurtner] & Thietje girls at White Horse. We went to

College Hills Mall. Got few things for Ron. He is about same. Still has pain. Bill & Irene [Dunn] there awhile in p.m. Ron had bad night. Talked to Allens.

Sunday, October 23, 1983. Another cloudy, gloomy, drizzly day. We went to church. Jo worship leader. Dick Baum preached. We went to small group at Ina Sutters. She & I furnished chili. Had good meeting. We went to Rons when we got home. Pete helped Jo some. I stay with Ron while she chore. He is about same, pain kinda left his leg & is now in his back. We went to Home Builders at J[ohn] Bertsche's. I took dessert (Apple cake). Crumplers at Rons. Talked to Pauls in evening.

Monday, October 24, 1983. Cloudy, misted some, 50s. Jo took Ron back to hospital this morning. He had a bad night again. Vomited again. Feel very sorry for him. Pete to finance meeting for auxiliary. I did laundry. Worked some on Amy's quilt. Was at Jo's awhile in p.m. We went with Jo to hospital in evening. Ron seemed to be resting little better. Is to get IVs. Visitors restricted. We stopped at Denny's. Jo had supper.

Tuesday, October 25, 1983. Cleared off in morning. Good to see the sun again. I had prayer group here. Jo to town. Ron had Myelogram about noon. Had a very very rough time. Nauseated in evening, vomiting. Jo stayed until 11:30. We stopped at hospital at 7:00. He was resting some so didn't go in [his] room. We went to Heritage [Group] at Anton [Romyn]s.

Wednesday, October 26, 1983. Clear, beautiful day, windy. Ron slept after 2:00 a.m. & most of morning. He felt better. We volunteered in morning. Took Merle to Gailey's at 11:30. Stayed with Ron awhile in p.m. Jo taught school in p.m. Pete helped her some with chores. I got [a] little supper for her. Ron called in evening. He's scheduled for Injection tomorrow at 11:00.

Thursday, October 27, 1983. Clear, nice day. We went to hospital at 8:00. I quilted awhile. Pete made charts. Spent time with Ron until he went to OR at 11:30. Surgery took nearly an hour & spent 2 hours in recovery. Dr. Irvin did surgery. Dr. Causey gave anesthetic. Pain much less in Ron's leg. Certainly hope he can get relief. Still getting continuous IVs. We stayed with Ron. Jo home to chore. We met Marie, Jo & Jon at Denny's at 7:30. Jo back to hospital.

Friday, October 28, 1983. Another fine day. Little warmer. Ron slept well last night. We are thankful he has gotten relief. Pete helped Jo with chores. I did cleaning. Went to women's meeting at Carlock. Mary & Martha Dyck along. The Hugh Sprungers [missionaries] speakers. Jo to camp Friedenswald at noon for workshop. We went to hospital in evening. Ron had a good day.

Saturday, October 29, 1983. Lovely day. We left at 7:15 with Tom Yoder & his brother for genealogical meeting at Tiskilwa, Willow Springs Church. Was a good meeting. We got home at 4:50. I cooked some chicken. Jo home from Friedenswald around 6:00. She went to hospital. Ron had a good day, is up some with corset & crutches. Bill Dunn had supper with him, pizza &

peanut butter pie (Irene is in Kansas). Talked to Allens. Jo had a call at 10:00 PM. Her brother Carlton passed away in Memphis Tennessee.

Sunday, October 30, 1983. Mostly cloudy, chilly. We went to church. Jo & Jon there too. Cindy home with us. Steve got here at 12:25. He had good trip. He, Cindy & Jon here for dinner. Jo to hospital. Brought Ron home at 2:00. Thankful he can be home. Is up some, walking for short time. We went to church for sandwich & fruit supper. Hugh Sprungers there, showed pictures of Hong Kong where they are missionaries. Steve, Cindy, Jon & Sheila to show. Called Allens in morning. Pauls called. He got home from meeting at Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

Monday, October 31, 1983. Mostly cloudy. Pete helping Jo with chores. I did laundry. Washed some for Steve. Steve & we to hospital at 11:30. Had lunch there. Saw Merle. Gave her a lap robe. Steve got application form. I saw a Mrs. Paul Rittke, Reach to Recovery. Steve to Cindy's for supper. Left for Nevada at 5:50. Is going to help Dick P[ilgrim]. Mary & we to see Ed. He's about same. We helped Jo with chores & moved hogs. Ron at barn awhile.

Tuesday, November 1, 1983. Fair, warmer, 70°. Jo left for Bluffton at 9:30. Pete helping with chores. I went to prayer group at Joyce Schmuckers. Ron here for lunch. I baked chocolate *rival* (sp?) bars & pineapple bread. Got things ready for supper. Ron & Jon here. Ron up & around. Went to barn with Pete when he chored. I went to Women's Fellowship. Jeanette [Colter], Mary J[antze] & Hazel along. Rained in night, nearly an inch.

Wednesday, November 2, 1983. Cloudy, foggy in morning. We volunteered at hospital. I got things ready for supper. Made apple crisp & Jell-O salad. Steve came at 3:00. He, Ron & Jon here for supper. Pete chore. Ron is out and around. Steve to choir practice. Jon getting cattle ready for Louisville. Jo's brother Carlton's funeral this morning.

Thursday, November 3, 1983. Cloudy, windy, cold. Pete & Ron choring. Steve & John left at 9:00 for dairy show at Louisville, took 4 head. I baked cherry pie for alumna supper. We went to town for Ron, got his check. Went to bank & had truck filled with gas. Ron here for lunch. I went to hospital at 3:30. Had chest x-ray & worked at chili supper, 4:30 – 5:30. Had flat tire when got town. Elmo fixed it. We went to church at 6:30. Helped clean. Jon & Steve had accident at Louisville. Truck stopped suddenly. They hit a car. No one hurt.

Friday, November 4, 1983. Fair, cold, 28° in morning. We went to auxiliary meeting in morning. Home at noon. Ron here for dinner & supper. Irene D[unn] brought pie for supper. I put flower seeds away. Pete & Ron choring. Ron is improving. We're very grateful for it.

Saturday, November 5, 1983. Fair, nice day, 27° in morning. Pete chored & [went] to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Got lunch. Ron here. I rested awhile, have a cold. Ron and we to Bill Dunns for supper. Jon got 4th in show. Jo & Rosalee to Louisville for the show. CRs & Marie to Indiana (Roselle Hicksons).

Sunday, November 6, 1983. Cloudy, gloomy day. We went to church. Ron & Mary here for dinner. Franzie Loepp here awhile to get material for [Mennonite] mutual aid. We had lunch with Ron at his house and [had] popcorn.

Monday, November 7, 1983. Cloudy most of day, 50s. Pete & Ron choring. Ron to hospital at 9:30. Came home at 1:00. Did some work at his office. He was glad to get back to work. John called in evening. Didn't do too well in open show. Had terrible tragedy. Mrs. Hendrick & her 3 children were murdered in their home on east side of the Bloomington.

Tuesday, November 8, 1983. Fair, nice day, 62°. I went to prayer group at Eddy [Stalter]'s. Pete dug carrots. Ron to Dr. at 9:15, then to hospital. Had meeting. Came home at 4:00. He was tired. Pete mowed lawn, crushed leaves. I baked pumpkin bread. We went to Town Hall, voted (Unit 5) for school board. Steve & John got home from Kentucky at 10:00. Glad they're home. Jo came home late.

Wednesday, November 9, 1983. Partly cloudy, rather windy. We volunteered at hospital. Steve met us at noon. Had lunch at hospital. I done Steve & Jon's laundry in PM. Made peach crisp. Jo left at 4:00 for Meadows workshop. Ron to IPSI meeting at our church. Came home at 2:00 p.m. He & Steve here for supper. Jon busy. Steve to choir practice. Men brought Jon's cattle home.

Thursday, November 10, 1983. Rained in morning, very windy, temp dropped during day, disagreeable. Jo left at 9:30 for Iowa, workshop. Steve & we to Eastland. Pete to dentist. Were home for lunch. Steve worked on his car in p.m. I worked on Amy's quilt. Pete did some typing & helped with chores. I got supper, had pizza. Ron & Jon here. Steve to Cindy's awhile in evening.

Friday, November 11, 1983. Partly cloudy, windy, cold, 30s. Steve & Cindy left at 8:00 for Bluffton. Pete & Ron to Bill Lawrence is. Ottos' 80 acres sold. Gordon & Ray bought it \$2450 per acre. Ron to work. I met Marie, Laura & Irene at Denny's. Got Pete at hospital. We went to church at 4:00 to clean. Our small group had supper there. Had our meeting. Tom [Yoders], Frenzie [Loepp]'s Anton [Romyn]'s, Ina [Sutter] & Esther D there. Had Kentucky Fried Chicken. Each brought a dish. I took pie. Jo home from Iowa at 11:30.

Saturday, November 12, 1983. Cloudy, 22° in morning, 32°. We left at 8:00 for Mennonite Mutual Aid program at Morton church. Good meeting. Had dinner at church. Got home after 4:00. I was sick in night. Vomiting & had problems with bowels. Had ¾ inch snow in night.

Sunday, November 13, 1983. Cloudy, snow melted soon. Pete to Rons at 8:00 in morning. Met with Irene Dunn, CRs & Ron. I felt tough all day. Had few liquids. Pete not feeling too well either. Was long day. Steve & Cindy got home about 9:00. Pauls called in evening. Steve called Allens. They're okay.

Monday, November 14, 1983. Mostly cloudy, near 50°. I feel some better, but not up to par. I did laundry. Pete & Steve did some measuring at the brick house. Pete, Ron & CRs met at Rons again at 3:00 [to] talk about selling Pearl's house. Ron to work. Pete, Steve & Jon took air-conditioner out. No school today.

Tuesday, November 15, 1983. Gloomy day, misted and rained most of day, 39°. Pete and Steve to town at 9:45. Steve to Harvella Stutzman's for haircut. Pete met with Irene Dunn, Ron & CRs at Gordon's office. Decided to sell Pearl's house to Adams for \$48,000. Sorry Larry J[antzes] didn't get it. I baked coffeecake braid. Feel some better.

Wednesday, November 16, 1983. Fair, nice day, chilly. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Merle to Gailey's at noon & back to hospital. Admitted her to Eye wing for surgery in a.m. I went to Garfield club at Denny's. Marie hostess. Pete came home. I came with Evelyn Schwoerer. We went to hospital at 4:00, worked until 8:30, Gift Shop & Info Desk. Steve to town in p.m. Went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, November 17, 1983. Fair, rather foggy and frosty in morning, 40s, nice day. We went to hospital at 8:00. Merle to surgery at 8:00 for cataract & [lens] transplant. Got along well. We helped get things set up for Bazaar. A big job. I had hair done at hospital beauty shop. Steve went to town awhile in morning. Home rest of day. He raked up some leaves. Ron flew to Chicago in p.m. for meeting.

Friday, November 18, 1983. Fair, nice day, 50s. We went to hospital at 8:00. Auxiliary Bazaar. Had good crowd & an abundance of baked goods. Large crowd for lunch. We came home at 3:30. I rested awhile. Went to church to help with dinner for Bluffton alumni. Rons, Steve & Cindy at dinner. Ron got home from Chicago in p.m. Steve finished painting north end of garage.

Saturday, November 19, 1983. Cloudy, showers during day, rained hard in evening, 50s. Pete & Steve to men's breakfast. Pete & I to church at 9:00 for Senior Members meeting with Dr. Elmer Neufelds. Had brunch. Ina Sutter & we stayed and cleaned part of church so didn't have to go back in p.m. Steve came & helped. We were home for lunch. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jo & Cindy to workshop at Morton.

Sunday, November 20, 1983. Cloudy & misted some in morning, windy, fair & colder in p.m. We all went to church. Dr. Neufeld preached. Jo worship leader. We had dinner at church. Mary & we to see Ed in p.m. He's about same. Steve home. We were home in evening. Watched the movie, "The Day After."

Monday, November 21, 1983. Fair, 50s, nice day. I did laundry. Had big one. Pete to dentist at 11:00. Steve washed our car. We went to town at 3:00. Got Marie. Stopped at College Hills Mall. Met Jo. She had picked out suits for me to try on, gray & Navy pinstripe. Took Navy. We went to Eastland. Marie & I got each other a purse. We went to International House for supper. Marie took Steve.

Tuesday, November 22, 1983. Mostly cloudy in p.m., 60°. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Steve painted the spouting on house. Pete put straw on strawberries. Steve waxed our car in p.m. Pete & I cleaned off garden. Walked to Gordon's new house. Men finished laying brick. Steve & I played Yahtze awhile in evening. I worked on Amy's quilt. Rained in night.

Wednesday, November 23, 1983. Rained in morning & p.m., windy, turned much colder in evening. Steve & Cindy were going to Allens this evening but they are having a blizzard. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got groceries. Marty got home, 7:30 a.m. He & 2 boys left Newton [Kansas] last evening at 8:30 to get ahead of the snowstorm but [they had] rain all the way. Steve to choir practice. Cindy here all night.

Thursday, November 24, 1983. Thanksgiving day. Mostly sunny, chilly, 20° in morning. I got things ready for dinner. Rons, Mary, Bob Crumpler & his 2 children here for dinner. Jo fixed turkey, dressing & apple salad. Mary brought pumpkin pies, rolls & cranberries. Had sweet potatoes mashed potatoes, peas & relishes. Rons & Mary here for lunch. Was a nice day. Much to be thankful for. Rons & we to Paul Millers at 8:00. Don & his wife here from Denver. Had nice visit. Steve & Cindy left at 7:00 for Iowa.

Friday, November 25, 1983. Clear, nice day, 50s. I did 3 loads of laundry. We did all of cleaning. I ironed. Pete did some typing. I worked on Amy's quilt.

Saturday, November 26, 1983. Fair, nice day, near 60°. We went to church at 8:00 to clean. I baked cake and cookies. Gave Marty cookies & cake to take to school. We went to church at 3:00. Simon Nafzigers' 50th [wedding] anniversary. Went to Provident [Book Store]. Got Christmas cards. Got groceries. Steve & Cindy got back at 8:00. Allen called at 9:00. Was freezing rain there.

Sunday, November 27, 1983. A gloomy day, windy, rained most of day, heavy in p.m. Marty & 2 boys left at 8:00 for Newton [Kansas]. Hope they have a good trip. We went to church. Rons, Steve, Cindy & we ate at Buddies. Back to church [to] get ready for reception for RL Hartzler's 90th birthday. I took cake. Few over 100 there. We were home in evening.

Monday, November 28, 1983. Snow flurries all day, 43° in morning. Colder during day, 30s, windy & disagreeable. Marie called at 7:20 a.m. Wasn't feeling well. Wanted us to come. Think she had indigestion & built up gas. Stayed until 10:00. She felt better. Came home & did 2 loads [of] clothes. Went to hospital at 12:00. Got Merle. Took her to Bob Johnson's for lunch (Steve along). Then to Gailey's at 2:00. Stopped at Marie's. She felt better. I finished laundry. Steve to Cindy's.

Tuesday, November 29, 1983. Mostly cloudy, windy, cold, near 30°. I went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]'s. Pete & Steve to town. Took radio & TV to shop. We went to Mary's at 11:00. We made fruitcakes & white bark candy. I baked ginger cookies when we got home. Pete & I to Heritage at Zehr girls. Steve to Cindy's.

Wednesday, November 30, 1983. Fair, cold, in 20s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got some apples at Birkelbaws. Steve home all day. Went to choir practice in evening. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Stirred up Crescents.

Thursday, December 1, 1983. Fair, 16° in morning. I baked pecan rolls & Crescent cookies & made apple pie. We went to Prime Timers potluck at 5:00. Had nice time. Steve to town awhile in p.m. He went to Rons after supper. Had ½ inch snow in night.

Friday, December 2, 1983. Rhodes quite slick in morning. Partly sunny, in 30s. Most of snow melted. I baked pie & made casserole. We went to auxiliary meeting at 10:00. Bill Dunn talked about the consolidation of Mennonite & Brokaw Hospitals. Isabel Basting gave Christmas program. We got our TV & radio from shop. I made pizza for supper. Cindy & Steve here. Steve took Marie shopping in morning. Went to school of nursing in PM.

Saturday, December 3, 1983. Cloudy, started to rain at 4:00, froze some. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked carrot cookies. Finished cleaning. Helped Steve start his laundry. We met Art [Sieg]s & Edgar at Denny's. Went to College Hills [Mall] [& to] hospital at 3:30. Stopped to see Merle. We volunteered at 4:00. Came home at 7:30 on account of weather. Cindy took Steve to Knox's at Deweys to go to MDS [Mennonite Disaster Service] group to Jackson Mississippi. Jon went along. Rons helped Gordons move to their new house.

Sunday, December 4, 1983. Cloudy, everything full of ice and frost. Ron left by air at 8:30 for Orlando Florida. We went to church. Had trouble getting out of yard (icy). Roads pretty good. Took Mary to church. She & we ate at Golden West, then to Eureka to see Ed. He's about same. We worked on Christmas cards.

Monday, December 5, 1983. Cloudy, foggy most of day, rained in p.m., near 40°, turned cooler in evening. I washed & ironed. Stirred up press cookies. Baked them in evening & made sugar plum cookies. Mary & we to town at 11:30. Went to Eastland. Got white shirt for Ed. Mary got shirt & tie for Pete. I got house [dress] & candles for Merle. Went to College Hills. Got Mary a white blouse.

Tuesday, December 6, 1983. Snowing & blowing most of day, 3 ins. [snow]. I made caramels & baked cashew cookies. Prayer group at Helen's called off. We were to go to Cindy's for supper but had snow drift by garage. Jon cleared it in evening. Pete & Jo to Cindy's program at ISU. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship Christmas program. I took cranberry orange bread. Got chocolate candy from Dorothy Zehr. Wrote some notes.

Wednesday, December 7, 1983. Fair in morning, 14°. Started to snow at 3:00 p.m. We volunteered at hospital. I had lunch with Marie & Laura. Irene not able to go. Ate at Grand Café. Done some packing. Wrote some Christmas cards & notes. Ron home from Florida at 11:20 p.m.

Thursday, December 8, 1983. Cloudy in morning, cleared midmorning, 16°. Had 1 ½ inches snow. We finished packing. Left at 11:15. Drove to also Ozora, Missouri, *Freda's* (sp?) Motel & Restaurant. Got here at 4:00 PM. 60 miles South of St. Louis. Have nice motel. Shampooed my hair & worked on Amy's quilt. Thankful for clear day and drive roads.

Friday, December 9, 1983. Cloudy. We left motel at 6:45. Got to Memphis at 10:45. Had a shower here. Marjorie got home shortly after we got here. Good to see everyone. Paul home for lunch. Marj & we to see the Egyptian artifacts at the Arts Building on campus. Pauls got their Christmas tree & decorated it in evening. Andy to dress rehearsal for the Nutcracker.

Saturday, December 10, 1983. Cloudy, rained in evening. Marjorie to her office. Andy to rehearsal. Pete, Paul & I took Amy to gymnastic school. Paul to his office. We came home. Steve & MDS workers got to Memphis at 11:30. Paul met Steve at Holiday Inn. Marjorie & Andy to Dyersburg [Tennessee] at noon for his tryout for Tennessee West Band. Paul, Steve & we went to Paul's office & got pecans. I got red blouse. Paul & I got supper. We all went to Nutcracker. Andy played in it. Beautiful production.

Sunday, December 11, 1983. Cloudy, mild. We all went to church. Youth Sunday. Andy & Benjy both in the service. Andy to Nutcracker performance at 12:30. We took rest to dinner at Pete & Sam's Restaurant for brunch. Went to Marjorie's computer center in p.m. Marjorie had her book club at her house in evening. Steve & Benjy played with computer. Andy made the Blue Band & State Band at Dyersburg.

Monday, December 12, 1983. Cloudy all day. We left Pauls at 8:00 a.m. for home. Got here at 5:15. Thankful for good roads & safe trip. Steve drove most of way. I did washing after we got home. Jo sent some chili for our supper. 's Cindy here awhile. Brought Steve's car back.

Tuesday, December 13, 1983. Cloudy, Misty & drizzled most of day. We got our Christmas tree at Gordons. I went to prayer group at Helen Pattons. We put up Christmas tree & some decorations. We finished addressing Christmas cards. Jo here awhile in evening. Steve to Cindy's in evening.

Wednesday, December 14, 1983. Snow on ground when we got up & snowed most of day. We volunteered at hospital. Ron to hospital with us. Jo worked at Provident [Book Store]. I baked quick coffeecake & cranberry bars. Steve made casserole for supper. Roads rather slick in morning & evening. Windy & colder in p.m. and evening.

Thursday, December 15, 1983. Cloudy, snow flurries, colder. Marie called at 7:00. Wants to go to hospital. Her back bothering her. We took her to hospital at 11:20. Admitted to [Room] 254. Mary & we to Eastland. Got candy for Cy [Colter]s & Mary. Got Steve billfold. Went back to hospital at 2:30. Pete & I worked on charts. He went to dentist at 3:40. I was with Marie awhile. I wrapped Christmas gifts & fixed cookie trays. Marty got home at 6:00 from Newton.

Friday, December 16, 1983. Clear, cold, 7°. Cold all day. Went to hospital at 8:30. Had hair done, then to reception for Elaine Reynolds retirement, 9 – 11. I poured [coffee], 10 – 11. Saw a lot of friends. Pete made charts. Marie better, she had CAT scan. Mary home with us. Did cleaning. We stopped to see Gordon's house on way to CRs for supper. Art [Sieg]s & EA [Gurtner] there. Steve & Cindy left in morning for Bowling Green Ohio [to] wedding. Marty got Reserve Champion gilt at ISU.

Saturday, December 17, 1983. Cloudy in morning, 3°, snow flurries. I baked rolls. Rons to Chester White Show & Sale. Marty won judging contest, got trophy. Sold his gilt for \$750. We went to town in p.m. Took plate of goodies to Florence & Virginia. Saw Marie & Merle. Marie better. Got candle for her from club. We volunteered at Gift Shop & Info Desk.

Sunday, December 18, 1983. Snowed in morning, zero in morning, cold all day. We went to church. Had surprise luncheon. We went to Cy Colters. Mel Clemens & Royce Engels there. Had nice time. We went to church at 4:00. Had dessert & Christmas program. Cindy directed choir. Steve accompanied some with guitar. Nice program. Steve & Cindy here in evening. They worked some on car. They got back from Ohio at 1:30 a.m.

Monday, December 19, 1983. Clear, cold, 16° below, a record. Steve & Cindy left this morning for her folks. I washed & ironed. Went to town at 10:00. Pete had tooth pulled that Dr. Lebow's. Doing okay. Marie went home from hospital. I made chili in evening.

Tuesday, December 20, 1983. Clear, 6° below. 17° during day. We went to town. I went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]'s. Pete to bank. Got Mary at 11:30. Had lunch at Hen House. Went to Eureka. Took him [Ed] cookies & shirt from Mary & us & flannel shirt from Arthurs. We went to Marie's at 4:30. I took chili & cookies. We had our gift exchange. I got black purse & Pete got money. I got blouse from Mary.

Wednesday, December 21, 1983. 13° in morning, 22°, cloudy, snowed. Had nearly 4 inches. Bad driving. We volunteered at hospital. Went to club at Sandy Schwoerer. Mabel along. Took our gifts. Came home. Everybody left. I got in ditch as was leaving. Steve S[chwoerer] hooked tractor on. Pulled us out. Visibility poor. Rons here for supper. Had waffles & sausage. I got Navy pinstripe suit 7 pin & book of arts. Pete got sweater, insulated coveralls & several books. [We] gave them checks, \$1000 & \$150 for boys. Marie sick in night. Lushers took her to hospital. Pulmonary edema. Is in ICU.

Thursday, December 22, 1983. Clear, cold, 11° below, near zero all day. We went to hospital at 9:00. Marie feeling better. Gave her oxygen last night & IVs, diuretics. We could see her every 2 hours for 15 minutes. We did some volunteer work. Got Mary. She helped in beauty shop. I saw Mrs. Linda Budde from Minona for Reach to Recovery. Had permanent in PM. Did some cleaning in evening & packed.

Friday, December 23, 1983. Cloudy, 8° below, snowing. We left home at 8:30. Driving not too good until we passed Peoria. Didn't get any warmer during day. Snow blowing across pavement at places. Roads dry. We got to Allens at 3:30. Thankful for safe trip. 11° below when we got to Allens. Deb & Randy here. We all went to Hickory Park for supper. 20° below. Marie better.

Saturday, December 24, 1983. Windy, 26° below zero. Snow blowing. Got up late. 18° to 20° below the warmest it got during day. We had turkey & all the trimmings. Allens, Deb & Pam to church at 8:00. Randy & we were going but had heating problem at church so [we] stayed home. Had our gift exchange. Got blouse from Allens, lamp with candle, wall plaque & vase from Deb & Randy. Pete got hat from Allens, lens for camera from Randys. Rons called in evening, pump trouble. 19° below & roads drifted.

Sunday, December 25, 1983. Fair, 28°. Roads closed over most of north part of state. Pam didn't go back to Mason city. I-35 closed. Randys went with his folks to his grandparents. We didn't go to church. Had church here. Steve called from Elkhart. They're coming tomorrow. Called Rons in evening. Jon home, rest [of family] at Gordons. Pump still not working. Paul called in evening. Zero there yesterday. Called Marie. She's better. Randys got here at 9:30. Snowplow opened our road [at home] at 9:10. Rons to church at 9:30.

Monday, December 26, 1983. Cloudy, zero, warmer during day. We, Shirley & Deb to Ames. Exchanged my blouse for smaller size. Allen, Shirley, Deb, Mary & I went to Burlington Coats at Des Moines at 5:00. We went to airport at 6:30 to meet Jeff but he missed his plane. Is to arrive at 10:30. Steve & Cindy got here at 5:30. Randy, Pete, Steve & Cindy met us at Stuart Anderson Cattle Company Restaurant. David & Wendy Jones joined us. Had good visit. Randys & we came home. Allens, Steve & Cindy to meet Jeff. Had gift exchange with Steve & Cindy. I got pillow from both. Pete scarf & bookmark, slippers from Steve.

Tuesday, December 27, 1983. Cloudy, 10° above. Shirley to Ames awhile. Randy didn't feel good last night. We left Allens at 1:35 for home. Got to town at 7:15. Decided to come as forecast is for snow tomorrow. We ate at McDonald's. Took Mary home. Rons finished scooping out by garage so could get car in. Have big drifts crosswalks. Thankful for safe trip. Had some flurries to Amana.

Wednesday, December 28, 1983. Snowing, had 3 ½ inches, windy & snow blowing in p.m. Colder, temp dropping. I worked on Amy's quilt as didn't have water to do laundry. Jo took hers to town. Good we came home yesterday as today was not good. Marie still in hospital. Doing okay.

Thursday, December 29, 1983. Clear, 7° below in morning, 2° or 3° above. Man came at 11:00 to work on pump in deep well. Pete and boys helped him. Took until 4:00 to get it fixed. Thankful to have it done. I made chili & cooked cranberries. Did laundry after we got water. Paul called in evening. They aren't coming tomorrow. Sure disappointed. Found they don't have insurance on theft so felt they shouldn't leave.

Friday, December 30, 1983. Clear, 10° below, 11° above. We went to town in morning to hospital to see Marie. Her back is hurting. Took Mary to get groceries. Cynda & Marvin Kym here awhile in afternoon. Brought their wedding pictures for us to see. Jo here awhile in p.m. Mabel & Gordons to California rose parade.

Saturday, December 1, 1983. Fair, 10° above, warmer, 20s. We went to town at 10:00. Got gift for Scott & Karen Yoder. Met Edgar at Denny's at 11:30. Got things ready for supper in p.m. Rons, Steve & Cindy (they got back from Allens at 4:30), Mary, CR & Sheila Petty here for supper. Had goose & chicken. Jo roasted goose & brought oyster dressing.

Sunday, January 1, 1984. Snowed in morning, 20s. We went to church. We all went to Rays. Had food that Marie had planned for Christmas Eve. Steve took Cindy to train at 2:30. She went to Newton [Kansas]. We went to reception for Scott & Karen Yoder. Steve & we to see Marie. She's better. Were home in evening. Allen called in evening. Deb & Randy left after dinner for Michigan.

Monday, January 2, 1984. Cloudy, foggy in morning, 28°. I washed & ironed. Took Christmas tree down and decorations. Watched the parade & football games. UCLA beat Illinois, 48 to 9. Rons here in evening. Watched football games. I had chili, apple salad, cheeses, clam dip, ice cream & raspberries. Jo didn't feel very good. Had tachycardia in morning.

Tuesday, January 3, 1984. Foggy in very frosty in morning. Fair, windy in evening. I went to prayer group. Pete did some errands. We went to Eastland. Went to funeral for Ilene Arnold's husband. Stopped at hospital [to] see Marie & Merle. Brought Merle's Christmas decorations home. Steve took test for drivers license. We were home in evening. Didn't go to Women's Fellowship. East-west roads drifted some.

Wednesday, January 4, 1984. Clear, warmer, 30s. We volunteered at hospital. Got groceries. Steve to town in p.m. He's working on cross stitch. I made apple crisp for supper. We were home in evening. Worked on Amy's quilt.

Thursday, January 5, 1984. Fair, nice day, 40s. We went to town at 9:30. Went to mall & to hospital. Took Merle to Gailey's at 11:00. She got new lands. Took she & Mary to Bob Johnson's for dinner (Mary payed). Mary & we to see Ed in PM. He's just fair. Steve home. We were home in evening.

Friday, January 6, 1984. Clear, nice day, 38°. Did cleaning. We went to town at 1:30. Steve with us. We took Marie home from hospital. Helped her get settled. Jo staying with Marie tonight. We came home at 4:00. Marty left at noon for hog show in North Carolina. 2 other men with him. Cindy back from Kansas at 6:25. Steve met her. They were here for supper.

Saturday, January 7, 1984. Partly cloudy, nice day, around 40°. I finished cleaning. Washed 4 loads. Steve to town in morning. He & Cindy had errands. We went to Marie's at 2:00. She's feeling pretty good. Jo with her most of day. Ron had Scott Baum wedding in morning. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Kay Boyer with Marie all night. Steve & Cindy there awhile in p.m.

Sunday, January 8, 1984. Mostly fair, 30s. We went to church. Steve & Cindy & we to Mary's for dinner. We played Texas Canasta. We went to Love Feast & Communion at 6:00. Took Mary. Had nice service. Jo took Ron to Champaign in morning to get playing for North Carolina to hog show. Pete & I to Marie's after church service. Stayed all night with her. She's doing quite well.

Monday, January 9, 1984. Cloudy, rained in morning, froze. Roads very slick. Turned to snow later. Got Marie's breakfast & did some errands. We got home after 10:00. Steve to town in morning & p.m. Went to try out for community choir in evening. I washed & ironed. Got supper. Jo had meeting at church in morning. She & Jon here for supper. Had spare ribs & sauerkraut. Marty got 2nd, 3rd & 7th at hog show. Kay Lusher with Marie at night.

Tuesday, January 10, 1984. Clear, cold, 12° in morning. Snow blowing enough to drift driveway. I got things ready for prayer group. Alma [Litwiller], June [Jantze], Shirley Krahn, Lucy C[atherine], Helen [Patton] & Joyce [Schmucker] here. Helen had some trouble getting out of drive. Steve to town in morning. He went to Cindy's for supper. He made casserole. I worked on back pillow for Ron. Marie sick again. Kay Lusher called us at midnight. Went to hospital at 12:30. She's in ICU.

Wednesday, January 11, 1984. Fair, zero in morning, 20°. We went to hospital at 8:30. Marie resting little better than she was at 6:00 when nurse called. Dr. had been there. Pete worked in Gift Shop in morning. Made charts in PM. I worked in OR waiting room. I saw Naomi Luginbill for Reach to Recovery. Steve took civil services test in morning. He ate at hospital with us. Went to choir.

Thursday, January 12, 1984. Fair, 12°, in 20s. I went to HEA [Homemakers Extension Association] with Dorothy Singley. Mabel along too. Steve to town for interview & took another civil service exam in PM. Pete & I to see Marie in p.m. They moved her out of ICU [to Room] 273. She is better but tired & weak. Still nauseated. Ron, Marty & others got home from North Carolina at 12:30 a.m. Glad they're home.

Friday, January 13, 1984. Cloudy in morning. Snowed 1 ½ inches. Partly cloudy in p.m., 20s. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:30. Pete & Jean Schertz installed (assistant treasurer & president). Marie seems better. We went to her house. Got things for her. We took Merle to Gailey's at 12:40. Got out in ½ hour. We went to International House for dinner. Took Merle back to her room. Took Mary [to] get groceries. Steve home all day. He & Cindy to Stutzmans for supper. I finished Ron's pillow cover.

Saturday, January 14, 1984. Mostly fair, 20s. Pete to men's breakfast. I made vegetable soup. Steve to town at 11:00. We & Mary met Edgar & Ella & Gertie at Denny's. We went to College Hills Mall. Mary & I got boots. I got suit in exchange for [the] one Rons gave me. [It's] brown. I washed 3 loads in evening. Worked on Amy's quilt. Steve & Cindy to ballgame.

Sunday, January 15, 1984. Fair, 8° above. We went to church. Steve and Cindy to small group. We ate lunch at Buddy's. Went to see Marie. Got home at 2:00. Fixed broccoli salad & baked beans for our small group meeting at Phoenix Towers at 6:00. Mary & Clara B[rodbeck] there as guests. Our group all there except *Ardys Serpette* (sp?). Steve home at 3:00. Jo here awhile. Ron & Marty to Peoria with hogs in PM.

Monday, January 16, 1984. 8° in morning, mostly cloudy, 22°. I did laundry. Steve helped me clean chandelier. Worked on Amy's quilt. Steve to civic choir practice. Had snow flurries.

Tuesday, January 17, 1984. Fair, zero, cold most of day. 11° – 12°. I went to prayer group at Joyce Schmucker's. Pete & Steve to Dr. Lebow's. Pete had tooth pulled. Steve took some things to Marie. I worked on Amy's quilt. Made cherry pudding & got things ready for supper. Cindy here. Allens called in evening. Snowed little in night.

Wednesday, January 18, 1984. Fair, zero, cold all day. We volunteered at hospital. I had tour group at 9:00, kindergarten. Steve home most of day. We got some things for Marie at her apartment. I made chili. Ron & boys here for supper. Jo in Chicago. Steve to choir practice.

Thursday, January 19, 1984. Clear, cold, 15° below, up to 12° above. Steve to hospital for interview. I baked cookies. Mary & we to Eureka at noon. Ate at restaurant at North of town. Stopped to see Ruth Zehr. She has nice place. Saw Frances Mosiman at restaurant. She has 116 duplex & Ruth 109. Ed about same.

Friday, January 20, 1984. Clear, cold, 15° below. Didn't get to zero all day. Did cleaning. I worked on Amy's quilt. Steve worked on cross stitch. Pete & I to town in p.m. Got laundry for Marie. She had fainting spell in morning. I saw a Mrs. Carrie Spier (91), Reach to Recovery. Were home in evening.

Saturday, January 21, 1984. Clear, 18° below, broke record. Got above [zero] during day. I washed 3 loads. Baked cake & made salad. Steve to Cindy's in morning. We went to town at 1:00. Took Mary to get groceries & went to College Hills [Mall]. Got gown for Mary's birthday. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, January 22, 1984. Mostly fair, 12° above. Pete and I to Church Unity Group breakfast at Buddy's at 7:00. Alma Galloway there too. We went to church. Steve brought Mary out. We had lunch here. I got things ready for 4 o'clock dinner. Rons & Sheila here. Had roast beef. We watched Super Bowl game. [Oakland] Raiders won. Steve took Mary home.

Monday, January 23, 1984. Had freezing rain & little snow or sleet. Roads slick. 33° during day. Marty left for Newton [Kansas] at 9:30. Sorry the weather had to be bad. I did laundry. Pete worked on [Ropp] history. Steve to town in morning. Worked out at ISU gym. He went to civic choir practice in evening. Marty got back to Newton at 10:00.

Tuesday, January 24, 1984. Fair, nice day, in 30s. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete to hospital. I went at 10:30. Had auxiliary board meeting and luncheon. We took Marie home from hospital at 2:30. Mabel with her tonight. We went to Heritage meeting at Alma Galloway's. Paul Miller spoke. Steve had interview at Red Lobster.

Wednesday, January 25, 1984. Fair, nice day, 40s. Good to see some melting. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Merle to cafeteria for lunch. Steve had an interview with

Kaleidoscope in PM. I worked on Amy's quilt. Jo in town. Came home with us. Steve to choir practice, then to Marie's. Stayed with her all night. Mabel there today. I worked on alumni fund drive. Deb called in evening to tell us we are to be grandparents. Exciting.

Thursday, January 26, 1984. Partly cloudy, 40s. We went to Marie's at 9:30. Stayed with her until 4:00. Steve there too. He got groceries & did some errands for Marie. He came home awhile in p.m. & back to Marie's at 4:00. A Laura Ball at Marie's to talk about staying with her during day. [She] is to come Saturday. We went to Prime Timers.

Friday, January 27, 1984. Partly cloudy, colder. We went to hospital at 8:30. Had hair done. Helped Ilene Arnold & Arlene Mitchell put quilt in frame. Quilted a little while. I did 3 loads laundry for Steve. Did the cleaning. Rons & we to [Pearl's] brick house to get some things in attic, books, etc. Gordons are to have house cleaned out this weekend. Steve to town. Got engagement ring for Cindy. They went out for the evening. I stayed with Marie. We are happy for them.

Saturday, January 28, 1984. Snowed & blowing awhile in morning. Pete got me at Marie's after men's breakfast. Came home. Got ready for hospital annual meeting. We went with Rons. Had a good meeting & good dinner. I saw a Mrs. Tucker for Reach to Recovery. We & Rons got a plant for Mary's birthday (85th). We left it at church. Pete & Ron to brick house.

Sunday, January 29, 1984. Colder, 15°, fair in morning, cloudy, light snow in evening. We went to church. Had dinner there. I'm on kitchen committee for 6 months. Had annual meeting in afternoon. Pete announced Steve & Cindy's engagement in church. Jo home with us from church. Ron spoke at Westminster. Jo here awhile. Steve back to Marie's at 5:00.

Monday, January 30, 1984. Snowing and blowing. Had over 3 inches. Schools all closed in area. I washed & ironed. Steve came at 10:00. He & Pete helped Gordon load some things from brick house in PM. Jo & Pete got Marie's bookcases. Some lady from town got the books. Ron cleaned out our driveway. Steve back to town in evening & to choir rehearsal. I baked bars.

Tuesday, January 31, 1984. Partly cloudy, 33°. I went to June [Jantze]'s to quilt. We had potluck dinner for Mary's 85th birthday. Were 19 there. Jo there too. We had nice time. Pete took Marie to Dr. Had a good report. X-rays okay. Rons & we took Mary & Steve & Cindy to People's Restaurant in evening. Had nice evening. I gave Mary a gown.

Wednesday, February 1, 1984. Foggy in morning, fair, warmer, 40s. We volunteered at hospital. I went to June [Jantze]'s in p.m., quilted until 3:00. Pete made charts. We defrosted deep freeze. Steve here for supper. He went to choir practice.

Thursday, February 2, 1984. Cloudy, 40s, fuel light sprinkles during day. I cooked some chicken & made custard pie. Mended Pete's trousers & Steve's coveralls. Steven Jo here for dinner. Had

pork & sauerkraut. Steve to town in p.m. Had physical. Came back for supper. Pete & I to Marie's awhile. She's doing better.

Friday, February 3, 1984. Cloudy to partly cloudy. You sprinkles, 40s. Did all cleaning. I went to auxiliary room at 9:30. Quilted until noon. Pete to Marie's. Helped her with bills, etc. Steve & we & Ilene Arnold had lunch at Grand Café. I made pizza for supper. Steve & Cindy here. Steve at Marie's all night. Jo to workshop at Metamora. Stayed all night.

Saturday, February 4, 1984. Cloudy, snow flurries, cold. I did Steve laundry. We went to Birkelbaws. Got bushel of apples, \$4.25. Met Art [Sieg]s, EA & Thietje girls at Denny's. Went to Eastland & had car washed. Volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Steve here awhile in morning. He & Cindy busy in evening. Rons at Marie's for supper. Jo stayed all night with her.

Sunday, February 5, 1984. Mostly cloudy, windy, cold, heavy snow flurries in evening. We went to church. Steve home, had upset stomach. Mary & we ate at Hen House. Went to Eureka but stayed only short time as Pete had problem with his bowels. Were home in evening. Steve feeling better this evening. Allen called. They had bad winter storm. Very cold, windy.

Monday, February 6, 1984. Clear, 6° below zero in morning. I washed and ironed. Steve started to work at 11:00 a.m. at Kaleidoscope. Works until 1:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. I went to June [Jantze]'s in p.m. Helped her quilt. We were home in evening. Worked on Amy's quilt.

Tuesday, February 7, 1984. Clear, zero, warmer during day. I went to church at 9:00. Had quilting for Lenore W[altner]. Had potluck at noon. Steve got home about 12:30. Back to work again at 11 AM. I went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette. Had recipe & ingredient shower for Arlene Litwiller.

Wednesday, February 8, 1984. Fair, warmer, 37°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Bill's Market. Got ¼ of quarter [of] beef we got from Larry Reesers. Got groceries. I made vegetable soup & stirred up sugar cookies. Steve worked until midnight. He went to meeting at noon. Was here for supper & went to choir practice.

Thursday, February 9, 1984. Fair, nice day, 44°. I went to HEA. Mabel along. I baked sugar cookies. Steve, Pete & I to see Ed in afternoon. Mary busy. Ron took her to Federal Savings to see about her investments. Ed about same. Still has skin problems. Steve to Cindy's for supper. I worked on Amy's quilt. Allen called. They are thinking of coming out soon.

Friday, February 10, 1984. Foggy all day, rained some, misted. Pete to auxiliary board meeting at 9:30. I went to prayer group at Eddy S[alter's]. Wendy Jones & girls here. Good to see them. I went to hospital after meeting. Quilted awhile. Pete made charts. I baked coffeecake braid in afternoon. Shampooed my hair. Steve worked 7 AM to 9 PM.

Saturday, February 11, 1984. Foggy & misty all day, 40s. I washed 3 loads. Finished cleaning. We met Edgar, Art [Sieg]s & Thietje girls at 11:30 at Denny's. We went to College Hills Mall.

Got cover for sofa. Stopped to see Marie. She's doing pretty good. Steve worked, 9 – 9 PM. I worked on Amy's quilt.

Sunday, February 12, 1984. Cloudy, rained in p.m. We went to church. Ron sang solo, "Thou Shalt Break Them," from Messiah. We went to Mary's for dinner & to Park ME Church to Earl & Katherine Mishlers 45th wedding anniversary. Steve to work, 9 – 9.

Monday, February 13, 1984. Fair, fine day, near 50°. I did laundry. We took Marie to Dr. *Deven* (sp?) at 11:00. She had good report & can drive her car. We had lunch at Red Lobster. Went to Marie's awhile. Pete helped her with bills. I got things ready for supper. Cindy & Steve here. Had steak & made apple crisp. Steve off today. He went to gym with Doug Schwartz. Jo taught school at Oakdale.

Tuesday, February 14, 1984. Fair, another fine day, 58°. We went to hospital at 8:00. Got ready for bake sale. Has a lot of things. Took in over \$300. Jo helped too. I saw a Mrs. Elbe, Reach to Recovery. We got home at 3:00. I sewed Amy's quilt together. Steve to workshop in morning & to Stan Clemens. Did some work for them. He went to Cindy's for supper.

Wednesday, February 15, 1984. Fair, nice day, 60°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Jo took Merle to lunch at noon. I went to Garfield club at Jolene Wagner's. Mabel along. Mary too. She went home with Lucy C[atherin]e. We went to June [Jantze]'s in evening. Mary along. She helped me mark quilt. We quilted some. Steve worked, 7 [AM] – 9 PM. Ron left at 5:00 with Gail for [hog] show in Oklahoma.

Thursday, February 16, 1984. Cloudy, rained off and on most of day. I got things to put up quilt. Got dinner here. Steve worked at Stan Clemens. Went to work, 5 – 1:00 a.m. June & Mary came at 1:30. Helped put Amy's quilt in frame. They quilted awhile. I quilted in evening to. Jo taught school at Oakdale in PM.

Friday, February 17, 1984. Cloudy, 40s, misted & foggy. Did the cleaning. Got dinner. Steve & Jo here. I quilted.

Saturday, February 18, 1984. Cloudy, rainy, windy. I did 4 loads of laundry. Quilted. Steve quilted too. We went to town at 10:30. Stopped to see Marie. Met Edgar, Art [Sieg]s & Ella at Denny's. Pete got haircut & went to dentist. We worked at hospital, 3 – 8:30. Steve worked, 11 [AM] – 1:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 19, 1984. Cloudy, windy, chilly, 30s. We went to church & were home for lunch. I quilted a while. We went to MYF Valentine Dinner at church. Had good meal, nice evening. Steve to church and to work, 12[noon] – 1 AM.

Monday, February 20, 1984. Beautiful day, 40s. I did laundry. Mary here, quilted. Steve finished working at Clemens. He & Mary here for lunch. I quilted in afternoon. Got supper. Steve & Cindy here. They quilted too after supper.

Tuesday, February 21, 1984. Fine day, 40s. I went to prayer group at Alma G[alloway's. Pete to see Marguerite Burwitz. We took Marie to Denny's for lunch. Steve with us. Got groceries. I quilted awhile in p.m. Steve worked on his car. He went to Cindy's for supper. We went to Walter Dycks. Harry Loewens (Velma's parents) were there. Had nice evening.

Wednesday, February 22, 1984. Another fine day, 50s. We volunteered at hospital. Took just one to cafeteria for lunch. I quilted in PM. Pete working on family history.

Thursday, February 23, 1984. Fair, nice day, 50s. We went to Meadows Home annual meeting. Visited Erma S & the Cutlers. Had tour of the *Burt* (sp?) Village. Earl Kaufman home with us. Ann [Kaufman] went home after dinner. I quilted little while. We went to Heritage at Bill Dunns. Pete delegate to Meadows.

Friday, February 24, 1984. Cloudy, windy, colder, 42°, few sprinkles. Did usual cleaning. Quilted most of day. Steve left for Iowa at 1:00 p.m. We were home in evening.

Saturday, February 25, 1984. Fair, nice day, near 50°. I did laundry & quilted awhile. We met Art [Sieg]s & EA [Gurtner] at International House for lunch. Shopped some. Got glasses for Arlene Litwiller's wedding. We volunteered at hospital, 3:30 – 8:30. Steve back from Iowa at 9:00 p.m. Brought his boat. Glad he had a safe trip.

Sunday, February 26, 1984. Partly cloudy, windy, colder. We went to church. Rons, Mary, Steve, Cindy & we to Buddys for lunch. Mary, Jo & we to Eureka to see Ed. Jo saw Zehr girls awhile. Ed is about same. Jo & we to Home Builders at Tom Yoders. Paul Miller had program on Time. Ron to Hopedale to speak.

Monday, February 27, 1984. Snowing, blowing all day, blizzard conditions. Lots of cancellations. Very strong wind northeast. I washed & ironed. Quilted. Pete worked on family history. Steve quilted awhile in morning. He went to work at 11:00 a.m. Jo taught school.

Tuesday, February 28, 1984. Still blowing and drifting. Snowing in a.m. Wind diminished in evening. No school. Ron & Steve got to work. I baked brownies & quilted. Finished Amy's quilt. Glad it's done. Meda was to have dinner at our church, but canceled as most everything else was.

Wednesday, February 29, 1984. Fair, nice day, 33°. Pete and Steve had to scoop some to get car out. Lot of drifts around. We volunteered at hospital. Took Merle to Dr. at 11:00. She's doing okay. We ate at Red Lobster. Got groceries. Pete helped Marie with bills. I went to church at 2:00. Got supper for Bluffton choir. Had lasagna, lettuce, sherbet & brownies & cookies. Pete and Steve ate with us. Had 72. Fine program. We had 2 boys, Todd Hanes & Robert Van Houlen. Jo taught [school].

Thursday, March 1, 1984. Mostly cloudy, 10° in morning, 32°. Pete & Steve took boys to church at 8:00. I did some laundry. Cut binding for quilt & sewed it on. Steve here for dinner & supper.

He had meeting at 1:00. He worked on his pillows in PM. He went with Lenore W[altner] to choir concert at 2nd Presbyterian [Church]. Cindy to Hospice. Jo taught school.

Friday, March 2, 1984. Fair, nice day, 30s. We went to town in morning. I quilted for auxiliary. Had hair set. We went to Normal. Pete to closing for Carey's house (Pearl's little house). Got groceries. I did Steve's laundry. He worked 7 – 9 PM. Jo taught school. I worked on binding Amy's quilt.

Saturday, March 3, 1984. Fair, fine day. I went to church at 9:00 to set up for Arlene Litwiller & Bob Sutter wedding. Came home at noon. Jo & I back to church at 2:30 to finished getting ready for reception. Wedding at 4:00. Pete to wedding with Jon. He & Jon helped some in kitchen. Served around 240 people. Had ham, cheese, salad, cake, punch & coffee. Pete & Ron to Stag party at Paul Millers (Mountain Oysters). Bill, Earl & Meredith there. Jo and I got home at 8:30.

Sunday, March 4, 1984. Cloudy, rained and some snow in morning. Roads rather slick. We went to church. Took Mary. We had lunch at church (finger foods). Home in PM. Got ready for company. Mary Ramseyer & Cindy & Jo here. Had waffles & sausage. Ron had meeting at Hopedale church. He came after he got home. Steve worked until 9:00. Jon busy. Very foggy in evening.

Monday, March 5, 1984. Cloudy to partly cloudy, windy, cold. I washed. Went to hospital at 9:00. Helped in Development. Had cookies & punch for nurses week. Went to June [Jantze]'s at 11:30. Had potluck meal. Quilted on MCC quilt. Got home at 4:00. Did ironing. Steve has day off. Mary & Cindy went shopping. They left for Ohio after 3:00. Worked some on binding Amy's quilt. Maple Lawn [Home] called. Ed not so well, [has] chest pains.

Tuesday, March 6, 1984. Fair, 13° in morning, 28°, partly cloudy in p.m. I went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s and quilted. Pete did some errands. I took some chili to Don Nesters (Marge had surgery). Mary, Steve and we to Eureka at 12:30. Ate in Eureka, went to see Ed. He was feeling better than yesterday. No chest pains. Steve finished 2 pillows for MCC sale. I went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette. Called Deb. She's doing okay. Randy at Toledo.

Wednesday, March 7, 1984. Cloudy, light snow most of day, chilly. Snow melted until evening. We volunteered at hospital. Pete had executive committee for auxiliary at 1:00. I went to June [Jantze]'s, quilted awhile. We got groceries. Were home in evening. I finished binding Amy's quilt. Steve worked, 7 – 9, but had some trouble. Got home late. Snowed in night.

Thursday, March 8, 1984. Snowed some and blowing. Sun shone some in p.m. Snow flurries in evening, chilly, 20s. I baked coffeecake braid. Gave Rons one. Made Apple crisp. Jo had dinner with us. Steve here all day. Went to work at 6:30. I cleaned some kitchen cupboards.

Friday, March 9, 1984. Mostly cloudy, 3° above in morning. Snow flurries in p.m. We went to hospital at 9:30. I saw a Mrs. Porter, Reach to Recovery. We went to auxiliary board meeting &

dinner at Barney's at 10:30. Were 20 there. We went to (unclear) grocery store. I finished cleaning & shampooed my hair. Ron to Chicago in morning to meeting. Jo & we to Poppys for supper. Steve worked, 4 [PM] to 1 [AM]. He had meeting in morning & met Doug. Went to gym.

Saturday, March 10, 1984. Partly sunny, chilly, 7° above, up to 30°. Pete to men's breakfast. I did Steve's laundry. He worked 12 [noon] – 1 [AM]. We and Marie met Art [Sieg]s, Edgar & Thietje girls at Buddys. We went to College Hills Mall. Looked at wallpaper but didn't get any. Ron home from Chicago. I made lemon dessert.

Sunday, March 11, 1984. Clear, cold, nice day. We & Steve to church. Steve to work, 12 [noon] – 1 [AM]. We were home in PM. Went to small group at Tom Yoder's. I took dessert. Hazel had roast beef sandwiches. Cindy got back from Wilmington [Ohio]. Steve met her at bus.

Monday, March 12, 1984. I washed and ironed. Got things ready for dinner. Finished cleaning kitchen cupboards & cleaned broom closet. Steve to town in morning & to choir practice in evening. Had the day off. Made chili. Allen called in evening. They are busy. Had snow there on Sunday.

Tuesday, March 13, 1984. Cloudy, 32°. I went to prayer group at Shirley K[rahn's]. Went to Harvella [Stutzman]'s at 11:30. Helped quilt on Nancy's wedding quilt. June [Jantz]e, Ina [Sutter], Mary there. Lenore [Waltner] there in morning. Harvella had lunch for us. Dr. Ella B[äumen] there for a week. Steve had meeting in morning. He & Pete had chili for lunch. Jo taught school.

Wednesday, March 14, 1984. Cloudy, chilly wind, 33° high. We worked at hospital. I had lunch with Laura, Irene & Marie at Lakeside. Pete & I to Eastland. Went to New Addition. Got groceries. Jo taught school. We were home in evening. Steve worked, 11 [AM] – 1 [AM]. I saw Mrs. Carol Gerig, Reach to Recovery.

Thursday, March 15, 1984. Had thunderstorm in morning and p.m. Very foggy in afternoon. Rained hard in evening. I baked 4 pie crusts for MCC sale & 2 for us. Did cleaning & polished silverware. Jo was to fly to Chicago in p.m. to go to Newton but planes were grounded due to fog. So Pete & I took her to Chillicothe at 6:00 p.m. Train left at 7:50. Rained hard all the way over. We had lunch on way home. Jon had accident on way home from school. He had David [Ropp]'s car. Had worked on it. Lady run a stop sign.

Friday, March 16, 1984. Cloudy, colder. We went to church at 8:00. Helped make 78 shoo-fly pies. Pete & Steve helped make boxes & mark [them]. Got done at 12:30. Steve & we left at 2:00 for Peoria. We worked at pie counter, 3 – 6:30. Cindy got there about 4:00. She had Steve's car. We had barbecued chicken dinner. I got Self-Help wooden tray for Ann Miller. I got 2. We got meat.

Saturday, March 17, 1984. Cloudy, 33°, had some drizzle, snow & sleet. I went with Ron to [MCC] Relief Sale. Jon & Joan Waltner left at 7:30. Pete has cold so didn't go. Watched quilts sell. Our Brown one brought \$425. Blue log cabin, \$300. Steve & Cindy & Martha *Behn* (sp?) there too. We had pancakes & sausage. We came home at 2:00. We were to work at hospital at 4:00 but weather not good. Roads little slick so we didn't go. I did Steve's laundry. Ron here for supper.

Sunday, March 18, 1984. Cloudy, cold, Roads still little slick in morning. I went to church. Pete still has cold. Steve to church too. We were home for dinner & rest of day. Steve & Cindy to Wilbur Baumans for supper. Jo home from Newton around 7:30 p.m. (flew).

Monday, March 19, 1984. Reigning, everything covered with ice. Melted some on roads by afternoon. Trees, etc. are hanging heavy with ice. I did laundry. Baked rhubarb crisp & made meatloaf. Baked hummingbird cake. Steve to town in p.m. Went to civic choir practice in evening. Jo to Champaign in afternoon & evening, workshop. Pete's cold some better. Steve has cold too.

Tuesday, March 20, 1984. Cloudy, windy, cold, 33°. I had prayer group here in morning. I cleaned cupboards in bathroom & made German chocolate cake for Steve's birthday. Wrote Pauls in evening. Jo to workshop in Morton in evening.

Wednesday, March 21, 1984. Cloudy, misted & few snow flurries, 30s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Steve had meeting. He met us at hospital. Cindy in Chicago (has Steve's car). Mary came home with us. I took she & Mabel to club at Sue Schwoerer. Marie didn't want to come. I got supper. Had steak. Ron here too. He had meeting at 7:30. Steve took Mary home as he went to choir practice. Jo to Lombard [to] workshop. Will stay all night. Jon to FFA at Joliet.

Thursday, March 22, 1984. Partly cloudy, nice day. I baked cookies & cleaned the oven. Steve here for lunch. Had day off. Pete & I to church at 2:00. Got supper for an Instrumental group from Bethel College. Had over 50 with the help. We went to Prime Timers at Farm Bureau building. Jim Laesch spoke. Jo to Sterling [Illinois] for workshop. Got home at midnight.

Friday, March 23, 1984. Clear, fine day, good to see the sun, 51°. Did cleaning. Went to hospital. Pete volunteered some. I quilted at auxiliary building. We got seeds. Ron & Mary left at 8:00 for Kansas City. Mary to Arthurs. Rons to Protestant Hospital Meeting. We went to see Ed in PM. [He] has kidney infection & had chest pains again.

Saturday, March 24, 1984. Cloudy, rained in morning, 40°. Pete to men's breakfast. I did Steve's laundry. He is staying with Jon & helping with chores. He worked, 9 [AM] – 9 [PM] today. We went to town at 11:00. Ordered new linoleum from Sweeney. Ate at Perkins. Got groceries & went to Roy Zehrs [to talk] about their Mennonite Insurance. I made dessert. Rained most of night.

Sunday, March 25, 1984. Cloudy, rained some in morning, had nearly an inch. Chilly. We went to church. Marie & CRs here for dinner. Had chicken & rice. Steve worked. We took Cindy to church. She was busy. Couldn't come for dinner. We took Marie home at 4:00. Called Pauls in evening. Wished him happy 40th birthday. They plan to come at Easter.

Monday, March 26, 1984. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m. Pete & Steve put new wires on TV aerial. Pete painted around picture window. I washed & ironed. Cleaned West bedroom & closet. Steve here for lunch. He & Jon here for supper. Had roast beef. Steve to choral practice. Jon to 4-H Federation. Mr. Sweeney here. Measured kitchen for new linoleum.

Tuesday, March 27, 1984. Cloudy, drizzly & chilly. I went to prayer group at Joyce Schmucker's. Pete & I took Marie to Dr. at 11:30. We had lunch at the Sheritan Inn. Steve met us there. I did some hand washing & cleaned some drawers. Steve & Jon here for supper. We went to Heritage at Homer Park. Tom Yoder was on program.

Wednesday, March 28, 1984. Cool off in morning, windy, chilly. We volunteered at hospital. Took some clothes, etc. to Thrift Shop. I worked in attics in p.m. Made pot [of] vegetable soup. Steve worked, 7[AM] – 9 [PM]. Rons & Mary got home at 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 29, 1984. Partly cloudy, 40s. I baked coffeecake braid. Cleaned the upstairs. Steve helped with his room. I went to town in p.m. Had permanent at hospital beauty shop. Steve to work at 2 – 10. I went to alumni meeting in evening. Jo left at 7:00 a.m. for conference at Kidron Ohio. Evelyn B[ertsche] with her.

Friday, March 30, 1984. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 40s. Did cleaning. Went to town at 9:30. I quilted for auxiliary until 11:15. Got groceries. I did Steve's laundry. Made salad, fixed casserole for breakfast. Steve to work at 2:00 until 10:00. Franklin Basingers & Mary Ramseyer got here at 7:30. Mary & Cindy back to town.

Saturday, March 31, 1984. Fair, nice day, 50°. Marcella [Basinger], Mary [Ramseyer], Cindy & I to town. Cindy tried on her wedding dress. Pete & Frank played pool. We had lunch here (soup). We ladies to town in p.m. Went to Garlic Press & Provident [Book Stor]e, then to quilt show at Miller Park. Men to town. Had Frank's car washed. I made peach dessert & casserole for supper. Mary, Cindy, Ron & Jon here.

Sunday, April 1, 1984. A beautiful day for a change. We all went to church. Steve to work at noon. We took Fran's, Mary & Cindy to Denny's for dinner. Mary Y[oder] along. Mary R[amseyer] & Cindy home. We & Franks came here awhile, then [went] to see Mary's apartment. We all went to ISU to Cindy's choral concert. Franks & Mary R[amseyer] left for home at 4:45. A nice weekend. Jo to Canada to do workshops.

Monday, April 2, 1984. Cloudy, had few sprinkles in morning. I washed & ironed. Steve & I cleaned yard in p.m. Pete helped Paul Miller put some manure on our truck patch & on his. Pete trimmed grapes. Steve's cold some better. He went to civic choir practice.

Tuesday, April 3, 1984. Rained in morning, windy, chilly, 40s. I went to prayer group at Alma G[alloway's]. Pete chored &. Steve helped. I cleaned 2 closets in our bedroom. Went to Women's Fellowship in evening. Jeanette, Mary J[antze] & Ruth Marquis went with me.

Wednesday, April 4, 1984. Cloudy, foggy most of day, misted. We volunteered at hospital. Pete had board meeting (auxiliary) at noon. We got groceries. Steve to work at 11:00. Pete chored in morning. Pete did them in evening. We were home in evening.

Thursday, April 5, 1984. Fair, nice day, 50s, windy. Pete doing chores. I baked cake, made chili & salad. Pete took the quarter rounds up in kitchen & metal off the steps in basement. Mary & we to see Ed in p.m. Seemed pretty good. Steve worked, 7 [AM] – 9 [PM].

Friday, April 6, 1984. Clear, nice day, 50s, windy. Ron & Jon home from Ohio at 4:00 a.m. I did Steve's laundry. Sweeney's came at 10:00 to put down new congoleum in kitchen & stairway. Was after 5:00 when they left. Steve helped move things out of kitchen. He had meeting in morning. I went to church at 11:00 to set tables, etc. for evening. Choir from Kidron Ohio at church. Allens got here at 5:15. Cindy & Ron here for supper. Allens with Steve to choir rehearsal.

Saturday, April 7, 1984. Fair, nice day. Pete, Allen & Steve to men's breakfast. Steve told about his work. Pete & I went with Lloyd Singleys to Conklin Players at 11:00. Prime Timers saw "Fiddler on the Roof." Steve worked on his car. Allens to town. Marie & Mary took them to Denny's. Allens to see [Shirley's sister] Fern Wick. Jo home from Canada at noon. I got supper. Had waffles & sausage, salad & dessert. Rons & Cindy here too.

Sunday, April 8, 1984. Cloudy, windy, rainy. We all went to church. Steve & Cindy joined our church. Rons & we all to Doughnut Shop after church. Allens left from there for home. They were going to stopped to see Ed. We took Steve & Cindy to Steak 'n Shake. Steve to choir practice at 1:15. Cindy to children's recital at church. We went to Bloomington-Normal Symphony & Civic Chorale. Cindy with us. Steve sang in Chorale. Very good.

Monday, April 9, 1984. Cloudy, drizzly. Washed & ironed. Cleaned out some dresser drawers. Pete sorted some papers. Jo here awhile in evening. Steve worked, 11 [a.m.] – 1:00 a.m. Cindy has flu, temp. Got medication at ISU Health Center.

Tuesday, April 10, 1984. Fair, nice day. Went to prayer group at Eddy S[alter] in morning. I washed bedding & cleaned our bedroom. Things dried good outside. Pete worked outside in morning. We went with Rons to FFA banquet at NCHS, 50th anniversary. Jon got some honors.

Saw some of our old neighbors. Was a very nice evening. Enjoyed it. Cindy still has temp & weakness.

Wednesday, April 11, 1984. Partly cloudy, warmer, 60s. We volunteered at hospital. Took Merle to Denny's at noon & to Gailey's at 1:15. Didn't get home until 4:00. We planted peas, lettuce, radishes, spinach, onions & 2 rows potatoes. Steve helped us. Paul M[iller] planted garden too. Steve waxed his car. Went to choir. Had word Nina Burwitz passed away yesterday.

Thursday, April 12, 1984. Rained in morning. Sun shone awhile in p.m. Had another shower here. I washed woodwork & curtains in kitchen. Got dinner. Pete got Marie & Mary at 11:30. Steve here too. He worked on his car. We took girls home & went to Seth Swift's for income tax. We went to visitation at 5:00 for Nina Burwitz. We were home in evening.

Friday, April 13, 1984. Mostly cloudy and windy and some showers. We went to auxiliary board meeting at 9:30, then to Nina Burwitz's funeral at 11:00 at Becks [Funeral Home]. Went to Cemetery with Art S[iegs]. They, we, Clarence Siegs to Park ME Church for lunch. Had a visit with Richard & Edward Burwitz & families. I did Steve's laundry & we set out dozen cauliflower plants & 2 dozen cabbages. Steve worked, 7 [AM] – 9 [PM]. Jo to meeting at Camp Friedenswald. Ed K[ropf] had cysto.

Saturday, April 14, 1984. Cloudy, some showers. We went to Historical and Genealogical Meeting at Salem church. Had good meeting. Steve Estes spoke in p.m. Over 100 there. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jo home from Friedenswald. Steve worked, 7 [AM] – 9 [PM].

Sunday, April 15, 1984. Rainy chilly day. We went to church. Took Cindy. Pete & I to Golden West for lunch and back to church [to] set up for David & Wilma Colters reception. Was very nice. Good attendance. Got home at 5:15. Were home in evening.

Monday, April 16, 1984. Cloudy, windy, showers, 40s. I washed & ironed. We cleaned bookshelves. Steve here for dinner. He went to Dr. Herr. Has had sore throat. We took Merle to Gailey's at 1:00. We went to Seth Swift's. Got our tax forms & mailed them. I baked sugar cookies & iced them.

Tuesday, April 17, 1984. Mostly cloudy, cold, had shower in evening. I cleaned dining & living room & cleaned furniture. Pete & Steve helped move things. I baked coffeecake braid & peanut butter bars. Pete & Steve put manure on flower garden. Pete set out broccoli plants. Paul called, they are coming Thursday night.

Wednesday, April 18, 1984. Cloudy, cold, 50°, few sprinkles. We volunteered at hospital. I left at 10:30. Mary brought me home. I changed & we went with Marie, Kay Boyer & Mabel to Conklin's Tea Room & Gift Shop at Goodfield. I drove for Marie. We went to Roches. Marie wanted meat. I washed woodwork in bathroom & baked Hummingbird cake. Pete worked outside awhile.

Thursday, April 19, 1984. Mostly cloudy, few sprinkles, 50s. We went to hospital at 8:00. Took Dorothy Schwartz. Had auxiliary bake sale. I took 2 coffee cakes & bars. We were finished at 1:00. We got groceries, took Dorothy home. I did cleaning & made chili. We went to communion at 7:30. Ron had part in service. Pauls got here at 12:30 a.m. Marty & friend, Renée Stuckey, here at same time.

Friday, April 20, 1984. Fair in morning, cloudy. We visited with Pauls. I did Steve's laundry. Had chili for lunch. Made lemon dessert for supper. We had pork chops, eggs & stirfried broccoli & fruit & dessert. Marj & I helped Jo prepare vegetables. We ate here. Rons, Sheila & Marty's friend here. Jim W[alters] & [Walter] Dycks made some garden.

Saturday, April 21, 1984. Rained most of day. Very windy. Pete & Paul to men's breakfast. Pauls to Marie's at 11:00. She & Mary took them to Denny's. We colored eggs. I fixed [Easter] baskets & box for Marty. Made casserole for supper. Rons to sale at Melvin [Illinois]. Marty selling some pigs.

Sunday, April 22, 1984. Easter Sunday. Cloudy, showers. We all went to church. Marty & friend left at 11:20 for Newton. Rest of us to CRs for dinner. Rons, Cindy, Sheila, Mary, Marie & Rays there. Pauls left for home at 1:30. We miss them. Steve worked, 12 [noon] – 1:00 [a.m.]. Ron & Jo, Mary, Marie & Rays at CRs for supper. We took girls home.

Monday, April 23, 1984. Cloudy, rained late p.m. and evening. Steve, Jo & Jon took trash to landfill. Pete helped load. I did laundry. Had big one. Mary & I to see Ed in PM. He is about same. Steve to Cindy's at 4:00. We were home in evening.

Tuesday, April 24, 1984. Fair, beautiful day, 60s. I went to prayer group at Helen P[attons]. Pete did some shopping. I went to Dr. Knight. Had wax taken out of my ears. We met Marie, Laura & Irene at Red Lobster (Irene's birthday). Pete ate at Eric's. Went to Farm & Fleet. I aired winter coats & cleaned Cedar closet. Steve sailed his boat at Evergreen Lake. He went with Jo to Pekin telethon for Bluffton [College]. We went to Heritage Group at [Werner] Fransens.

Wednesday, April 25, 1984. Fair, nice day, warmer. We volunteered at hospital. I went with Mabel at 11:00 to Farm Bureau building honoring Golden HEA-ers. Nice meeting. Did some hand laundry. Pete & I to hospital, delegate informational meeting concerning Mennonite & Brokaw [Hospital] merger.

Thursday, April 26, 1984. Fair, windy, 70s. I cleaned hallway. We went to Ina Sutter, got Chrysanthemums. Went to Gibson City to Ropp greenhouse. Got some plants & flowers. Went to hospital to see Ada Foley. Hardly knew her, feel so sorry for her. [She] suffers a lot. Took her a Violet. We planted 2 rows corn & more onions. Set out flowers & pansies. I went to dinner at Maxwells for Frieda (sp?) Bell. She & Dr. Shinall are getting married. Mary along. Nice evening.

Friday, April 27, 1984. Partly cloudy, windy, 84°. I did cleaning. Steve mowed yard. Pete spaded asparagus bed & some of flowers. We set out dozen tomato plants & ½ dozen head lettuce. I did Steve's laundry & rugs. Cleaned the fruit room in PM. Steve & Cindy at Rons for supper.

Saturday, April 28, 1984. Nice day, cooler. I went to church at 11:00, alumni homecoming. Lois Baker awarded Alumni Award. Lena Maxwell was awarded the Troyer Sloan Award. Ron was master of ceremonies. Jo there too. Had good attendance. Good to see old friends. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Steve to Springfield with Cindy. ISU choir sang.

Sunday, April 29, 1984. Cloudy, rained, very windy, stormy in evening. Tornado watch in p.m. & evening. We went to church in morning. Took Steve & Cindy to 76 for dinner. They went to choir practice at Meadows at 3:00. Area choirs gave program at Meadows at 7:00 p.m. We were home in p.m. & evening. Had ¾ inch rain, high winds. Some damage done in places.

Monday, April 30, 1984. Fair but still very windy, cooler. I washed & ironed. Went to June [Jantze]'s awhile in PM. Helped her quilt. Got some groceries. Steve to work, 11 [AM] – 1 [AM]. Found out he has mononucleosis. Needs rest, liquids.

Tuesday, May 1, 1984. Fair, 37° in morning, a nice day. I went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]'s. Pete & I to Marie's at 11:00. Went with her to Clinton. She had some work done on car. We had lunch in Clinton. We went to mother – daughter dinner at church. Cindy & Jo along. I took broccoli salad. Pete helped in kitchen. Earl K[aufman], Harold P[atton] & Tom Yoder worked. Nice evening. Jo taught school.

Wednesday, May 2, 1984. Fair, warmer, 70°. We volunteered at hospital. Got groceries. We picked up sticks & limbs in yard from the windstorm. Pete worked up some truck patch. Put out one row of beans. I made rhubarb crisp and put container [of rhubarb] in freezer. Made coffee cake. Steve worked at Larry Reeser's all day. Jo taught school.

Thursday, May 3, 1984. Cloudy, some showers, chilly. I cleaned the recreation room in morning & furnace & laundry rooms in p.m. Steve has day off. I made casserole & rhubarb for dinner. Pete & Steve fixed roof on house. Wind blew shingles off. We were at Anton Romyn's for supper. Mel & Marilyn *Gillam* (sp?) there too.

Friday, May 4, 1984. Fair. Did cleaning. Pete mowed yard & cut weeds out of raspberries. We cleaned the strawberry bed p.m. Rons & we to play, "George M," at NCHS. Darrell Nester, Jon Clemens & Scott Stalter in play. We stopped at Pappy's on way home. Steve at work.

Saturday, May 5, 1984. Foggy in morning, partly cloudy, 60s. Pete to men's breakfast. We went to church at 9:00. Helped cleaned kitchen. Left at 11:00. Met Art [Sieg]s, Edgar [Gurtner] & Thietje girls at Denny's. Went to Eastland awhile. Steve & Cindy had an interview for conference youth minister but won't know [results] for a few days.

Sunday, May 6, 1984. Cloudy, cool. Jo left early for St. Louis, workshop. We went to church. Took Cindy. We were home for lunch & afternoon. Cindy, Martha *Buhn* (sp?), & Ross Hershberger here awhile. Rode their bikes. We went to small group meeting at Franzie [Loepp]'s at 5:30. I took rhubarb cobbler. Steve working. Jo home from St. Louis at 6:00.

Monday, May 7, 1984. Cloudy in morning, sun shone in p.m. I did laundry. Pete trimmed ramblers. Steve to town awhile in morning. I went to hospital at 1:30. Merle had cataract removed from left eye. She got along fine. I made rhubarb pie for supper. Had steak. Cindy & Steve here. We sowed carrots & beets.

Tuesday, May 8, 1984. Fair, very windy, cold, 50s. Dust blowing. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete burned brush in morning. We were going to see Ed in p.m. Visibility poor in places, so didn't go. I baked cookies. Steve to town in p.m. He & Cindy here after supper. We went to Volunteer Recognition at hospital. Had dessert & drinks. Each got a begonia.

Wednesday, May 9, 1984. Fair, nice day, rather windy, cool. We volunteered at hospital. Took some clothes for Merle to Esther Cash. We washed car. I worked in garden awhile. We got Marie at 4:45. Went to airport. Met Virginia Porst. Took her to Holiday Inn, then to Denny's for supper. Steve got the job of youth minister for conference. We're glad for him.

Thursday, May 10, 1984. Fair in morning, cloudy, windy, 60°. I went to HEA. Mabel along. Home at 1:00. We planted 3 rows of beans & 4 rows of sweetcorn. I got things ready for supper. Virginia [Porst], Marie, Mary & Rons here. Had chicken & strawberry shortcake. Jo made scalloped potatoes. Pete got the ladies. Ron took them home. Steve worked, 9 – 9.

Friday, May 11, 1984. 60s, cloudy, rained in p.m., 1/3 inch. Fair in evening. We went to auxiliary board meeting at 9:00. Put quilt in frame after meeting. June [Jantze] helped. I quilted until noon. We had lunch in town. Mary & we to see Ed. He has cold & cough. Steve to Elkhart Indiana, meeting for youth minister. I got basket with cut flowers from Deb & Randy. Very pretty.

Saturday, May 12, 1984. Beautiful day, 70s. Pete mowed lawn & helped Ron clean out red shed. I washed 4 loads. Mary & we met Edgar, Art [Sieg]s & Thietje girls at Denny's. We went to Niepagens, got plants. Went to church. Had car washed (MYF). We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jon & Sheila stopped to see us on their way to senior prom. A handsome couple. Steve [home] from Elkhart at 7:00. Had good meeting & trip.

Sunday, May 13, 1984. Rained in morning, fair and windy, 80°, cooler in evening. We went to church. Virginia Porst with us. She went with Marie to Gordons for dinner. We went to Lawn Term Care buffet with Merle. We went to Rons for dinner in evening. Steve, Cindy, Mary, the Pettys there. Ron got the dinner with some help from Steve & Cindy, also Jon. Allens and Paul called. Good to talk to them. I called Deb and Randy. Got rose bush from Rons, money from Allens.

Monday, May 14, 1984. A fine day, cool, 70°. I washed & ironed. Did some hand laundry. Pete worked in truck patch & plowed garden. We worked outside all afternoon. Set out petunias, eggplant, tomatoes & peppers. Jo helped us make new rose bed. Paul [Miller]s, [Walter] Dycks and Franzie [Loepp]s out working in truck patch. A full day. Ada Foley passed away. Thankful she can be relieved of her suffering.

Tuesday, May 15, 1984. Fair, nice day, 60s. I went to prayer group. Pete took TV to shop. We went with Mary to Dr. L[arry] Nord to see about her foot. She is scheduled for OR [on the] 23rd. We got 3 rosebushes at F[arm] S[upply]. Had lunch at Bob Johnson's. We took Merle to Gailey's at to: 30. Didn't get done until 4:30. We met Virginia Poorst & the Rices from Downs at Barney's. Marie along too.

Wednesday, May 16, 1984. Clear, 30s in night, 70s, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. I took Mary & Mabel to club at Dorothy Singley's. Marie has back trouble. We planted cucumbers, squash & melons. Planted for roses. Fixed flower box. Set out 25 ever-bearing strawberry plants. Steve helped Larry Reeser in p.m. Jr. choir had surprise shower on Cindy.

Thursday, May 17, 1984. Fair, nice day, 80s. We cleaned the Windows. Put in screens. I went to town at 11:00. Took Mary shopping but didn't find anything. We went to June [Jantze]'s. We cut quilt blocks for log cabin baby quilt for Deb. Pete worked outside. We put out glad bulbs in evening. Steve worked at Larry Reeser's. He was here for supper.

Friday, May 18, 1984. Fair, warm, 80s. We went to town at 9:30. I lead tour group, children from El Paso school. We got Marie at 11:30. Went to Denny's for lunch. Took Marie to get groceries. I went with Mary to Darlene's at Hudson, but didn't find anything. We set out 25 sweet potato plants. Jo to Berne Indiana in afternoon. Steve worked, 7[AM] – 9 [PM].

Saturday, May 19, 1984. Mostly cloudy in p.m., warm. Pete with men's group to Meadows Home for breakfast. I did Steve's laundry. He worked, 9 [AM] – 9 [PM]. We went to Denny's in Normal for lunch. Thought Edgar & Art [Sieg]s were going there. They went to [the] one in Bloomington. Pete & Ron worked on lawnmower. Pete mowed lawn. I made rhubarb pudding for Jo. IPSI group met [at Rons]. Rained all night, 3.04 inches.

Sunday, May 20, 1984. Rained awhile in morning, fair in p.m. We went to church. Recognition for high school graduates. We went to Mary's for dinner. She came home with us. We went to Jon's baccalaureate at 8:00. We took Mary home. Rons to Nesters for open house for Jon Clemens & Darrell Nester. Steve & Cindy there too. Allen called. Asked if we could meet they & Jeff & Pat at River on June 16th.

Monday, May 21, 1984. Mostly cloudy, humid, 79°. I washed & ironed. Pete trimmed up yard. I cut quilt blocks & made some blocks for baby quilt. Marty got home from Bethel C[ollege] little after 8:00 p.m. Ron has cold, coughs most of night.

Tuesday, May 22, 1984. Mostly cloudy, stormy in p.m., rained. Had 1 inch here again. More in other places. Had tornado watch out. I went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. Went with Marie & Irene to Lakeside. Met Laura there. Had lunch. Steve & Cindy here awhile in p.m. We all & Mary to Grand Café 4:30. Then took Mary to hospital. She was admitted to [Room] 207. Pete & I to Heritage at Alta L[itwiller's].

Wednesday, May 23, 1984. Clear, fine day, cooler. We volunteered at hospital. Mary had bunionectomy & 2nd toe straightened. Went to OR at 12:30. Got back to room after 3:00. Her blood pressure high, was nauseated before & after OR. We left at 6:00. She was feeling better. Ron still has such cough & cold.

Thursday, May 24, 1984. Fair, nice day, windy, 80°. Pete cut some shrubbery. I worked on quilt blocks some. Got lettuce, radishes & onions for lunch. Baked rhubarb crisp. Steve & Marty here for lunch. Had chicken casserole. Steve didn't feel too well. He worked, 5:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. We went to hospital at 2:00. Mary doing quite well, blood pressure better. We got some plants for Merle. We took Lucy C[atherine] to Prime Timers. We all ate at Bishops, then to Farm Bureau for program. Jo taught school.

Friday, May 25, 1984. Had thunderstorm in morning, lightning struck tree by the road. Rained most of day. Did cleaning. Cleaned oven. Worked on quilt blocks. Steve & we to town at 2:00. Went to hospital. Steve got Mary's car. Cindy took Steve's [car] to Ohio this morning. He worked 6 [p.m.] – 1:00 a.m. We got Mary's radio & her mail. Allens to Deb & Randy's.

Saturday, May 26, 1984. Clear, cool, nice day. I finished weekly cleaning. Did Steve's laundry. Pete mowed lawn. I cut you flowers for Cemetery, don't have many. We met Art [Sieg]s, Edgar & Thietje girls at Bloomington Denny's. We went to cemeteries. Met Marie & Mabel there. Went to hospital. Mary feels some better. We worked, 4 – 8:30. Steve worked, 12 [noon] – 1 [AM].

Sunday, May 27, 1984. Partly cloudy, showered late p.m. & evening, cool. We went to church. Had lunch with Earl Kaufmans at Buddys. We went to hospital. Got Merle. Took her to Troyer Cemetery. Took flowers that Esther Cash gave [her]. Took Merle for ride. We stayed with Mary awhile. She's doing fairly well. Steve to church. Worked 12 [noon] – 1:00 [a.m.]. Cindy home from Bluffton at 6:30.

Monday, May 28, 1984. A miserable day, cold, windy, rainy. I did laundry. Made rhubarb pie & got dinner. Steve & Cindy here. They left at 1:00 for ballgame in Chicago. Met her folks there. We went to hospital awhile. Mary doing okay. Got groceries. I baked pecan rolls in evening.

Tuesday, May 29, 1984. Fair, nice day, very cool, 38° in morning, got to 61°. I got things ready for prayer group. Alta [Litwiller], June [Jantze], Alma [Galloway], Shirley [Krahn], Lucy C[atherine] & Joyce [Schmucker] were here. Pete & I to see Ed in p.m. Still has a cough & more

chest pain. Steve to town in morning awhile. [He] had committee meeting in evening for church retreat.

Wednesday, May 30, 1984. Clear, nice day, 70°. We volunteered at hospital. I saw Mrs. Harold Schmidgall, Reach to Recovery. We took Merle to Gailey's at 1:00. Got out at 3:30. Went to Mary's apartment. Got her mail. We hoed in truck patch until 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 31, 1984. Clear, fine day, 70s. We worked in truck patch all day. Hoed. Marty plowed everything. We planted squash, more lettuce & radishes, and sweet corn. [Walter] Dycks & Jim W[alters] were out. Pete & Ron to delegate meeting for merger of Mennonite and Brokaw [Hospitals]. Vote carried in favor of merger. I have mixed feelings about it. Jo & I to church. Rachel Clemens & Jim Stutzman showed pictures of Costa Rica & Nicaragua.

Friday, June 1, 1984. Clear, warmer, 84°, nice day. I went to town at 8:00. Had hair fixed. Went to bank & got groceries. Did cleaning & Steve's laundry. We worked in garden. Sowed flower seeds in north side of garden. Rosalee & Mike's boy got here about 6:00. Rons & we to Jon's high school graduation. We all went to open house at Dan Stalters for Scott. Made brownies.

Saturday, June 2, 1984. Fair, warm. I made salad & salad dressing for Jo. Pete & I hoed potatoes. He mowed lawn. Mary still in hospital. She's disappointed. Thought she could leave today. Helped Jo some get ready for evening for pig roast for Jon. 65 – 70 people there. Lots of food. Big day. Mike Emerick & Gayle & family there.

Sunday, June 3, 1984. Clear, very warm, 80s. We went to church. No Sunday school. Went to hospital to see Mary. Dr. Nord in, dismissed her. We brought her home at 2:00. Had picnic here in evening. Rons, Steve & Cindy, Sheila, & Adam D[enzer] here. Jo brought leftovers. Mary enjoyed it. Steve had good weekend at retreat. Mike Emericks left in morning. Ron & Marty to Meadows [Mennonite] Church. Ron preached.

Monday, June 4, 1984. Partly cloudy, 80s. Washed & ironed. Didn't feel very good. Worked on quilt blocks awhile. Mary getting around a little better. Pete worked outside some, holding, etc. Jo to church in morning getting ready for Bible School. She & Rosalee to town in p.m. Jon burned his eyes doing welding.

Tuesday, June 5, 1984. Partly cloudy, windy, 89°. We took Mary to Dr. Nord at 8:15. He took pin out of big toe. Also went to Dr. Bertsche's office. Bloodwork & blood pressure taken. We went to see Ed in p.m. They had party for him yesterday. We took him plate of fruit. Mary didn't feel too well, stomach & bowels. I did some laundry.

Wednesday, June 6, 1984. Mostly fair, hot, humid, very windy. We took Mary home on our way to work at hospital. We got groceries for her. She seems to be walking better. I baked rhubarb – strawberry pie. Finished quilt blocks for baby quilt. Steve & Cindy here for supper. Picked quart strawberries.

Thursday, June 7, 1984. Partly cloudy, very windy and humid. I washed bedding from guest room, also rugs. We picked 2 ½ quarts berries. Gave Rons box & Mary some. Put quart in freezer. Pete hoed some & watered roses & berries. We went to town in p.m. Took Mary to beauty shop to get hair done. I went to June [Jantze]'s. She helped me put baby quilt together. Ron to Chicago.

Friday, June 8, 1984. Partly cloudy, windy, humid, 80s. Had shower in evening. I went to town at 9:30. Quilted on auxiliary quilt. 11 there. I got groceries. Did some handwashing & put some winter clothes [away]. Made Bundt cake. We picked 2 ½ quarts [straw]berries. Gave Jo [a] box. Put quart in freezer. Pete worked outside. Ron home from Chicago at 4:30.

Saturday, June 9, 1984. Rained some early a.m. Partly cloudy, windy. I did Steve's laundry. We picked 2 ½ quarts [straw]berries. Put quart in freezer. Gave Rons [a] quart. We met Art [Sieg], EA, Gertie & Ella at Perkins at noon. We went to College [Hills] Mall. Worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Cindy, Jim & Dwayne Early here when we got home. Steve here too. He had meeting at Champaign.

Sunday, June 10, 1984. Mostly fair, cooler, less humid. We went to church. Had carry in dinner & Congregational meeting but we went to Woizeski Reunion at Nob Hill. Rons there for dinner, then to the church meeting. 22 at reunion. Roger Woizeski, Carl Giermann & Roberta [Ropp] officers again another year. Pete to send out invitations. Talked to Marjorie. Paul left for Taiwan for 2 months.

Monday, June 11, 1984. Clear, nice day, 80s. I washed & ironed. Took Mary to Dr. Bertsche at 9:00. We picked 8 quarts berries. Gave Jo 4 quarts. I put 2 quarts in freezer & kept [some] to use. Pete mowed lawn. I painted picnic table & benches. We sowed flower seeds on south side of garden. Steve worked, got off at 6:00.

Tuesday, June 12, 1984. Fair, humid, hot, 90°, windy. Baked quick coffeecake. Worked outside. Steve dug up the blue Iris (flags). I reset them. Sowed Canterbury seeds. Hoed some in truck patch. We defrosted deep freezer. Steve & Jon went sailing at Clinton Lake.

Wednesday, June 13, 1984. Partly cloudy, windy, little cooler in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Steve came from work at 12:00. Brought 2 youngsters along. He picked the strawberries, got 9 quarts. Gave him 2 quarts to take to the house. Gave Rons 2. I put 2 quarts in freezer. Made 1 ½ pints preserves. Picked the peas. Put 1 pint in freezer. Gave Rons some to eat & we had some. Pete watered strawberries & roses.

Thursday, June 14, 1984. Fair, cooler, less humid, nice day. I went to HEA with Dorothy Singley. Pete to town to dentist. Took Mary to bank & did errands for Marie. I got things ready for garage sale. Marked items. We took Marie to meet Virginia Porst at Holladay Inn, shuttle bus. We ate at Denny's. Virginia staying with Marie.

Friday, June 15, 1984. Cloudy, showered in p.m., chilly, 68°. Rons & we set things out for garage sale. Sold few things. Whether not too good. We went to auxiliary meeting at 10:00. We paid off remainder of \$165,000 pledge. Also 25 years since Bill Dunn came to Mennonite [Hospital]. Mary along to meeting. She had hair done. We picked 7 quarts berries. I put 2 jars in freezer & made 4 pints preserves. Gave Jo 3 boxes. We stayed there awhile. Jo went to Gordons. Pete & I to church, saw "When They Shall Ask." Steve at Reesers until 5:00. Worked late.

Saturday, June 16, 1984. Fair, hot. Marie Ropp passed away about 8:45 AM. She called me at 7:30, was fine. Such a shock. Ron to hospital, also CRs. They came out here. Virginia [was] with Marie. CRs, Ron & Gordon & we to funeral home at 1:00. Boys to Cemetery. Mabel & I got clothes for Marie. I went to Harvey's [Harvella Stutzman] at 4:00. She did my hair. We picked peas. Jo helped. She, Pete & Ron podded them. We called Allens & Marj. They are coming tomorrow.

Sunday, June 17, 1984. Fair, 80s. We went to church. Jo and we got ham, etc. for Monday dinner. We all went to Rays for dinner. Jo & I took melon. We came home at 2:00 [to] get things ready for supper. Mary with us to. Marjorie, Benjy & Amy got here about 4:00. Allens, Pam, Jeff & Pat got here at 5:50. Deb flew in, got to airport at 5:00. Jo got her. They were at Dan Bertsche's reception short time. The family all went to funeral home at 8:00 for private visitation. Allens & Debbie stayed at Rons.

Monday, June 18, 1984. Partly cloudy, 80s. We had brunch at 9:30. Jo & girls busy getting things ready for the dinner. We went to funeral home at 12:00 for visitation. Service at 2:00. Ron had charge. Jo, Marj, Carol, Roberta, Gordon & Ray had part. Allen's family, Benjy, Marty & Jon sang "How Great Thou Art." Allen and Shirley sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Gordon, Ray, Allen, Steve & Bob & Roger Woizeski pallbearers. We had lunch here. 60 people. Helen & Lucy [Catherine] Patton, Eddy Stalter & Shirley Krahn served. Allens & Deb left at 6:00 for home.

Tuesday, June 19, 1984. Fair, 80s. Marjorie & children left at 8:00 for home. Andy left home at noon for [gymnastics] meet at Albuquerque [NM]. I washed & ironed. Had a big one. Pete picked peas. Jo helped pod. I put 1 ½ pints in freezer. Picked strawberries. Got 2 ½ quarts. Put pint in freezer. Gave Jo [a] box. I put container of broccoli in freezer. Got a head of cauliflower. Steve worked at Resers. He & Cindy here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, June 20, 1984. Fair, hot, 90°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Mary to get groceries. Pete had new lens put in Merle's glasses. We wrote thank you notes in p.m. We went with CRs to Garfield club picnic at Carlock Community Building. Earl Kaufman in hospital at Springfield (heart). Jo sick in evening. Pain in neck & shoulder & dizzy.

Thursday, June 21, 1984. Mostly cloudy, showered in morning. We worked in garden & truck patch. We got Virginia at 11:00. Went to airport. Had lunch there. She left at 12:30 for California. We went to Marie's apartment. Mabel & we cleaned out icebox. Went to hospital [to] see Jo. She

was admitted in morning with pain in her neck, shoulder & arm. Drs. want to observe her. We & Mary to see Ed. He's about same. We picked peas. Put 4 ½ pints in freezer.

Friday, June 22, 1984. Partly cloudy, hot, humid. We had nearly an inch of rain. We left at 7:00 for trip with Prime Timers to Wildlife Prairie Park North of Peoria. At 3:00 we took ride on the Julia Belle Swain boat. Had dinner at bishops. Got back to town B. F. [?] At 7:00. We had car tuned while we were gone. Went to town with CRs. Jo home from hospital in evening. She's feeling better. Nerves in her shoulder were irritated.

Saturday, June 23, 1984. Had 1/3 inch rain 1:30 a.m. Mostly fair, not so humid. Had shower in evening. I baked coffeecake braid. Washed. Steve picked 2 quarts berries. He & Pete picked peas. Put 3 pints [peas] in freezer. Steve had some for supper. Did all cleaning. Jo & Steve here for dinner. Ron & Marty to Pontiac. Jo feeling some better. We volunteered at hospital in evening. Steve got supper for Cindy, Martha Beahm & Doug Swartz.

Sunday, June 24, 1984. Clear, beautiful day, cooler. We went to church. Wilbur Albrechts there. They took Mary & we to Denny's for lunch. I went back to church. Helped with reception for Dennis & Robin Reimer. Wilburs brought Pete home on [their] way to Eureka. Pete had committee meeting for Ropp reunion. Mabel, Roberta, Jo & we to Marie's apartment. Girls took things they had given Marie.

Monday, June 25, 1984. Clear, fine day, 84°. Did washing. We & CRs to Marie's apartment at 10:00. Got a lot done. Jon brought load home for us & CRs. We planted more sweetcorn & endive. Steve plowed truck patch in morning. He worked 11 [AM] – 12 [midnight]. I washed 2 loads of Marie's bedding & towels. Rons here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, June 26, 1984. Partly cloudy, windy. We picked peas. Put 2 pints in freezer. Steve picked few berries. Mabel & we to Marie's apartment at 9:30. Jon & Jo came at noon, also Marty. Loaded the truck with Mabel's things & ours. We came home at 4:00. CRs & we & Rons went back at 7:30, finished up. Rons brought loads out. Another big day. Thankful it's done & got along well.

Wednesday, June 27, 1984. Beautiful day, cooler, 83°. We volunteered at hospital. Did some shopping in p.m. Took Mary to Gailey's at 3:45. Got out at 6:45. We ate supper at Denny's. Pete plowed garden. I hoed flowerbeds. Rons & Jon here awhile in evening. Jon worked on brakes of our car. We use Marie's [car]. Steve had his last day at Kaleidoscope.

Thursday, June 28, 1984. Fair in morning, partly cloudy, 80s. We worked in truck patch. Steve helped hoe. I put 2 cartons broccoli in freezer. Picked last of peas. Had [them] for lunch. I baked quick coffeecake. Steve moved some of Cindy's things here. He & Cindy & Rons to ministers picnic at Pekin. Jon worked on brakes on our car. We took Merle to Gailey's at 2:15. I did Steve's laundry.

Friday, June 29, 1984. Fair, cool, nice day. I went to town at 8:45. Had hair done. Took Mary to Dr. Nord. Had other pin taken out of [her] toe. Steve, Cindy & we had planned to go to Allens this p.m. but Cindy ill, strep throat, stomach upset. Jon finished brakes on our car. I worked outside a while. Steve trimmed around yard. He moved some of Cindy's furniture out here. Rons & we to town in evening, shopped. Got set of sheets & pillow case for Jeff. We ate in town.

Saturday, June 30, 1984. Partly cloudy, nice day. Steve, Cindy & we left at 7:50 for Allens. Got there at 2:45. Jeff & Pat there. Randy & Deb came later. We were all at Allens for supper. We all went to shower for the 2 couples at Hickory Grove Park. Dick Pilgrims, Harry Cooks & Dan *Huhns* (sp?) gave it. Was a nice evening. They got a lot of nice gifts. Deb & Randy staying at Karns [Randy's parents].

Sunday, July 1, 1984. Fair, fine day. We all went to Ames [Mennonite] Fellowship. Allen & Jeff spoke. Allen & Shirley sang. Randy to his family get-together. Pam back to Mason City. We had dinner at Allens. Steve, Cindy & we left at 2:45 for home. Got here at 8:30. Thankful for safe trip.

Monday, July 2, 1984. Fair, warmer. I washed & ironed. Pete worked some in truck patch & sorted some of Marie's things. Jo & I unpacked some boxes & put things on table. Fed & watered roses in evening. Marty painting on Ron's house. His gilt had 14 pigs.

Tuesday, July 3, 1984. Partly cloudy, had several showers late p.m. & evening. More humid. Jo & I picked beans. We kept [some] to use. I put carton [of] broccoli in freezer. Kept out [some] for salad. Jo & we to town at 11:00. She got feed. We ate lunch at Bob Johnson's. I exchanged blouse at Bergners. We got groceries. I put new zipper in my skirt & shortened one. Transplanted some flowers in evening. Steve working on car & a chair.

Wednesday, July 4, 1984. Cloudy, humid, looked rainy. I got things ready for dinner & supper. Mary & Steve here for dinner. We put baby quilt in frame. Mary & I quilted. Rons, Mary, Steve, Cindy & we to CRs for picnic. Each took on hamburger & wieners. Carol grilled them. Cutters [Roberta's parents] there too. Gordons came late.

Thursday, July 5, 1984. Fair, warm. I quilted awhile in morning & evening. We went to town at 10:30. Took clothes to cleaners & [went] to Brokaw [Hospital]. Delivered Mobile Meals. Got Mary at 12:30. We ate at Grand Café. Went to College Hills [Mall]. Pete had 2 new tires put on car. Mary looked for dress but found none, so got material to have one made. Steve in town most of day.

Friday, July 6, 1984. Clear, 70°, cool, beautiful day. Done cleaning. We picked beans. Canned 6 pints. Gave Jo some & Steve took some for Jeff & Pat. We picked 2 quarts raspberries, put quart in freezer. Gave Rons some. Washed for Steve. He helped all morning picking, etc. I canned 4 quarts beets. Mary here in p.m., quilted. I quilted some in evening. Steve left at 3:00 PM for Iowa City. Will stay all night with Jeff. He & Cindy got an apartment.

Saturday, July 7, 1984. Fine day, finished cleaning, quilted awhile. We went to town at 11:30. Met Art [Sieg]s, Edgar & Thietje girls at Ponderosa. We went to Eastland & to Knuths to see about headstone for Marie's grave. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Had letter from Paul. Marjorie & children arrived safely in Taipei. Minda Liechty had heart attack June 23.

Sunday, July 8, 1984. Partly cloudy, few showers in area, cool. We went to church. Mary & we ate lunch at Denny's. Went to Eureka. Ed just fair. We were home in evening. Larry Mohr had heart attack in afternoon. Is at Brokaw [Hospital]. Rons to hospital.

Monday, July 9, 1984. Fair, hot, 93°, rather windy. I washed & ironed. We picked beans. Canned 7 quarts. Picked raspberries, got 2 ½ quarts. Put 3 jars in freezer & had [some] to eat. I quilted in PM. Pete watered raspberries. Ron home in PM. He & Jon helped Wayne Mohr bale hay. Marty working at Ralston – Purina. Larry Mohr was transferred to Springfield.

Tuesday, July 10, 1984. Fair, hot, 95°. I washed some winter clothes. Put 2 cartons of broccoli in freezer & had [some] for lunch. Cut 6 heads cauliflower. Gave Jo one & put 5 cartons in freezer. Picked quart berries in evening, gave to Rons. They got load of straw from Denzers. Unloaded it. Marty at Ralston. I finished baby quilt.

Wednesday, July 11, 1984. Had rain at 4:00 a.m. & again 7 AM. Had 1 ½ inches. Was wonderful rain. We went to town at 7:30. Had permanent & volunteered at hospital. I went with Mary to Hudson at 1:30. She got a dress. We then went to Birkelbaws, got apples & Bing cherries. We picked beans. Canned 7 quarts & 3 pints. Rons had some for supper. Jim Waltner gave cherries. Jo pitted them. Gave them a quart & kept one. Rons to Springfield to get papers signed & [to] see Larry Mohr. He's some better. Ron went with Gail Bressner to Nebraska to hog show.

Thursday, July 12, 1984. Fair, nice day, 80s. I canned 7 quarts Bing cherries & made some applesauce. Pete mowed some yard. We picked nearly 2 boxes raspberries. Put jar in freezer. Gave Marty some to eat on way to Nebraska. He left after work at 4:00. Jo, Jon, Sheila & we to Beningo's for supper. Put 4 jars applesauce in freezer.

Friday, July 13, 1984. Clear, 89°. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:30. I quilted until noon. Came home for lunch. Pete plowed flower garden. I cooked applesauce. Made apple crisp for supper. I worked outside awhile in evening.

Saturday, July 14, 1984. Fair, humid, 90° but good breeze. Pete to men's breakfast. We picked beans. Jo helped. I canned 7 quarts & 5 pints. Picked 2 quarts raspberries. Gave Jo one. I put jar in freezer. Jo had lunch with us. Jon helped Allen Dicks move. I worked in flower garden. Ron home from Nebraska at 11:30. Marty got 3rd on one gilt. Sold both of them.

Sunday, July 15, 1984. Had .07 inches rain early a.m. Mostly fair, cooler, in 80s. We went to church. Lucy C[atherine], Mary & we to Red Lobster. Went to Lucy's awhile. Steve home at

6:00. He went to meeting at Elkhart from Iowa, then to Ohio [to] see Greg Gundy. Glad he's home. He's housesitting for Ina Sutter while she's at World [Mennonite] Conference.

Monday, July 16, 1984. A beautiful day, 80°. I done laundry. Pete & Steve picked cherries at Paul Larkins. Mary came, helped seed [them]. Gave Jo some. Mary canned 2 quarts for herself. I put 3 quarts in freezer. Made 3 ½ pints preserves. Pete & Steve picked quart berries & picked beans. I canned 7 quarts [beans]. Jo & we had [some] to eat. Steve to Peoria in p.m. & back to Ina's. Marty had 4 games (4-H), won all.

Tuesday, July 17, 1984. Another fine day, cool. I went to annual HEA meeting with Dorothy Singley at 8:30. Had brunch. Home at noon. Pete worked on reunion material. I got large pan of broccoli. Gave Jo most of it. We had [some] for supper. I bound the baby quilt. Marty home from Manhattan Kansas. Steve at Mark Millers all day. Was here for supper.

Wednesday, July 18, 1984. Fair, fine day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I saw Ruth Conger, Reach to Recovery. We went to Eastland short time, back to hospital. Worked, 4 – 8:30, Info Desk & Gift Shop. We took Merle to cafeteria at noon. She was upset & down in dumps in morning. But felt better as day went on. Steve & Jo to [Camp] Menno Haven. Cindy back from Ohio. Steve here for supper.

Thursday, July 19, 1984. Fair, little warmer. June J[antze] pick our beans & Paul M[iller]'s. We helped. We picked 2 ¼ boxes raspberries. Gave Rons a box. Put jar in freezer. We delivered Mobile Meals at 11:00. Took Merle to Gailey's at 1:30. She's feeling better. Jo to a funeral near Rantoul (Gathel's sister). Marty & Jon helped bale hay. Steve & Cindy here for supper. Had chicken & raspberry shortcake.

Friday, July 20, 1984. Had shower early a.m., mostly cloudy, 80s. I baked bars & pecan rolls. Done cleaning. We made 3 gallons sauerkraut. I finished binding the baby quilt. Steve & Cindy to St. Louis to wedding.

Saturday, July 21, 1984. Fair, hot, very little breeze. We picked nearly 2 quarts berries. Gave Rons some. I put container [of] broccoli in freezer & kept [some] to use. Pete plowed some in truck patch. We had lunch with Arts, Edgar & Ella. Shopped some at College Hills [Mall]. I put my name on Steve & Jeff's quilts. Rons hauling manure but Mohrs' spreader broke. Not a good day.

Sunday, July 22, 1984. Fair, hot, near 90°. We went to church. Mary & we ate at 76 Restaurant. Went to see Ed. He's about as usual. Jo & we to Ezra Bylers at 6:30 for a farewell for Stan Clemens & Martha Beahn. Stans are moving to Bluffton. Had homemade ice cream. I took raspberries & topping. Steve to Chicago with Mark Miller.

Monday, July 23, 1984. Fair, hot, 91°. I washed & ironed. We helped Jo pick beans. Picked Paul Miller's too. Pete to Gift Shop meeting at 10:00. I helped Jo with beans in afternoon. Canned 14

quarts. Steve home from Chicago at 4:30. Brought some blueberries. Put 3 packages in freezer. Steve here for supper, then to Ina's.

Tuesday, July 24, 1984. Cloudy, hot. Had 2.8 inches rain. Started at 4:30, lasted 2 hours. Electrical storm. The rain was welcome. Pete worked in truck patch in morning. I went to Steve's apartment, cleaned a bedroom. Steve trimmed shrubbery. I baked coffeecake braid & lemon bars.

Wednesday, July 25, 1984. 77°, mostly cloudy, cooler. We volunteered at hospital. Went with Mary to see about getting new seat covers. Steve helped Jo pick & canned beans, 7 quarts & 4 pints. He picked pint of raspberries. I made raspberry – custard pie & casserole for supper. Steve, Cindy, Jo & Marty here. Ron in Chicago. Jon busy. Jo & we to church at 8:00. Bluffton [College] quartet gave program. Lucy C[atherine] gave me a gown. I gave her one.

Thursday, July 26, 1984. Cloudy. Rained most of morning, cooler in p.m. We delivered Mobile Meals in morning. Had lunch at Bob Evans & got groceries. I washed 3 loads. Got supper. Steve here. He & Mark Miller visited some ministers. Done some packing. Ron home from Chicago at 5:00.

Friday, July 27, 1984. Fair, cooler. I went to hospital at 8:00. Had hair done. Steve, Cindy & we left at 10:50 for Amana, Iowa. Got into rain last hour. Got to (unclear) Inn at 3:45. Allens, Deb & Randy there. We all went to Iowa City to Jeff & Pat's rehearsal at Trinity Episcopal Church at 6:00 p.m. Had rehearsal dinner at 7:30. Met Pat's family, Dr. Homer and Mrs. Venter and Pats sister and brothers. We all went back to Inn for the night.

Saturday, July 28, 1984. Fine day. We all went to the church at 9:00 picture taking. Ron & Jo got there at 9:30. Pat Venter & Jeff were married at 11:00 a.m. A beautiful wedding. Tom Crague (sp?), Jeff's friend from Dallas, married them. Had lunch there after ceremony. Rons & Steve & Cindy left for home at 4:00. Allens, Pam & we & Randys back to Zuber's to eat. Got to Allens at 7:30. Jeff & Pat here. Brought all the gifts to Allens. They left at 8:30 for honeymoon.

Sunday, July 29, 1984. Another nice day. Allens, Randys & we to church. Pam back to Mason City. Randys to friends for dinner. Allens took us to Steak House in Ames for steak dinner. We all went for a walk. Watched Olympics in evening.

Monday, July 30, 1984. Clear, nice day. We left Allens at 9:00 home. Got here at 3:15. Pete mowed yard. I washed & ironed. Made ½ gallon dill pickles. Rons took us to Hunan Restaurant (Chinese) for dinner. Very good. They gave me necklace [for birthday], Allens [gave] \$10. Boys at 4-H fair.

Tuesday, July 31, 1984. Fair, 80°, pleasant day. I picked quart raspberries & made pie. Put container broccoli in freezer & kept [some] to eat. Pete plowed flower garden. We went to fair at

11:00. Jon showed dairy. Got several 1sts & Grand Champion cow. Steve here for supper. He moved some of Cindy's things to apartment. I worked in flower garden.

Wednesday, August 1, 1984. Fair, warmer. We volunteered at hospital in morning. We put 12 pints corn in freezer. Took some of Paul [Miller]'s. They're still on vacation. Steve moving Cindy's things to their apartment. Rons at Fair. Jon showed barrows. Mary took us to Bishops for our birthdays. She gave me \$20. Jon did well with barrows.

Thursday, August 2, 1984. Fair, hot, 88° and more humid. We picked our beans & Paul [Miller]'s. Canned 11 pints for Mary. She came out in morning. We put 9 pints corn in freezer. Rons at fair. Jon got Champion on gilt. Did well also showing. Mary & we to see Ed. He seems depressed, [has] pain in arm & face. Steve working at their apartment. Cindy moved in. I made 4 quarts dill pickles.

Friday, August 3, 1984. Partly cloudy, 88°, humid. Tornado sigsted South of town at 5:15. Rained southeast of town. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:30. I quilted until noon. Pete made charts. We got groceries. I baked 2 Dutch Apple pies for freezer & baked chocolate chip cookies. Steve moved back from Ina Sutters.

Saturday, August 4, 1984. Partly cloudy, humid, showers in some places. I made 4 quarts dills. Did Steve's laundry. Dusted upstairs. Pete dug onions. We met Edgar & Thietje girls at Denny's (Normal). We shopped some. Went to Eastland. Volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Ron & boys brought livestock home from [County] fair.

Sunday, August 5, 1984. Fair, hot and humid. We went to church. Rons, Marty, Steve & we to Eric's for dinner. Pete & I had free [meal] for our birthdays. We were home in p.m. & evening. Steve took our rollaway bed & high chair to the apartment. Jeri, Cindy's sister, & baby & Mary R[amseyer] here. Steve here for supper. Jon with Pettys.

Monday, August 6, 1984. Fair, hot, humid, 92°. Pete worked some in truck patch. I washed & ironed. Canned 8 quarts sauerkraut. We went to town in p.m. Took Mary the canned beans & cucumbers. Pete had reunion invitations Xeroxed. Steve here for supper.

Tuesday, August 7, 1984. Fair, hot, 92°, humid. Pete mowed lawn. I canned 3 quarts tomato juice & cooked chicken. Took Mary to Dr. Nord at 10:30. Her foot is doing okay. Needs to exercise her toes. I made ½ gallon applesauce. Steve at apartment, here for supper. Rons brought cake & ice cream for Pete's birthday. Boys to Springfield [to State Fair] late with hogs. Allen called.

Wednesday, August 8, 1984. Partly cloudy, hot, shower in town. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete worked on reunion invitations. I went to a shower for Cindy at Stutzmans. Harvella, Judy & Jo hostess. I took Mabel & Mary. Jo & I gave hoe & rake.

Thursday, August 9, 1984. Fair, hot. I washed. Canned 6 quarts tomato juice. Cindy, Mary R[amseyer] & Jeri here in morning. Looked at flowers. Allen & Shirley got here at 1:00. They went to town awhile. Jo & we put up 44 pints corn. A big day. Allens & Steve here for supper. Wally Denzers here awhile in evening.

Friday, August 10, 1984. Fair, not quite as hot. I had hair done at 8:15. I made chicken salad. Shirley fixed vegetables for rehearsal dinner. Allens & Steve here for dinner. Rons to State Fair. Jon got Grand Champion on Chester White gilt. Allens & I to church in p.m. to get flowers on tables etc. Used flowers from my garden. We all went to rehearsal for Steve & Cindy at 6:00. Jeff & Pam got here at 2:40. Randys before 5:00. Allens at Rons. Randys at Mary's. Mark Sponsler here.

Saturday, August 11, 1984. We all went to church at 11:00 for picture taking. Cindy & Steve were married at 2:00 p.m. Ron married them. Bob Ramseyer had a meditation. Jr. choir sang. Also Allens, Jeff, Bill & Randy R[amseyer]. A very nice wedding. Large crowd. Jo in charge of reception. She had a busy day. Steve & Cindy to Chicago. Jeff & Pam left in p.m. Allens took us to Golden West. Rons, Mary & Harry Cook's along.

Sunday, August 12, 1984. Partly cloudy, good breeze. Allen & Shirley & Randys left at 9:15 for their homes. We miss them. Harry Cook' left before 7:00. (They had their mobile home parked here.) Rons to [State] Fair. We went to church. Home for lunch & p.m. Rons home at 8:30.

Monday, August 13, 1984. Fair, nice day. I washed & ironed. Canned 10 quarts tomato juice. Pete dug some potatoes. We went to town at 3:00. Took the Tux suits back for Steve. Got gift for Nan Stutzman's shower. I ironed 2 long tablecloths we used for Steve & Cindy's reception. Jo washed them. Paul M[iller] picked our beans, got some corn.

Tuesday, August 14, 1984. Fair, 80s. I washed bedding from upstairs. Made 10 ½ pints chili sauce. Jo here for lunch. We went to see Merle awhile. Pete finished digging potatoes, got 4 bushels. Rons & we to Gordons at 8:30 for surprise on Roberta's 50th birthday. Rons & we took bouquet [of] glads from the garden.

Wednesday, August 15, 1984. Fair, 90°. Rons and we left at 6:30 for State Fair. Marty got 2 4ths & Champion & Grand Champion overall. Jon got 3rd on gilt. Marty got 11th on boar. Marty sold Grand Champion for \$1050. Was a good day for him. Ron stayed down [in Springfield]. Jo & we ate supper at McLean. Got home at 8:45.

Thursday, August 16, 1984. Fair, hot, 90°, humid, no breeze. I canned 8 quarts tomato juice. Pete picked lima beans. I put 4 ½ pints in freezer. We went to town at 11:00. Took Mary 5 gallon bucket of tomatoes & some corn. We took Merle to Gailey's at 11:45. Took her to Perkins for lunch. Jo to Fair. Marty home with her. Jon got 4th & 5th. Jo here for supper. Marty invited out.

Friday, August 17, 1984. Cloudy, showered .10 inch. 77°. Did the cleaning. I went to town. Quilted on auxiliary quilt. Marty here for lunch. Runs in Springfield. Jon showed in Junior show. Got 1st 2nd & 3rd. Ron & Jo home with hogs at 6:30. Mary & we to see Ed. He's about same. Saw Frances Mosiman. She has cancer. Feel so sorry for her. Kay Reimer here, got flowers.

Saturday, August 18, 1984. Rained early a.m., one half inch. Marty left at 6:00 for Manhattan Kansas. Jo left early for church [to] get ready for Sharon Reimer's wedding. We all went to wedding at 11:00. Had lunch there. We came home, changed clothes & went back to church [to] help clean up kitchen. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jon's cattle home in PM. Jon came home last night. He helped at wedding.

Sunday, August 19, 1984. A beautiful day, cooler. We went to church. We took Rons to Denny's for dinner. Mary & Sheila & Jon along. Jo & I to shower at church at 2:00 for Nan Stutzman. Pete & Ron home. We gave Ron shirt for his birthday. Steve & Cindy home from their honeymoon. They were here in evening.

Monday, August 20, 1984. Another nice day, little warmer. I washed & ironed. Canned 7 ½ quarts tomatoes. We went to Steve & Cindy's in p.m. Helped her unpack gifts & washed dishes & put them away. Got supper. Steve & Cindy here. Rons helped them in evening move a washing machine from Bertsches to their apartment. Pete sowed some lettuce & mowed yard.

Tuesday, August 21, 1984. Partly cloudy, 80s, nice day. I canned 8 quarts tomatoes. We picked lima beans. Put 4 pints in freezer. Worked in flower garden. Pete working on reunion material. We got ¾ bushel peaches at Birkelbaws. Put 5 jars in freezer & made 2 pints preserves. Made ½ gallon dill pickles. Pauls are in Japan. Frances Mosiman past away.

Wednesday, August 22, 1984. Had shower early a.m., fair, cooler in p.m. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Marie's ring & watch to Sorgs [Jewelers]. He'll see about selling it. I baked coffeecake & peach pudding. We were home in evening.

Thursday, August 23, 1984. Beautiful day, 57° in morning. I put 4 jars peaches in freezer & made 4 pints marmalade. Pete picked tomatoes. I canned 6 ½ quarts. We went to Eureka at 4:30. Stopped to see Ed. He was ready for supper. Went on to Washington. Had supper there & on to visitation for Frances Mosiman.

Friday, August 24, 1984. Fine day, 78°. Done cleaning. I went to auxiliary building. Quilted. Canned 6 quarts tomato juice for Jo. She's walking beans all day. Ron to retreat at Lake Bloomington (chaplains). Pete sorted some [of] Marie's things. We went to Homer Parks in evening. Myrna helping Pete with program for reunion. Marty's gilt took the Indiana State Fair.

Saturday, August 25, 1984. Fair, nice day, 82°. We went to Miller Park. Looked over the Pavilion for the Ropp reunion. Met Art [Sieg]s at Perkins. Done some shopping. Worked in

garden awhile in evening. Jo to Lake Bloomington in p.m. Ron's group had picnic supper. Jon to work at gas station. We stopped to see Steve & Cindy.

Sunday, August 26, 1984. A pleasant day. We went to church. Ate lunch at Denny's. I baked 2 peach pies for HEA to serve at Danvers Festival. Dorothy S[ingley] took them. We went to all-church picnic at 4:00. Paul called in p.m. They got home last evening from Taiwan. Good to hear from them & glad they're home.

Monday, August 27, 1984. Cloudy in morning, light shower, fair in p.m. Did laundry. Pete picked bucket [of] tomatoes. We picked lima beans. Put 2 pints in freezer. Kept some to eat. Jo here for lunch. Had Taiwanese special. Pete working on Ropp history. Jon started to ISU.

Tuesday, August 28, 1984. Fair, hot, 90s. I baked coffeecake braid & peanut butter bars for auxiliary bake sale. Cleaned some in attics. Washed windows & curtains in boys room. Glenn Maxwell here in morning. Visited with Pete. June J[antze] called. They are moving to Dallas. Sorry to hear it. Talked to Allen. They are coming Friday evening.

Wednesday, August 29, 1984. Fair, hot, 95°, humid. We volunteered at hospital. Did some shopping in p.m. We were home in evening. Pauls called. They're coming Friday evening. Look forward to seeing them.

Thursday, August 30, 1984. We went to hospital at 8:00 for auxiliary bake sale. Had it outside cafeteria. Didn't have much. Took in \$113.35. Steve & Cindy came at 4:00. Steve & Pete put up new drapery rod for picture window. They were here for supper. Nice day. Much cooler, a relief.

Friday, August 31, 1984. Fair, 50° in morning, 80s, nice day. We did cleaning. I baked ham & 2 apple pies. We went to church in p.m. Cleaned north classrooms. Jo along to town. I washed 2 loads. Allen & Shirley got here at 8:40 & Pauls got here about midnight. Good to see all of them. Steve & Cindy here awhile. Andy & Benjy stayed all night at Rons.

Saturday, September 1, 1984. Fair, hot, in 90s. Allens to Yeakel Reunion at noon. Pauls & Pete to Dick Baums at Clinton. They got a Century Buick (2nd hand). I got things ready for supper. Allens, Pauls, Rons & Sheila, Steves & Mary here. Allen & Paul showed some slides. Steve played the tape of their wedding ceremony. Marjorie not feeling too well, diarrhea.

Sunday, September 2, 1984. Fair, cloudy in p.m., light shower in evening. We all accept Marj went to church. Allens, Pauls, Rons, Mary & we to Steve & Cindy's for dinner. Was very nice. Paul & children & Allens left at 2 – 2:30 for their homes. Marjorie home with us. She's going to Berne tomorrow. She wasn't feeling well. Jeff & Pat called in evening. Glad to hear from them.

Monday, September 3, 1984. Mostly cloudy, sprinkled some in morning, cool, 68° high. I washed, had big one (8 loads). Ironed. Pete picked lima beans. I put 2 pints in freezer. Marjorie left at 8:15 for Berne [Indiana]. She was feeling much better. Rons home. He's on call. They walked beans.

Tuesday, September 4, 1984. Fair, nice day, 70s. We went to town at 11:00. Got Irene L[owery]. We met Laura at Grand Café, had lunch. Pete did some errands. We got candy at Beichs. Mary & we to see Ed. He's about same. I took Jeanette, Ruth Marquis & Mary to Women's Fellowship. Had a shower in night.

Wednesday, September 5, 1984. Fine day, 70s. We volunteered at hospital. I canned 5 quarts tomato juice for Shirley. We papered part of closet upstairs & cleaned it. I gathered some flower seeds.

Thursday, September 6, 1984. Mostly cloudy, cool, fuel light showers in p.m. & evening. We finished doing some papering upstairs. Cleaned the upstairs. Baked coffeecake braid & peanut butter bars. We ate supper at Denny's, then to help clean the church. A full day.

Friday, September 7, 1984. Fair, windy, 89° – 90°. We went to town at 7:45. I had hair done. We went to auxiliary quarterly meeting. Had brunch at 10:30. Hospital presented auxiliary with a plaque for the contributions. I quilted until 1:30. Got groceries. I made chili & prepared broccoli for salad. Allen & Shirley got here at 8:40.

Saturday, September 8, 1984. Cloudy, rained in p.m. and evening. Had 1 ½ inches which we needed. We went to the Ropp Reunion at Miller Park Pavilion. Was a special day, also 150 years since Ropps came to this country. Pete & Myrna Park dressed in Amish costumes & told of Christian Ropp's early days. There were 60 present including 11 Amish Ropps from Kalona Iowa. Steve to Nan Stutzman's wedding at 2:00. Allens & they to reception & buffet in evening. Rons & we to Bob Johnson's in evening.

Sunday, September 9, 1984. Mostly cloudy. Allens left for home at 8:20. Glad they could be here. We miss them. We went to church & home for lunch. We went with Myrna & Tom Yoder to Metamora to Mennonite Heritage Building. Had sing-along. Metamora & Hopedale churches had special music & ice cream but they ran out. We didn't get any, so we stopped at Dairy Queen on way home.

Monday, September 10, 1984. Cloudy in morning, rained in evening. I washed & ironed. Marjorie got here at 4:30 from Berne. She had a good trip. Rons here for supper. Had chili. Rons took Marjorie to bus station. She left at 9:00 [PM] for Memphis. Gets to Memphis at 7:30 a.m. Has one ½ hour at St. Louis.

Tuesday, September 11, 1984. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn. I cleaned our bedroom & washed bedding. Pete mowed lawn. We went to Mary's at 6:00. Opal Jean & Frank Nelson from Ohio there. We went to Red Lobster to eat. Went to Mary's awhile.

Wednesday, September 12, 1984. Fair, windy, 90s. We volunteered at hospital. I baked cookies & bars. Got ½ bushel [of] apples at Birkelbaws. I fixed things for supper. Had picnic wiener

roast at Ben Krahn's for Larry J[antz] before they moved to Texas. Was to be here but too windy.

Thursday, September 13, 1984. Had rain in morning, partly cloudy, warm, humid. I went to HEA Brunch at Bob Johnson's. Took Dorothy [Singley] & Mabel. Was home at 11:30. I cleaned the closet & west bedroom. Made blueberry pudding. Got supper, had steak. Steve & Cindy here. She had meeting at 7:30. We went to town. Got gas & went to K-Merchandise & [got] groceries. Ron took hogs to Gail [Bressner]'s. Getting ready for sale.

Friday, September 14, 1984. Misted & showered most of day. Cleared in evening & turned much cooler. Marty got home at 3:40 a.m. Done cleaning. Helped Jo make apple and peach cobbler for Gale Bressner's sale. Ron to Gale's in morning. Marty & Jon [went] at noon. Jo & we went at 4:00. Pete & I helped with pies. Sale started at 7:30. Marty sold 9 head. Did well. Highest gilt sold for \$950, & another, \$700.

Saturday, September 15, 1984. Clear, cool, in 40s in morning. We went to church at 7:30. We had breakfast for our small group. I took eggs & sausage casserole. We cleaned the church. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Irene Lowery is in hospital. She has symptoms of a stroke.

Sunday, September 16, 1984. Clear, cool, 40°. We went to church. Rons and we went to 76 Restaurant. Had lunch with Marty. He left at 11:45 for Manhattan [Kansas]. We went to reception for Eric Desch & his bride. Also for 25th anniversary for Leos [Eric's parents, Leo & Bessie]. Jo worked in kitchen. She had meeting in Pekin in evening.

Monday, September 17, 1984. Fair, cool. Washed and ironed. Cleaned west bedroom & washed curtains. Steve here in p.m. We made 9 ½ pints chili sauce for them. Cindy was in school. They were here for supper. Had chicken & rice.

Tuesday, September 18, 1984. Clear, 74°, fine day. I cleaned bathroom. Went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]s. Cleaned Cedar closet. Mary & we to see Ed. I cleaned hallway when we got back.

Wednesday, September 19, 1984. Fair, little warmer. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Garfield club at Mabel's. Mary along. Cleaned bookshelves & furniture. We went to College Hills Mall after supper. Did some shopping.

Thursday, September 20, 1984. Fair, quite warm. Steve here in morning. We canned 8 ½ quarts tomato juice for them. I cleaned living & dining room & cleaned rug. Jo here for lunch. Ron to Charleston West Virginia in morning to give a talk. Steve & Cindy to Wilmington [Ohio]. We planted some daffodils & hyacinth bulbs. Pete mowed lawn.

Friday, September 21, 1984. Fair, nice day. We went to town at 8:00. Had my hair done. We left at 9:30 for Kalona Iowa. Got there at 2:00. Parked car uptown. Rode in wagon out to Fall Festival. Lots of crafts, antiques. Met Elmer Ropp's wife. She & Vesta Ropp had booth there,

quilts, etc. We went to Joe Ropp's at 5:30. Had supper there. Elmer Ropp came in evening, also a granddaughter from Texas. Vesta got home at 9:30. Got to bed late. We made some calls in evening. Ron home from West Virginia.

Saturday, September 22, 1984. Cloudy, drizzled some in p.m., cool. We called on Edna Yoder, George Ropps, Sol Ropps, Cleoria Ropp Specker, Wayne Ropp. Went to Chester Millers for dinner. Visited Jeff Ropp & Chris Yoders last evening. Yoders here cooking sorghum. We started home at 2:30. Got here at 6:30. Thankful for safe trip.

Sunday, September 23, 1984. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy in p.m. We went to church. Went to Bishops for dinner. Dick Baums & Leon & Joyce [Schmucker] there too. Had a nice time. We stopped to see Irene Lowery at Mennonite [Hospital] but she was asleep. Stopped to see Larry Mohr. He is doing pretty well. Jo here awhile in evening. Steve & Cindy got home at 10:30 p.m.

Monday, September 24, 1984. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 80s and humid. I washed & ironed. Baked pecan rolls. Cleaned some windows on outside. Repotted my cactus. We had supper at Denny's. Went to June [Jantze]'s. Gave her some quilt patterns I brought from Iowa. Helped her quilt awhile.

Tuesday, September 25, 1984. Cloudy, showered some in p.m., turned much cooler in morning. I had prayer group here. Alta [Litwiler], Alma [Galloway], Shirley [Krahn], June [Jantze] & Joyce [Schmucker]. We gave June a covered wicker basket as going away gift. I cleaned kitchen cupboards & broom closet. We went to Heritage at Homer Parks. Perry Klopfenstein talked about Apostolic Christian Church. Jo teaching school.

Wednesday, September 26, 1984. Fair, cold, 32° in morning. Jo teaching. Nothing hurt in truck patch. We volunteered at hospital. Cleaned fruit room in PM. Got endive, baked apples. Got table ready. Rons & Sheila here. Jo fixed meat & potatoes & cake. Steve & Cindy & Mary busy. Steves here late for dessert. Randy called at 5:00. Brittany Karn was born at 3:59, weighs 7 pounds 12 ½ ounces, 20 ½ inches long. Deb had a long labor but everyone okay & we're thankful.

Thursday, September 27, 1984. Cloudy, rained some. I cleaned kitchen & washed curtains. We went to Denny's at 11:30. Met Mr. Lay, Harold P[attons] and Lucy C[atherine], Evelyn Schwoerer & [her] sister Hazel Arbuckle & CRs. Had nice time. I went to Alumni Appreciation Scholarship Fund dinner at 6:00. Pete to Prime Timers with Lloyd Singleys. They ate at Bob Johnson's, then to Farm Bureau Building. I went there after dinner. Jo teaching.

Friday, September 28, 1984. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 50s. Did cleaning. Went to hospital at 9:30. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete had some errands & worked on charts at hospital. Ate at Perkins. Went to Mall. I cut quilt blocks for pattern. Pete dug sweet potatoes. Got over 3 5-gallon buckets.

Saturday, September 29, 1984. Clear, 33° in morning. We helped clean the church in morning. Had lunch at Denny's with Edgar [Gurtner] & Art [Sieg]s. We went to Bill Cutler's funeral at 2:30 at our church. Pete pall bearer. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Steve to Chicago.

Sunday, September 30, 1984. A beautiful day, heavy Frost in morning, 31°. We went to church. Mary & we to Eureka. Had dinner on the "Hill". Went to see Ed. He seems little better than sometimes. Steve to Sterling [Illinois]. Stopped here on way home. We went with Rons to church. Jim [Waltner] gave program on his trip to communist countries. Allen called.

Monday, October 1, 1984. Clear, frosty, another fine day. I did laundry. Pete put onions & sweet potatoes in basement. I canned 4 ½ quarts tomatoes for Steves. Cindy & Steve here for supper. Had waffles & apple crisp.

Tuesday, October 2, 1984. Quite windy, 69°. We went to town at 9:00. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Pete and I had lunch with Laura & Francis Stamback. We cleaned Windows and put storm Windows in. I went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette. Pete dug dahlias & begonias.

Wednesday, October 3, 1984. Fair, another fine day. Warmer. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went with Willie to Elms at 11:30. Nurses met there. 21 there. I came home with Winifred [Maxwell]. We worked in basement. Got things for Thrift Shop. I sewed several quilt blocks. Gathered flower seeds. Pete dug glads.

Thursday, October 4, 1984. Fair, 70s, nice day. We went to hospital at 9:00, training for the new cash register for Gift Shop. We took some of Marie's things to Thrift Shop. I quilted awhile at auxiliary room. Went to June [Jantze]'s. Quilted there awhile. We stopped at Heritage, saw Margaret Davidson. She broke her leg. Also saw Irene Lowery but she was asleep. Jo taught school.

Friday, October 5, 1984. Mostly cloudy, mild. We went to June Jantze's at 8:00. Helped her with garage sale. Had a good crowd in morning. She & I quilted awhile in afternoon. Got home at 5:00. Did cleaning. Talked to Pauls.

Saturday, October 6, 1984. Cloudy, showered some in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked bars & cookies. We met Art [Sieg]s at Bishops for lunch. We done shopping. I got pair [of] tan slacks. We stopped at June [Jantze]s. I quilted awhile. She sold more things.

Sunday, October 7, 1984. Cloudy, showers, gloomy. We went to church & to Mary's for dinner. Went to Rachel (Waltner) & Duane Goosen reception at church. Had farewell for Larry & June Jantze after Sunday School. We're all sorry to see them leave. We were home in evening.

Monday, October 8, 1984. Foggy in morning, fair, 70s. Ron and Steve left at 7:30 for Elkhart. I washed and ironed. We went to Esther Cash at the 1:00. Got Merle's winter things. Esther is going to Shamel Manor. We cleaned the recreation room after we got home.

Tuesday, October 9, 1984. Rained early morning. Partly cloudy & had thunderstorm in p.m. Warm. I went to prayer group at Lucy Catherine's. It was June J's last meeting. I baked 2 pumpkin pies & got things ready for supper. Larry & June Jantze, Steve, Cindy, Mary, Jo & Jon here. Ron had meeting. He & Jo to Sterling early morning. He had workshop.

Wednesday, October 10, 1984. Mostly cloudy, 70s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Merle to Gailey's at 1:00. I cleaned laundry & furnace room after we got home. Ron & Jo to Chicago at 3:30. He had evening meeting.

Thursday, October 11, 1984. Cloudy, misted some, mild. I went to HEA with Dorothy Singley. Went to town in p.m. Had permanent at hospital beauty shop. I did some laundry when got home. Pete wrote some letters, etc. Jo & I to baby shower for Missy King Livingston at church.

Friday, October 12, 1984. Cloudy, some showers, 70s. Did usual cleaning. I went to town. Quilted on auxiliary quilt. Came home at noon. Polished silverware in afternoon. We went to Community Players in evening, "Life with Father." Very good.

Saturday, October 13, 1984. Rained in early morning, damp, cloudy, mild. Irene Dunn here in morning. Got some flowers. We went to town at 11:30. Had lunch at Avanti's. Went to malls. I got pair [of] brown shoes. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Ron had IPSI group out for wiener roast.

Sunday, October 14, 1984. Cloudy, mild. We went to church. Ron had charge (Mutual Aid). Steve to East Bend [Church]. Cindy, Mary & we ate at Denny's. Mary & we to see Ed. [He] has infection in good eye. Paul called in evening. Wanted to know when we could come.

Monday, October 15, 1984. Had several showers, some sunshine in p.m., mild. Washed & ironed. Cooked & canned squash. We went to town in p.m. I finished quilt for bazaar. Pete worked on charts. Edgar had TUR [transurethral prostatectomy] at 2:00. Got along quite well. Is in ICU. We stayed with Mary N[ierstheimer] awhile. Ron to Chicago in p.m., meeting. Mohrs combining some of our corn.

Tuesday, October 16, 1984. Rained in morning, windy. Tornado watch out all afternoon. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn. We miss June. I baked pumpkin pie. Gave Rons some. Baked pumpkin bread. Put my initials on Brittany's baby quilt. Put some summer things away.

Wednesday, October 17, 1984. Clear, 40s in morning. Good to see the sun. We volunteered at hospital. I went to Garfield club at Maxine Alwes. Mary & Mabel along. Steve came at 4:30. He & Pete took air-conditioner out. I cleaned window. Steve here for supper. Cindy busy at church. Mohrs combining corn.

Thursday, October 18, 1984. Cloudy, rained in p.m. I baked coffee cakes for bazaar. Washed summer dresses. We went to hospital at 2:00. Helped set up for bazaar. Jo & Steve left at 11:00 for [Camp] Friedenswald. Ron to meeting in Eureka. Had rain in evening.

Friday, October 19, 1984. Clear, cool, nice day. We went to hospital at 8:00 for bazaar. Lots of baked goods. Made around \$500. Didn't sell as much other things. We got home about 4:00. Finished cleaning. Ron to [Camp] Friedenswald, then to Elkhart.

Saturday, October 20, 1984. Misted & rained most of day, disagreeable. Pete to men's breakfast. He told about our trip to Kalona. We & Tom Yoder to Meadows to Genealogical Meeting at 8:45. I helped with registration. Over 100 there. John Bertsche speaker in p.m. Rons & Steve got home at 6:30.

Sunday, October 21, 1984. Rained in morning. Mostly cloudy, chilly. We went to church. Lucy C[atherine] & we ate at the International House. We went to see Irene Lowery. She seemed little brighter. Stopped to see Edgar. He was just leaving the hospital. Went to church at 3:00. Congregational meeting, supper followed & conference people told of their experience in Europe. Cindy & Steve here.

Monday, October 22, 1984. Fair, nice day, cool, 50s. I washed & ironed. Canned 3 ½ quarts pears & made 4 pints marmalade. (Rons brought us peaches from Indiana.) I worked on Relief Sale quilt in evening. Pete to Yuton [to] see about selling corn. I had a letter from June [Jantze]. They got to Dallas okay.

Tuesday, October 23, 1984. Fair, nice day, cool. I went to prayer group at Alma Galloway's. Went to mall. Got yarn for an Afghan. Pete painted some flower pots. I transplanted some flowers. Made 2 pie crusts. Steve went to meeting at Atlanta Georgia. Cindy here awhile.

Wednesday, October 24, 1984. Fair, nice day, 60°. We volunteered at hospital. I got things ready for supper. Baked pumpkin. Deb, Randy & Brittany got here at 2:00. Glad to see them. Brittany is bright eyed little girl, lots of dark hair. Cindy here awhile in p.m., also Sheila. Jo & Jon & Mary here for supper. Rons & Cindy busy.

Thursday, October 25, 1984. Reigning, foggy. Randy's left at 4:20 St. Charles [Iowa]. Movers are to be there at 7:30 to 8:00. I washed 2 loads. Wrote June a letter. Ironed & made some quilt blocks for Relief Sale [quilt]. We went to Lucy C[atherine]'s at 5:30. Leo, Roberta & Fern Brown there. We all ate at Denny's. We went to Prime Timers at 7:30.

Friday, October 26, 1984. Cloudy, mild. Did cleaning. Packed suitcases. We met Alice Jiles at hospital at 2:00. Followed her to her home in Bellflower. She, Roy & we left there at 3:15 for Goshen Indiana. Got to Tom Lehman's at 8:35. Stopped for lunch on I 94. Lot of traffic around Hammond [Indiana]. Jo to Ohio in morning, workshops at Pandora.

Saturday, October 27, 1984. Mostly cloudy, warm. We went to College Archives & Library. Had lunch at Tom [Yoder]'s. In p.m. we went to Greencroft, saw Nancy Byler. She has failed a lot. We went to German place in Elkhart. Did little shopping. Then to Das Dutchman Essenhaus in

Middlebury. Met Wayne Gerbers there & Tom's daughter. A huge gift shop & restaurant, good food. We visited nursery where Jean Lehman works.

Sunday, October 28, 1984. Mostly cloudy, cooler in p.m. We went to College Church. Saw Sam Kings & *Trusu* (sp?) Zook & Mary Zook from Hesston. Erma Zimmerman, Pat Bylers & Ira Zooks. We had dinner at Tom [Yoder]'s. Left there at 12:00 our time. Got to Roys at 4:30. Got home 5:20. We went to Home Builders at Bill Dunns.

Monday, October 29, 1984. A beautiful day, 60°. I washed & ironed. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I dug weeds out of strawberry bed. Sowed some quilt blocks. Steve & Cindy at Mary's for dinner. He was here awhile, worked on his car.

Tuesday, October 30, 1984. Cloudy, damp. I went to prayer group at Alta L[itwillers]. Pete to bank. Mary & we to see Ed. His eyes still sore. He's been to Gailey's twice. I made several quilt blocks. We ate at Bishops. Saw Eric Bliss. He's to be baptized Sunday. We went to Heritage at Gerlof Homans.

Wednesday, October 31, 1984. Rained all morning, warm. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary to Dr. Bertsche at 1:00. She has kidney infection. Got her medicine and few groceries for her. I cooked chicken. We went to visitation for Helen *Copenhauer* (sp?). Saw Nadine & Dorothy who I hadn't seen for long time. Saw a Mrs. Poole, Reach to Recovery.

Thursday, November 1, 1984. Rained early morning. Had over 2 inches last 24 hours. Turning colder all day, windy. I made chili & baked pumpkin bread. We took Merle to Red Lobster for her birthday. Harold and Helen [Patton] along. I made casserole & baked apple dessert for supper. Steve here. Cindy to Ohio in morning.

Friday, November 2, 1984. Fair, 24° in morning. We did cleaning. Pete to auxiliary board meeting at 9:00. I baked hummingbird cake. Steve here for lunch. Had chili. Randy stopped here at 2:00 on his way to St. Charles. Took Allen's baby bed, Marie's pictures & set of dishes we had. They are pretty well settled. Steve to Wayland Iowa this p.m. Ron & Jo here for supper. Had steak & butterscotch pie. We talked to Marjorie in evening.

Saturday, November 3, 1984. Clear, chilly, 53°. Pete to men's breakfast. We left at 8:15 with Homer & Myrna Park for Morton Mennonite church to Mennonite Mutual Aid meeting. Had good meeting. Were home in evening. Jo got home from Indiana before 10:00.

Sunday, November 4, 1984. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Had baptismal services for 6 young people. Eric Bliss asked me to help with his baptism. I'm happy he made the decision to join church. We were home for lunch. Went back to church at 4:00 [to] get ready for our small group. 24 of us. Had potluck. I took chicken casserole & cake.

Monday, November 5, 1984. Mostly cloudy, 40s. I did laundry, baked coffeecake braid. Washed some blouses. Pete working on scrapbook for the boys. I started working on an Afghan. Mary not feeling good.

Tuesday, November 6, 1984. Clear, lovely day, 57°. Prayer group here. Alta [Litwiller], Alma [Galloway], Shirley [Krahn], Lucy C[atherine] & Helen [Patton] here. We met Laura & Francis Stamback at 11:30 at Grand Café. We stopped to see Mary. She isn't feeling very good. We got groceries. Helped Pete put up snow fence. Put some flower seeds away. I went to women's meeting with Jeanette. We voted. Reagan elected again.

Wednesday, November 7, 1984. Mostly cloudy, very windy, 50s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. We dug bucket of carrots & washed them for conference dinner. Finished putting flower seeds away. Mohrs got 2 combines in combining our beans. Sure glad they are done. I made 2 pie crusts.

Thursday, November 8, 1984. Partly cloudy. I baked Apple pie. Went to HEA with Mabel. Paul Miller here, cut down dead tree in front yard. We went to hospital at 2:30. Took Merle some of her winter clothes. I had hair done. Helped at alumni chili supper. Took pie & pumpkin bread for bake sale. I worked until 7:30.

Friday, November 9, 1984. Rainy in morning, warm, 70°, cloudy. We went to auxiliary luncheon at Brittany. Dr. Bertsche called Mary in PM that she was to go to hospital. We admitted her at 4:00 p.m. Has problem with her kidneys. We went to church at 7:00. Fall conference, Illinois Conference & Central District (Called to Stewardship). Orvie & Fern Helmuth here all night.

Saturday, November 10, 1984. Cloudy, rained hard at noon, very windy, much colder. We went to church at 9:00. I worked in kitchen all morning. We went to see Mary awhile. She didn't sleep last night. Went back to church at 4:00. Had supper there. Helped some in the kitchen. Went to evening program. Youth had charge. Steve was installed as Central District Conference & Illinois Conference Youth Minister. Good meeting. Helmuths here all night.

Sunday, November 11, 1984. Cloudy, windy & cold. We went to church in morning. Conference ended with afternoon meeting. Jo helped with lunch. Had lot of food left over so they served whoever wanted to stay. We went to Steve's for dinner & to Chorale at ISU. Steve & Cindy sang with them. We & they to hospital to see Mary. She's about same. Jo there too, also Lucy C[atherine]. Allen called in evening. Wants us to come Thanksgiving.

Monday, November 12, 1984. Partly cloudy. I fell down basement steps about 7:00 a.m. Had started washing. Rons came over. Jo & Pete finished washing. Jo & Pete took me to ER at Mennonite about 10:00. Had x-rays of shoulder, knees & chest. Have fractured clavicle on left side, big bump on my head, knees scraped. I was admitted to [Room] 208. Dr. Irvin saw me. Have my arm in sling. Jo took Merle to Gailey's. Dr. Olson from Peoria to see Mary. Doctors

say if she doesn't have dialysis it's only a matter of weeks. Her kidneys aren't functioning. Pete called Orvie. Ron called Paul & Arts.

Tuesday, November 13, 1984. Fair, nice day. I didn't sleep very well last night. Mary didn't either. She is to make a decision by Wednesday about having dialysis. I feel so sorry for her. It's such a difficult decision. Steve & Cindy to see Mary & me. Brought me some flowers. Pete with me most of day. Ron & Jo & Jon in several times. Have some pain in shoulder. Had planned to come home but Dr. Ervin didn't come until bedtime. I had callers. Marj left for Massachusetts.

Wednesday, November 14, 1984. Mostly cloudy, very windy, 50s. Pete came in morning. He worked on charts. Ron to Chicago in morning. I went to see Mary. She wasn't feeling very good. We came home from hospital at 1:30. Glad to be home. Dr. Bertsche to see Mary late p.m. Decided she should go to Peoria tonight. Jo left here at 5:00 to take her. We asked Ina Sutter to go along. Georgia called in evening. Also Orvie & Evelyn & Allen. Ron home from Chicago at 9:30.

Thursday, November 15, 1984. Fair, windy, colder in p.m. Jo & we to Peoria at 8:15. Mary had gone to Hematology when we got there. Got to see her awhile during the dialysis. She passed out once during the procedure. She got back to her room at 1:15. We stopped to see Ed. He's just fair. Steve & Cindy brought our supper out. Paul called. He & children are flying to Boston tomorrow.

Friday, November 16, 1984. Clear, cold, 20s. Nice day. Jo, Pete & I to St. Francis [Hospital] at 9:00. Mary to OR at 9:00 to have stents put in her arm so as to give the dialysis treatments. Her blood pressure dropped. Was quite low for awhile. We didn't leave there until 5:15. She was feeling better when we left. Marguerite Burwitz passed away. Marjorie met Pauls at Boston this evening.

Saturday, November 17, 1984. Cloudy, 40s. Steve took us to St. Francis at 11:00. We ate lunch at Hen House. Mary had dialysis this morning. Her BP is little higher. Steve came home at 3:00. Art & Georgia [Yoder] got to hospital at 3:00. Was kinda surprised to see them. Ron & Jo came at 4:00. They, Arts & we to The Depot for dinner. A nice place. Arts to the Sheridan Inn.

Sunday, November 18, 1984. Cloudy, had little snow last night. We didn't go to church. Ron, Cindy & we to see Mary in PM. Arts went to see Ed in morning, then on to St. Francis. Ron & we to visitation for Marguerite Burwitz at 4:00. Jo got dinner for Arts, Cindy & us. We ate here. Steve in Chicago. Dave & Dori [Yoder] called in evening. Mary seems little better.

Monday, November 19, 1984. Clear, 23° in morning. Pete and I to Marguerite Burwitz's funeral at 11:00. Pete pall bearer. We rode with Art & Helen S[ieg] from Becks [Funeral Home] to Cemetery. We all went to Park ME Church for lunch. CRs there too. Jo & we to Peoria in PM. Mary had dialysis this morning. Didn't feel too good. Arm still very sore. Sue Byler brought pie & bread, Roberta [brought] rolls. Arts left for home.

Tuesday, November 20, 1984. Clear, 18° in morning, 30s. Jo here in morning. I called Dr. Olson in Peoria about Mary coming home. I went to prayer group at Lucy [Catherine]'s. Pete did some errands. We got groceries at new Jewel [grocery] store on Hovey [Avenue]. We did laundry in PM. Walter Dyck to see Mary. He stopped here on way home.

Wednesday, November 21, 1984. Clear, 40°, nice day. Pete to hospital, volunteered. Jo & we to Peoria in p.m. Mary had dialysis this morning. Her arm very sore & swollen yet. Blood pressure low. Marty got home at 5:00. Good to see him. Jo sent our supper over. Gave Jo a check for her birthday. Orvie & Evelyn called. Allen called, [I] talked to Deb.

Thursday, November 22, 1984. Thanksgiving day. Fair, nice day, 40°. We watched parades. We baked pumpkin pies. I had crusts in freezer. Jo fixed pumpkin. Ron, Marty & we to see Mary at 11:30. Her arm very sore. [She] is getting antibiotics by IV. Steve & Cindy stopped to see Mary on their way to Iowa. We had lunch at Rons at 4:30. Had goose & all the trimmings. Sheila there too. Shirley Krahn's mother passed away.

Friday, November 23, 1984. Another nice day. We went to hospital at 8:00. Had hair done. Pete worked on charts. Did usual cleaning. Pete cleaned off flower garden & put straw on strawberries. I made ginger cookies with Pete's help. We went to Rons for supper. Had leftovers from yesterday. They were good.

Saturday, November 24, 1984. A fine day, mild. Pete put dirt around roses. Jo & we to Peoria at 10:30. Mary had dialysis in morning. Felt faint for awhile. Her arm some better. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Steve & Cindy stopped to see Mary on their way home from Allens.

Sunday, November 25, 1984. Partly cloudy, 50s. Marty left at 7:00 for Manhattan [Kansas]. Tim Oyer & Dan Nester went with him. We went to church. We ate at Denny's. I went with Ron & Jo to Peoria at 3:00. They took load of hogs to stockyards. We went to see Mary. She's about same. Her arm is better. Pauls called. They got home today from Massachusetts & Berne.

Monday, November 26, 1984. Cloudy, mild, windy. We did laundry. Jo here awhile in morning. Steve took Pete & I to Peoria to see Mary. She's getting antibiotics. Can't come home until at least Thursday. She's disappointed as she thought she could come today or tomorrow.

Tuesday, November 27, 1984. Cloudy, showered some. I went to prayer group at Alma [Galloway]'s. Pete did some errands. We baked yummy cookies in p.m. Jo taught school. She, Pete & I to Peoria with Rachel Zehr. She had meeting at 7:00. Mary feels a little better. Allens called in evening.

Wednesday, November 28, 1984. Cloudy, fair late p.m., colder. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Jo & we to see Ed on way to Peoria. He is about same. He'd been looking for us. Mary is making plans to come home Thursday after dialysis.

Thursday, November 29, 1984. Fair, nice day. Jo & we to Peoria in afternoon. Brought Mary home from St. Francis hospital. She had dialysis this morning. She got along pretty good but was very tired. We got some medicine for her, also groceries. Got her supper. We got home at 7:00. Jo wanted to stay all night, but Mary insisted on being alone. Georgia called in morning. Jon took heifer to Ayrshire show. Orvie called.

Friday, November 30, 1984. Mostly cloudy, colder in p.m. We went to town at 8:00. Jo with us. Went to Mary's. Went to hospital, had hair done. Pete had auxiliary board meeting. Went to Dr. Ervin at 10:30. Said I could go without the sling if my shoulder didn't hurt. Went back to Mary's. We got her lunch. Jo had keys made for her apartment. We got groceries. Jan did Mary's hair. We did some cleaning. Jo & we back to Mary's, got her supper. We ate at Denny's. Ron to Ayrshire sale. Steve went to Bluffton workshop.

Saturday, December 1, 1984. Mostly fair, 38°, nice day. I went with Pete to men's breakfast. I ate at hospital, then to Mary's. Got her breakfast. We stayed with her until 11:30. Jo came, got her lunch. Mary didn't feel as good as yesterday. We met EA & Art [Sieg]s at Denny's. Went to mall, got Christmas cards. Rons to Mary's. Jo fixed a roast. Ron & Jo home at 4:30. Cindy & her folks here awhile.

Sunday, December 2, 1984. Cloudy, rained in morning, turned colder in evening, Wendy. We went to church. We went to Mary's, got her dinner. We had Famous Fried Chicken for Pete & I. Jo got Mary's breakfast. Jo & we to Meadows church at 3:00 for Cindy's recital. Dorothy Loepf played the organ. Bill and Mary [Ramseyer] left after the recital. Was very good. Steve home from Bluffton. Started on Christmas cards.

Monday, December 3, 1984. Clear, 18° in morning. Did laundry. I went with Jo to Dialysis unit at 10:00. Ron took Mary at 6:30. She was finished at 11:00. We got her lunch. She seems little stronger. Jo & I had lunch in town. I baked fruitcakes. Baked carrot cookies & cranberry *chews* (sp?). Pete helped me some.

Tuesday, December 4, 1984. Fair, 13° in morning, nice day. I went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]'s. Pete did some errands. We got Mary at 11:15. Took her to dialysis unit to see Dr. Olson. She wasn't feeling well, very weak, blood pressure low. Dr. decreased some of medicine. I got her lunch. Pete paid some of Mary's bills. Mary felt better in PM. I baked Crescent cookies & sugar plum cookies. Went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette. Had cookie exchange.

Wednesday, December 5, 1984. Cloudy, chilly, snowed some in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Got flu shots at Health Center. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Jo got her at 11:00. Got her lunch. Mary got along pretty well. Jo & I put in Merle's Christmas tree up for her. I baked white bark cookies & stirred up sugar cookies.

Thursday, December 6, 1984. Clear, cold, 10°, windy, cold all day. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Made press cookies. Jo taught school. Cindy went to Mary's, helped with her lunch. Her

apartment cold, furnace not working. We went with Lloyd Singleys at 4:30 to Prime Timers. Had Laeschs cater the meal. Had good crowd.

Friday, December 7, 1984. Clear, 10° – 15° above. Did some cleaning. We went to town at 11:00. Got groceries. Went to Mary's. She & I to hospital beauty shop. Had hair done. Jo got Mary after her dialysis. She did her laundry & some cleaning. Ron, Jo, Steve & Cindy here for supper. Had chili. I wrote some Christmas notes. Willis [Kropf] called in morning.

Saturday, December 8, 1984. Clear, 40s, nice day. I finished cleaning. Wrote to June [Jantze]. We made caramels. Ron got a Christmas tree for us. They cut them at Uphoffs. We went to Mary's awhile. Got few groceries for her. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, December 9, 1984. Partly cloudy, nice day. We went to church. I took roast & vegetables to Mary's on way to church. We went there, got dinner for her. Ina Sutter came in p.m. We finished addressing Christmas cards. Called Deb & Randy in evening.

Monday, December 10, 1984. Foggy in morning, nice day, 50°. Did the laundry. We went to Eureka [to] see Ed. He is about the same. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Jo got her. She put up Mary's tree. We were home in evening. Wrapped some gifts.

Tuesday, December 11, 1984. Very foggy in morning, some ice on trees. Mostly cloudy. I went to prayer group at Helen P[attons]. Pete did some errands. We went to Mary's at 12:30. I baked 2 batches of cookies for her. Evelyn B[ertsche] there awhile. Cindy & Steve there too. Cindy helped me some. They were here for supper, helped put up our Christmas tree.

Wednesday, December 12, 1984. Cloudy, some drizzle. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her home at 11:00. We went back to hospital, had lunch. I had hair done at 12:30. Jo here awhile in p.m. I did some packing. Got cookies ready for Pauls.

Thursday, December 13, 1984. Cloudy. Jo took us to town at 11:00. Had lunch, then to bus station. Pete & I left at 12:30 for Memphis. Rained most of way. Had layover in St. Louis, 1 hour 20 minutes. Got to Memphis at 12:30. Paul to meet us. We were tired but had good trip.

Friday, December 14, 1984. Fair, 77°, lovely day. We got up late. Children to school. Paul to his office in p.m. to pack books. Marjorie & we raked the backyard. I went with Marj & Benjy to look for sport coat for Benjy. We all went to the Junior High & Senior High Christmas band concert. Andy & Benjy both in bands. Enjoyed it. Mary had 2 units of blood.

Saturday, December 15, 1984. Mostly cloudy, 76°, nice day. We went to town awhile in morning. Marj got Benjy a sport coat. We took Andy, Benjy & Amy to Gridley's for barbecued ribs. Paul & Marj to some friends for a farewell for them. Marty got Champion Bred Gilt at Chester White sale at ISU.

Sunday, December 16, 1984. Cloudy, 72°. We went to church in morning. Took some pictures. We went with Pauls & Benjy to Benjy's piano recital at 3:00. Benjy did real well. He got a nice plaque. Rons took Mary to Christmas program at 4:30.

Monday, December 17, 1984. Foggy and misted when we left Memphis at 7:00. Paul took us [to bus]. Sun came out about noon. Nice day. Our bus driver took us on a very winding road. Got to St. Louis at 3:30, 15 minutes late. Left there at 4:15. Got to Bloomington at 7:50. A long ride. Ron met us. We had supper with Rons (chilly). We were tired. Glad we could see Pauls. Ron in Chicago all day. Jo got Mary [from dialysis] at 11:00.

Tuesday, December 18, 1984. Fair, 16° in morning, 30°. We were going with Earl Kaufmans to Meadows but I didn't feel good. Woke up at 5:00, heart palpitating & pulse irregular & rapid at times. I rested most of day. Felt better late p.m. Pete & I did some laundry. I have a cold. Cindy flew to Ohio.

Wednesday, December 19, 1984. Cloudy, 30s, had little rain early a.m. Bridges & overpasses icy. We volunteered at hospital. Jo got Mary at dialysis. Hospital had the Christmas dinner for employees & volunteers. I went to club meeting with Marie Hastings. Mabel along. Was at Jean Ann Bates. Were home in evening. I saw Mrs. Dorothy Slater, Reach to Recovery.

Thursday, December 20, 1984. Cloudy, 30s. We went to town at 9:30. Took Merle to Gailey's. We shopped in p.m. Got shirt for Ed, blouse for Mary & sleepers for Brittany. Fannie Mae Chocolates for Cy [Colter]s. We stopped to see Mary awhile. She went to Council meeting in morning. My cold not much better, [I'm] hoarse.

Friday, December 21, 1984. Rainy day, very windy, rained hard in p.m. Jo got Mary at dialysis & took her to get hair done at 1:30. I lost my voice. Wears me out. We went to Dr. Bertsche at 3:30. Gave me penicillin. Have some bronchitis & laryngitis. Steve here for supper. Had a roast. Marty home from Manhattan [Kansas] at 1:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 22, 1984. Clear, nice day, 30s. Marty to hospital at 6:00. Had surgery for inguinal hernia at 8:00. Had local anesthetic. Got along okay. Pete to Mildred Gundy's funeral at 10:00. I finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. First since I fell. Rons brought Marty home about 9:30. Slept well.

Sunday, December 23, 1984. Clear, fine day, 50s, rather windy. We didn't go to church. Too much talking for me. Jo here awhile. Ron & Jon to church. Marty doing pretty well. Mary & we to see Ed in PM. He was coughing a lot. Gave him a shirt & Rons [gave him] a pair of pants.

Monday, December 24, 1984. Cloudy, turned much colder in p.m. Steady falling temp. Started to snow at noon. Had about ½ inch. Did laundry and went to grocery store at noon. I baked coffeecake braid in p.m. & cooked cranberries. We went to Rays in evening. I took cookies & fruitcake.

Tuesday, December 25, 1984. Zero, fair, nice day, warmed up some. Rons & Mary here for dinner. Jo fixed turkey, dressing, salad & fruit. I made oyster dressing, potatoes & vegetables. Ron, Jo, Mary, Pete & I to CRs for supper. Mary got along pretty good. A big day for her. Allens called in evening. Pam & boyfriend & Deb & Randy there in evening. Marty doing pretty good but still sore from his surgery. I got slacks & book, Pete got shirt & trousers.

Wednesday, December 26, 1984. Cloudy, light rain at times, icy north of us. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got Mary at dialysis at 11:00. Back to hospital. We delivered mail. Took some cookies to Florence Cromley. Virginia gone to beauty shop. Stopped to see Irene Lowery. Doug Grabil from Newton Kansas here for Youth Institute. Stayed all night.

Thursday, December 27, 1984. Cloudy, 51°, damp. Steve got Doug at 8:15 to go to Hopedale. I did some laundry & washed raincoats & some blouses. Ironed. Baked pecan rolls. Gave Rons some. Did some mending.

Friday, December 28, 1984. Partly cloudy, very windy, 70°, broke records. Did usual cleaning. We went to town at 10:30. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her home. She didn't feel so well, but better in PM. Pete & I to Eastland & to Benson's. We bought a new Maytag washer. Took Mary to get her hair done & got groceries for her. I got a permanent.

Saturday, December 29, 1984. Rained most of day, 64°, then turned colder. I washed & ironed. Made chili & finished cleaning. We met Art [Sieg]s & Edgar at Denny's in Bloomington. Went to College Hills Mall. I made 2 pie crusts.

Sunday, December 30, 1984. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Mary to dialysis. Ron got her after treatment. Rons, Mary & we to Red Lobster for dinner. Jon with Pettys. Marty with us. I made salad & baked ham. Allen & Shirley got here at 5:00. Good to see them. Steve & Cindy came. We had chili for supper.

Monday, December 31, 1984. Cloudy, rained most of day. I got things ready for dinner. Allens took Mary to Denny's for breakfast. Rons, Allens, Steve & Cindy & Mary here. Had ham, sweet potatoes. Jo made scalloped potatoes. Allens went to see Fern Wick in p.m. Allens here for lunch. They & we to Rons at 10:30. Watched the New Year in. Had snacks. Steve's there too. Jon to Jumers.

Tuesday, January 1, 1985. Light snow on ground, colder during day. Partly cloudy. Allens, CRs, Steve & Cindy & Rons here for 9:00 brunch. Had egg casserole, fruit, rolls & coffeecake. Marty & Jon left at 9:00 for Manhattan [Kansas]. Allens left for home 10:30. Roads to Davenport not good, slick & snow packed. They got home at 5:30. Rons here until 3:00. Jo & I made record of dishes. Pete & Ron sorted books. I washed 3 loads. Marty & Jon had icy & snowy roads.

Wednesday, January 2, 1985. Clear, cold, 1° above zero. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis at 10:45. Back to hospital, worked awhile. Took Mary to bank at 1:00. I ironed & we took Christmas tree & decorations down. Were home in evening.

Thursday, January 3, 1985. Fair, cold, 4° above in morning. I wrote to June J[antze]. We went to town at 11:00. Got Mary. We went to Grand Café for lunch. Took Mary to hospital beauty shop. She got permanent. We took Merle's Christmas tree & decorations down. Brought them home. Mary & we got groceries.

Friday, January 4, 1985. Fair, colder in evening. Did cleaning. Jo & we got Mary at dialysis at 10:30. Went to Eureka. Met Ruth Zehr. Had lunch with her. Went to her apartment awhile. Jo to Chillicothe. Met Jon. Ruth took us to see Ed. He's about same. Train late, Jon got in at 3:30. Deb & Randy got here at 5:50. Had chili for supper. Ron to Chicago for the day. Brittany has grown a lot.

Saturday, January 5, 1985. Clear, nice day. I got things ready for dinner. Made 2 apple pies & ham loaf. Jo brought baked potatoes & lettuce salad. Ron & Jo, Randy's, Steve & Cindy & Mary here. Steves & Randys here for supper. Made pizza. We got a new Maytag washer.

Sunday, January 6, 1985. Fair, cloudy in evening, Wendy, chilly. Randy's left for home at 9:15. We went to church. Had lunch at Denny's. Were home in PM. We went to Love Feast & Communion at 6:00 p.m. Rons helped, pastoral care in charge. Steve & Cindy there too.

Monday, January 7, 1985. Cloudy, windy, 34°, chilly. Did laundry. I didn't feel good again early morning. Felt better as day went on. Pulse regular. Rested quite awhile. Jo took Mary to dialysis. I talked to Paul. They got to Worcester Massachusetts yesterday at 4:00 p.m. Had some rain but no snow. Glad they had a safe trip.

Tuesday, January 8, 1985. Fair, 31°, nice day. We went to Dr. Ervin at 10:00. He says my clavicle is doing all right. He released me. We got groceries. Steve & Cindy here in p.m. Steve put up new traverse rods in dining room & south window in living room. Cindy & I washed chandelier in dining room. They were here for supper. Had ribs & sauerkraut. I went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette.

Wednesday, January 9, 1985. Partly cloudy, near 30°. Dialysis unit called at 7:30 saying Mary had to go to Peoria as her arm had blood clots & [they] couldn't give her dialysis. Jo & I took her to St. Francis at 8:30. They didn't take her to surgery until 2:40. We got home at 5:00. Pete & I

took her home. I fixed supper for her. Pete volunteered at hospital. Ron brought him home in PM. Snowed in night, nearly 2 inches.

Thursday, January 10, 1985. Cloudy, few flurries, 20s. I took Mabel to HEA [Homemakers Extension Association]. Home at 1:30. Did cleaning & shampooed my hair. Did some packing. Erin Gundy & Jim Byler here in evening. Interviewed about depression. They have to write papers. Mary feeling better.

Friday, January 11, 1985. Cloudy, snowed some. We had call from dialysis again. Mary's veins clotted. We finished packing. Jo & we & Mary left for Peoria at 8:30. She is very upset & discouraged. She was admitted. Dr. saw her about noon. Said they would do surgery at 5:00. Dr. said we should go on to Iowa. Steve & Cindy there too. So we left for Allens at 2:10. Got here at 7:10. Jo didn't go home until 10:30. They decided to wait until morning for surgery. Ron to Elkhart for the day. Jo [went] home with Steve's car.

Saturday, January 12, 1985. Clear, 4° below, nice day. Pam left at 9:00 for Mason City. Allens, Jeffs, Cindy & I to town. I got pair [of] black shoes. Helped Shirley get supper. 4 of Jeff's friends & 3 of their wives were here for supper. Had waffles & sausage. Mary to OR at 7:00. Put an extension on the graft in her arm. Was nauseated & vomited all day. Only did half of dialysis as she was too sick. Rons there in p.m.

Sunday, January 13, 1985. Clear, 12° in morning, nice day. Steve, Cindy & we left for home at 10:00. Had dinner at Amana's. Got to Peoria at 4:00. Mary feeling some better. Had 3 bottles of IVs. Appetite not good. We left at 5:40. James & Lenore [Waltner] came as we left. We were glad for safe trip.

Monday, January 14, 1985. Snow flurries, very windy, temp dropping most of day, disagreeable. I did laundry & some mending. Called Mary. She thought she could come home but called at 5:00. Dr. had just been there, [she] is to stay until Wednesday. Blood pressure too low. Wants to check it. We got ½ hog from Rons. Went to butcher & got meat. Irene Lowery passed away.

Tuesday, January 15, 1985. Fair, zero in morning. Cindy & we to Eureka at 10:00 to see Ed. He's about same. We had lunch in Washington & on to Peoria. Dr. had released Mary. Said her blood pressure is better. Got to town at 3:00. Pete & I went to Memorial service at Metzler's [Funeral Home] at 7:00 for Irene Lowery. Ron left at noon for Phoenix Arizona. He stopped at Manhattan [Kansas] to see Marty.

Wednesday, January 16, 1985. Cloudy, snowed most of afternoon. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary to dialysis at 7:00. I took her home at 11:00. I baked coffeecake braid in p.m. Worked on alumni scholarship fund drive. Jo here awhile in p.m. Had some freezing rain in evening.

Thursday, January 17, 1985. Partly sunny, high 28°, kinda slick in places. We went to town at 9:30. Pete had auxiliary board meeting. I went to Shirley Krahn. I needed help to start my Afghan. We met Laura & Francis Stamback at Grand Café. Had good visit. Took Mary to beauty shop at 2:00. We went to Eastland. Got groceries for Mary. Snowed in evening, little over an inch.

Friday, January 18, 1985. Cloudy, colder in p.m., some drifting in places. We took Mary to dialysis at 7:00. Ate breakfast at hospital. Did some errands. Took her home at 11:00. Did cleaning in p.m. Made cherry torte. Jo here for supper. Cindy to Ohio. Steve went on train to St. Louis. Met Mark *Weidmer* (sp?) there, then [went] on to churches in Iowa.

Saturday, January 19, 1985. Windy, near zero in morning. Temp dropped all day, below zero most of day. Snow blowing. 12° below at 6:30 p.m. We were home all day. Were to work at hospital at 4:00. Called it off. I cleaned out shelves in corner cabinet. Jo left in morning for Project Teach at Saskatchewan. Ron called from Phoenix. He's coming home tomorrow. Jon at Pettys.

Sunday, January 20, 1985. Fair, 24° – 26° below [zero]. Broke records. Most of churches called off, including ours. I made doughnuts. Got dinner. Jon here. Allens called in p.m. It's been very cold there. Warming up some today. Ron got to Bloomington at 3:00 p.m. Glad he's home.

Monday, January 21, 1985. 3° – 6° below [zero] in morning, near 20°, windy. We took Mary to dialysis at 7:00. Rons took her home. I did laundry. Washed Pete's sweater. Washed dishes on top shelf of China cupboard. Did some reading.

Tuesday, January 22, 1985. Fair, 10° in morning, up to 22°. I went to church at 9:00. Quilted all day. Harvella [Stutzman] & Alma [Galloway] there too. Beulah [Roth] came at noon. Pete home.

Wednesday, January 23, 1985. Cloudy in morning, some flurries, fair in p.m., 31°. We volunteered at hospital. Mary to dialysis at 11:30 but [they] didn't take her until 12:30. We worked at hospital until 2:30. Went to K-Mart & other places looking for yarn for Mary to finish Jon's Afghan. Took Mary home at 4:15. We got apples at Birkelbaws. Were home in evening.

Thursday, January 24, 1985. Snow flurries in morning, 31°, windy. Colder in p.m. We & Mary had lunch with Dorothy Scogin at Bob Johnson's. Had a good visit. Took Mary to get groceries. We got groceries. Were home in evening.

Friday, January 25, 1985. Blizzard conditions. Not much snow but high winds, visibility zero, falling temps during day. Schools closed. Ron went to work at 10:00. Conditions not good. Winds layed toward evening. Did cleaning. Made blueberry pudding. Ron & Jon here for supper. Had barbecued ribs. We didn't get Mary to dialysis.

Saturday, January 26, 1985. Clear, 7° below in morning, warmed up, near 20°. Finished cleaning. Ron took Mary to dialysis at 11:30. We went to town in p.m. I got hose & gown for Mary's

birthday. We took her home at 3:15. Ron to Chicago at 7:00 p.m. to meet Jo at O'Hare [Airport] at 9:30.

Sunday, January 27, 1985. Fair, 13° above in morning. We went to church. Had carry in meal & Congregational meeting. Pastor Waltner shared with congregation that they plan to leave in 1986. Sorry to hear it. I got Mary at noon. Took her to church for lunch. She went home afterwards. Steve & Cindy got home from [Camp] Friedenswald at 6:00.

Monday, January 28, 1985. Fair, 1° above in morning, 17° high. I did laundry. Ron took Mary to dialysis at 7:00. We got her at 11:00. Went to Shirley Krahn's about my Afghan. Had lunch at Denny's. Started to Eureka but had trouble with car. Came home. Pete took it to town. Transmission went bad. He came home with Jo.

Tuesday, January 29, 1985. 3° below early morning, 20° during day. Millers put in new pump in basement. Cindy came at 11:00. I went to church with her. Quilted. Ina Sutter & Sue Byler there. Ina & I there until 4:00. Jo took Pete to get car at 3:00. Pete brought me home. Car cost \$354 to get it fixed. We went to Heritage [Group] at Alma Galloway's. Had ½ inch snow in night.

Wednesday, January 30, 1985. Cloudy, 30°. We volunteered at hospital. I took Mary home from dialysis. We went to Eureka in p.m. Mary didn't feel well enough to go along. Ed better. Face still red & swollen, [he] coughs a lot.

Thursday, January 31, 1985. Fair, 6° below, zero all day. We sorted some papers, etc. I crocheted on Afghan. Jo teaching school. We & Rons were going to take Mary out to eat but Jo had truck trouble on way home, and with the cold we called it off. Ron & Jon pulled the truck home. I got hose & long-sleeved gown for Mary. Everett Yoder passed away.

Friday, February 1, 1985. 1° – 3° below in morning, 10° above. Did usual cleaning. We went to town at 10:30. Got Mary at dialysis. We had lunch at Bob Evans. Went to College Hills [Mall]. Pete got bedroom slippers. We got Mary at 2:15, took her to beauty shop. She & I had hair done. Pete worked on charts. Got Mary groceries. Rons & we took Mary to Barneys for her birthday. Wrote to Pauls. Jo taught school.

Saturday, February 2, 1985. Clear, 2° below zero in morning, 10° above. I cooked pumpkin. Made pie. Finished cleaning. We went to visitation at Danvers [Mennonite] church for Everett Yoder. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Gave Rons some of pie.

Sunday, February 3, 1985. Clear, 11° below in night, 10 below at 6:30 a.m. We went to church. Took Mary, first she has been to church service for long time. We & Mary had dinner with Earl & Ann Kaufman at Perkins. Had nice visit. We were home in p.m. & evening. I made vegetable soup. Gave Rons some. Jo not feeling good, flu? Allen called, wanted to know about going to Dallas to see Jeffs.

Monday, February 4, 1985. Fair, 2° above, 22° during day. I did laundry. Went to town at 9:30. Pete to auxiliary board meeting. I got Mary at dialysis, took her to bank & home. I went to church in p.m., quilted. Jo taught school. Had little over 1 inch snow in night.

Tuesday, February 5, 1985. Cloudy, 20°, some warmer. I went to church in morning, quilted. Baked pumpkin pie & pumpkin bread. Got supper. Steve & Cindy here. Gave Rons some pie & pumpkin bread, also [gave some to] Steves. Jeanette & I to Women's Fellowship. Cindy there too. Jo teaching school.

Wednesday, February 6, 1985. Fair, 1° below zero in morning, 18° during day. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. We went to bank & Bloomington Federal Savings in p.m. for her. Jo got Mary's car to use until they get the truck running. We were home in evening. Jo to town with us in morning.

Thursday, February 7, 1985. Fair, 3° below, up to 8° during day. I went to church in morning. Quilted. Harvella & Cindy there too. Made some peanut butter bars. Gave Rons some. Steve to Elkhart in p.m. Worked on Afghan in evening. Wrote to Allens in morning.

Friday, February 8, 1985. Clear, 11° below early a.m., 20° during day. We went to auxiliary meeting. Hospital furnished soup and dessert. Everyone brought salad. Good attendance, over 30. Good luncheon. Pete got Mary at dialysis. She came to meeting & luncheon. Had her hair done. We took her to grocery store. We had car washed & it needed it. I stirred up sugar cookies.

Saturday, February 9, 1985. Cloudy, 11° above, windy from East. Snowed in evening. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked sugar cookies, finished cleaning. We met Art [Sieg]s, Edgar [Gurtner] & Mary Nierstheimer at Perkins. We shopped some. We went to Clarences for supper. Divided rest of Marie's things. We got silverware & gold watch. CRS got rings & other watch.

Sunday, February 10, 1985. Cloudy, started to sleet about 5:00 p.m. & then turned to snow, heavy at times. We went to church in morning with Rons. Had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. We were home in PM. Went to MYF Valentine dinner at church with Rons. Nice time. Steve got home from [Camp] Friedenswald at 5:00. 3 inches snow.

Monday, February 11, 1985. 22° in morning, few flurries, became very windy as the day went on. Snow blowing. Roads out of Normal closed in evening. I-74 closed in places due to pileup of cars, also on I-55. Ron to work & Jon to school. Had to scoop to get cars off of road when they got home. I washed & ironed. Cleaned out one of desks. Crocheted some. No mail delivery.

Tuesday, February 12, 1985. Fair, windy, snow still blowing. Ron got to work by scooping snow in drive. Jon started to school. I see Place near Kruger's & flipped the truck. Rolled over twice. Ron came home took him to Dr. in. He has few bruises. They brought truck home. Cy [Colter] came over, cleaned out drive & around garage so [we] could get cars off the road. Thankful Jon wasn't hurt. I baked rolls. We had supper at Rons. No mail again.

Wednesday, February 13, 1985. 6° above, fair in morning, cloudy, 22°. We took Jon to school on our way to hospital. Volunteered. I took calls, etc. for IPSI. Took Merle to cafeteria at noon. Brought some of her close out here to store. Pete got Mary at dialysis. We stopped at church on way home. I quilted several hours.

Thursday, February 14, 1985. Fair, 8° above, 15° high. Windy in morning. Snow blowing. HEA canceled. Was glad snow plows are out. I polished silver service. Did some handwashing. Steve came in p.m., helped scoop some snow in front of garage & around mailboxes. Pete fastened our mailbox. Snowplow pushed them over. Gave Steve & Rons sugar cookies. Wrote to June J[antze].

Friday, February 15, 1985. Fair, zero, up to 18°. We went to info desk meeting at hospital at 10:00. Got Mary at dialysis. Went to Denny's for lunch. Got groceries & back to hospital. Mary & I had hair done. I got supper. Rons, Steve & Cindy here. Had chicken Rice-a-Rona & pumpkin pie.

Saturday, February 16, 1985. Mostly fair, warmer, around 40°. A relief to have warmer weather. I finished cleaning. Crocheted some. Mary & we to see Ed. He isn't very good. Coughs, which wears him out, is weak. They're giving him antibiotics again. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Steve to Chicago in morning on train. Has a ride from there to Ohio.

Sunday, February 17, 1985. Clear, nice day, 40°. We went to church. Mary there too. She & we to Bishops for dinner. Went to Mary's awhile, then to Bob Kaufmans. Reception for Susie [Kaufman] & Ken Glenney. Rons there too. They & we gave them wooden tray & coasters. Cindy had car trouble at College Hills Mall. Ron went after her. We went to church at 5:00. College jazz band from Goshen [College] gave program.

Monday, February 18, 1985. Partly cloudy, 42°. Good to see snow melting. I did laundry. We got Mary at dialysis. Her blood pressure low, she felt weak. We got new rug runners for hallway on sale. I took up the old [carpet] & scrubbed floor. Put new [carpet] down. Pete worked outside in p.m. I crocheted on Afghan.

Tuesday, February 19, 1985. Mostly cloudy, 18° in morning, 37°. Did usual work. Made apple crisp & a casserole. Crocheted & read some. A quiet day. Allen called. We plan to go to Dallas March 6th.

Wednesday, February 20, 1985. Fair, nice day, 49°. We took Mary to dialysis at 7:00. Volunteered at hospital. Mary home with us. I took she & Mabel to club meeting at Marie Hastings. Mary home with Freida Blair. Ron & Gail Bressner to Stillwater Oklahoma to hog show & sale. Steve home at midnight.

Thursday, February 21, 1985. Rained most of day, 40s. I cleaned the oven & cupboard in bathroom. We went to town at 11:00. Met Laura & Francis at Barney's. We got cured meat at

locker & got groceries. Jo here for supper. Deb & Randy called. They plan to come the 1st. Vera Miller passed away.

Friday, February 22, 1985. Very foggy, rainy, 54°, snow melting rapidly. We took Mary to dialysis at 7:00. Had breakfast at hospital. I volunteered in IPSI, answered the telephone, etc. Pete made charts. We took Mary to hospital at 1:00. She had hair appointment. Took her to get groceries. Did cleaning. Were home in evening & crocheted some on Afghan. We have had 3 inches rain since Thursday morning.

Saturday, February 23, 1985. Foggy, rained & drizzled most of day. I finished cleaning. Made fruit cobbler. Crocheted some. Steve & Cindy here for supper. Had waffles & sausage. Played Yahtze after supper.

Sunday, February 24, 1985. Cloudy, cooler, 33° in morning. Ron got home from Oklahoma at 3:00 a.m. We went to church. Mary & we had lunch at Carlock. Went to see Ed. He is better. Nazarenes gave program at the [Maple Lawn] Home in PM.

Monday, February 25, 1985. Cloudy, 42°. I did laundry. Jo and I to town at 10:20. She did some errands. Got Mary at dialysis. She had [a] weak spell again but alright after resting. Mary & we to Bishops, & went shopping. I got tweed jacket (Brown) at Rolands. Mary got suit (Aqua). Tosch got hit by Ray's car. She died several hours afterwards. We are sorry & will miss her.

Tuesday, February 26, 1985. Fair in morning, cloudy at noon, started to snow about 5:00 p.m. We had planned to go to Heritage but decided to stay home. I made 4 pie crusts for MCC [relief sale]. Made a sour cream raisin pie. Jo had dinner with us. Had Swiss steak. Pete helped Jo with some fence. Calves got out. He buried Tosch. Jo helped some. We had nearly 2 inches snow.

Wednesday, February 27, 1985. Cloudy in morning, cleared in p.m., 20°. Roads were slick in morning. We volunteered at hospital. Got Mary at dialysis. Took Merle to cafeteria. We got groceries. I made chili & baked brownies in p.m. Fixed broccoli for salad. Deb called. They are coming Saturday morning.

Thursday, February 28, 1985. Nice day, 49° – 50°. Made things for dinner. We went to annual meeting at Meadows Home. Service Company meeting today 2. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers. They & we were on hostess committee. We got doughnuts & Lloyds got milk.

Friday, March 1, 1985. Cloudy, rained most of morning, 50°, cleared late p.m. Did cleaning. Went to hospital at 9:00. Pete worked on charts. I & Arlene put quilt in frame at auxiliary room. Quilted awhile. Congerville ladies were there working. Pete took Mary to bank after dialysis. We took her to get hair done. We went to see Fred Meyer at Brokaw hospital. He had a stroke. I did some laundry. Ron & Jo left in morning for hospital meeting at Boston.

Saturday, March 2, 1985. Clear, nice day. Deb & Randy & Brittany got here at 11:00. Good to see them. Brittany has grown a lot & changed. Pete went to town, had tire fixed & brought Mary

out. I got lunch & dinner in evening. Made salad & dessert. Cindy came at noon. Steve to Hopedale, meeting. Pete & Deb took Mary home after supper. Steve came at 9:30.

Sunday, March 3, 1985. Cloudy, windy, started to rain about 1:30 p.m. Rained all evening. We & Randys to church. We took them, Cindy & Jon to Denny's for lunch. Steve back to Hopedale. Randys left here at 3:00 p.m. for home. Was good to have them. We went to small group at Tom Yoders. I took salad. Talked to June Jantze in p.m. They are looking for us this week. Had over an inch of rain.

Monday, March 4, 1985. Raining, very strong wind, 50s early but cooler as day progressed. Partly cloudy in afternoon. I did laundry. Steve took Mary to dialysis. We got her at 11:00. Took her home. We did some packing in afternoon. Steve helped Jon some with chores.

Tuesday, March 5, 1985. I went to hospital beauty shop at 7:30, had hair done. We left home at 8:30 for Allens. Cloudy when we left home. Some snow flurries. 20°, fair in p.m. We stopped at Brooklyn [Iowa] to see a Moore. Pete had some genealogy for them. Got to Allens at 4:30. They were at work. Glad for a good trip.

Wednesday, March 6, 1985. Partly cloudy, 18° in morning. Allens & we left for Dallas. We ate at Shawnee Mission Kansas. Drove to Perry Oklahoma. Got here at 5:30. Staying at Best Western. This is oil country. Steve took Mary to dialysis. They gave her [a] pint [of] blood again.

Thursday, March 7, 1985. Cloudy, had light rain & drizzle [for] 125 miles. We got to Jeff's at 1:40. Lots of traffic. Jeff was home. Went with him to get Pat at Baylor where she works. We went to Botanical Gardens, beautiful hyacinths & daffodils blooming. Jeff's have nice apartment. Talked to June [Jantze]. 871 miles to Dallas from Allens.

Friday, March 8, 1985. Cloudy, 70s. Pat at work. Jeff & we to mission services & tour of the seminary. Went down town. Saw where J.F. Kennedy was shot. We all went to Fort Worth in evening to the Omni Theater. Saw Hawaii -Three Dimension movie.

Saturday, March 9, 1985. Partly cloudy, near 80°. We left at 10:40 for (unclear) [Fossil?] Rim Wildlife Park (82 miles). Drove over the park. Fed the ostrich. Saw lots of different types of deer, zebra, giraffe, etc. From there we went to Dinosaur Park. Saw dinosaur footprints in the river. We had picnic here. We got home at 8:00. An interesting day. Jeff delivers papers early morning, 3:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 10, 1985. Fair, near 80°. We all went to church. A Hispanic church. We drove to Coppell to Larry & June Jantze for dinner. Was so good to see them again. They have a nice home. Cynda & Marvin Kym were there too. We got home at 6:00. Went out later for pizza. Was nice day. Pat with Jeff to deliver papers at 3:00 a.m. Got back at 6:30 – 7:00.

Monday, March 11, 1985. Beautiful day, 81°. We went to Reunion Tower. Took elevator to top. Saw Regency Hotel. Quite a complex. Went to Depot. Had lunch, interesting place. Went to

Kennedy Center, then to shopping center. Look for card table & chairs for Pat's birthday but didn't find any. Jeffs took us to Jones Cafeteria for supper. Had an enjoyable day.

Tuesday, March 12, 1985. Cloudy, cooler, 40s. Allens & we left Jeffs at 6:30. Drove 2 hours, stopped for breakfast. Stopped at Hardee's on toll road for lunch. Got to Kansas City at 5:15. Got Best Western Motel at Antioch and I-35. Called Arthurs. Georgia hadn't been feeling good. Art came to motel awhile. Had visit with him. We drove 560 miles.

Wednesday, March 13, 1985. Cloudy, 40s. Had some snow at Allens last night. Son came out at noon. We left Kansas City at 8:10, got to Allens at 11:45. Had lunch there. We left at 1:00 for home. Got here at 6:45. Thankful for a very nice trip. Enjoyed being with Allens. We drove some over 2,510 miles.

Thursday, March 14, 1985. Fair, nice day, near 50°. I washed load of clothes. Went to HEA with Mabel. I ironed & shampooed my hair. Harvella [Stutzman] was here, got some quilting patterns. Did some cleaning. We were home in evening.

Friday, March 15, 1985. Fair, nice day. We went to church at 7:30. Helped make 80 shoofly pies. We got home at 1:00. Steve, Cindy & we left at 1:30 for Peoria [MCC Relief Sale]. We worked in Dutch Pantry until after 6:00. Steves worked until 7:00. They took us to dinner. Stood in line an hour. Had to wait for more barbecued chicken. Jo left early for workshop in Ohio.

Saturday, March 16, 1985. Clear, fine day, little cooler. Steve, Cindy & her friend Joanne Waltner & we left at 7:00 for Peoria. Ron went with Stutzmans. He came home with us as Joanne found another way home. Finished cleaning. We worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Stopped at Marys, took her some meat from sale. Pete took her to get groceries. Jo to Bluffton.

Sunday, March 17, 1985. Partly cloudy, 50°. We went to church. Ron with us. Mary & we ate at Denny's, then to Eureka. Ed about same. We took Mary home & brought her car out for Ron to use. We were home in evening.

Monday, March 18, 1985. Clear, nice day, cool, 40s. I did laundry. Ron took Mary to dialysis. We took her home. I cleaned the kitchen cupboards & broom closet. Made shoofly pie & baked apples. Ron & Jon here for supper. Had breaded pork chops.

Tuesday, March 19, 1985. Mostly fair, warmer, 68°. I went to 3B Regional Meeting at Pontiac. Went with Arlene. Harold & Helen P[atton] & Irene Arnold had hospital car. Pete had car tuned. He made charts at hospital while waiting for car. We got garden seeds. Paul M[iller] here, planted some garden. Pete trimmed grapes.

Wednesday, March 20, 1985. Fair, 50s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. I went to Garfield club at Edgecombs. Mabel along. Lucy C[atherine] took Mary. Pete worked up ground in truck patch. We sowed peas, onions, lettuce, radishes & spinach.

Thursday, March 21, 1985. Fair, nice day. I cleaned the upstairs. We met Laura & Francis at Carson's for lunch. We had Steve & Cindy, Ron & Jon & Marty for dinner. Had roast beef. Cindy brought the birthday cake. We gave Steve shaving kit. Dr. Jones from Eureka called at 10:00 p.m. Ed's hernia came out & [they] couldn't reduce it. They sent him to Mennonite [Hospital] per rescue squad. Ron & we to hospital at 10:30. Dr. Raines did surgery at 12:00. Ed came through all right. Put him in ICU. We got home at 2:40 5 AM.

Friday, March 22, 1985. Mostly cloudy, 54°. Did cleaning. Went to hospital at 10:00. I quilted some. Pete got Mary, took her to bank & got her groceries & brought her to hospital for hair appointment. We saw Ed. He is doing quite well. Moved him to [Room] 252. Spent some time with him. I went to church at 3:00. Helped get dinner for Bluffton College alumni. Pete came after me at 6:30. We ate there. Ron at dinner.

Saturday, March 23, 1985. Cloudy, it's light rain. Pete to men's breakfast. Brought meat from locker. Rons & we got quarter [of] beef from Larry Reeser. We met Edgar and Art [Sieg]s at Denny's at noon. Mary & we to see Ed. He's doing okay but uncomfortable. Has to cough some. I baked brownies. Jo home from Rosalee's at 4:00.

Sunday, March 24, 1985. Cloudy, rained some, colder in p.m., disagreeable evening. We went to church. MYF had dinner (chili, relishes & fruit). Had bake sale after dinner. Had a lot of baked goods. I took brownies. Mary & we to see Ed afterwards. Seems to be doing good. We were home in evening.

Monday, March 25, 1985. Cloudy, 40s. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis. Stopped to see Ed. He wasn't as alert today. Didn't feel as good as yesterday. I cleaned closets in our bedroom. We went to show at 4:30, "Witness." Walter Dycks there. We had supper together at Steak 'n Shake.

Tuesday, March 26, 1985. Fair, nice day, 68°, windy. Pete to Lenten breakfast. He took CR. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Got Mary at 11:15 & [went] to hospital [to] see Ed. He isn't sleeping well at night. I took Mary to Gailey's at 12:30. Got out of there at 3:30. I cleaned closet in west bedroom. Pete home, took snow fence down. We went to Heritage at Edith & Rachel Zehrs. Tom Y[oder] spoke about Daniel Kauffman. Jo not feeling good (stomach).

Wednesday, March 27, 1985. Cloudy in morning, rained, fair, windy, 75°. We volunteered at hospital. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Ed not feeling so well in morning. Had a bad coughing spell. Mary & we went to McLean at noon. Met Hazel & Lawson Fulton & Dorothy Scogin. Had lunch there. Then went to Dorothys. She had bake a pie for us. Stopped at hospital again on way home. Ed felt some better.

Thursday, March 28, 1985. Mostly fair, windy, 80s. Had tornado at Emden & heavy rain north of us. We painted the kitchen. Steve & Cindy helped. Cindy left after lunch. Steve & we planted 4/2 rows potatoes. We were glad for Steve's help. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Bob Knapps at

5:00. CRs along too. Prime Timers met, then to Farm Bureau for program. Maple Lawn took Ed back to Home.

Friday, March 29, 1985. Cloudy, rained most of afternoon and evening. I finished in kitchen, washed windows, etc., washed curtains. We did cleaning. I went to town at 10:30. Took Mary to get groceries. I quilted at auxiliary room. I lead [hospiral] Tour for several families. Took Mary to get her hair done. Rons here in evening. Settled up. Jon & Sheila to Allens. Steve to Mennonite conference at Lombard.

Saturday, March 30, 1985. Cloudy, windy, misting, rained in evening, chilly, 41°. We got apples at Birkelbaws. We met Art [Sieg]s & Edgar at Denny's. Went to College Hills [Mall], then to hospital. Volunteered, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, March 31, 1985. Cloudy, very windy, few showers & few snow flurries in evening. We went to church. Mary & we ate at Golden West. We went to Eureka to see Ed. He's doing fairly well, seems depressed. We were home in evening. Allen called. They had about 6 inches snow. Jon & Sheila home from Iowa.

Monday, April 1, 1985. Fair, windy and chilly, 42°. I washed & ironed. Went to alumni meeting for homecoming. Took Mary home from dialysis. I got things ready for supper. Jo here for lunch. James & Lenore Waltner, Tim & Joanne & David Yang (sp?) from Taiwan here. Rons here awhile after supper.

Tuesday, April 2, 1985. Fair, 50s, windy in late p.m. I cleaned our bedroom. Washed bedding. Took Mary to see Dr. Olsen at 10:30 at dialysis. We went to vote. I baked coffeecake braid. Went to Women's Fellowship with Jeanette. Stirred up refrigerator rolls. Took bedroom drapes to cleaners.

Wednesday, April 3, 1985. Fair, nice day, 60°. We volunteered at hospital. I had permanent after lunch. Pete & Mary to Seth Swift. Had income tax done. Got home at 4:00. I baked pecan rolls. Cynda Dunn Kym came for a visit.

Thursday, April 4, 1985. Fair, 60s, windy. We went to hospital early. Had bake sale. Took in over \$200. I took rolls & coffeecake. We took Mary to hospital beauty shop for permanent. I saw a Mrs. *Gieges* (sp?), Reach to Recovery. We set out 1 dozen broccoli plants & dozen cauliflower & 2 dozen cabbage plants. We went to communion with Rons.

Friday, April 5, 1985. A rainy chilly day, 44°. Did cleaning. Jo and we to college Hills mall. Got pattern for my pink material Pauls gave me. Also [got] pads for dining table. We took Mary to get groceries after dialysis. Jo & we had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Got groceries. *Pantagraph* man here. Took pictures of Pete. Had interview about snowstorm of 1920. Steve & Cindy to see Deb & Randy at St. Charles. Allens there too.

Saturday, April 6, 1985. Mostly sunny, 49° – 50°, windy. Pete to men's breakfast. I made Lemon Lush desert. Colored eggs. Jo came in morning. We set the table for tomorrow. I cooked sweet potatoes & made orange sauce. Steve & Cindy got back from Randys at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 7, 1985. Easter. Partly cloudy to cloudy, chilly, windy, 40s. We went to church. Jo, Mary & I came home before Sunday School. Rons, Sheila Petty, Steve & Cindy, Mary, CRs & Rays were here for the day. Gordons here for supper. We had ham. Jo made sweet potatoes. Mabel & Carol brought salad & relishes, Mary rolls, Cindy brought chips & cheese for supper. Had a nice Easter.

Monday, April 8, 1985. Partly cloudy, cold, windy, in 30s. I washed & ironed. Pete got Mary at dialysis. I cleaned west bedroom in p.m. We went to town at 5:00. Pete had dental appointment. I took Mary to Eastland. She did shopping. We went to Grand Café. Mary payed for our supper.

Tuesday, April 9, 1985. Clear, 24° in morning, 40s. I went to prayer group at Shirley K[rahn's]. Cleaned the bathroom & hallway. Cleaned the bookshelves & drapes & furniture. Pete fixed screen door. We were home in evening.

Wednesday, April 10, 1985. Cloudy, misty & chilly, 40s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Cleaned the living & dining room & cleaned the rug. We went to town at 5:00. Shirley CCarolyn from West Liberty [Ohio] at Mary's. [We] all went to Bishops to eat.

Thursday, April 11, 1985. Fair, nice day, near 70°. I went to District HEA with Mabel. I took salad for us both. Pete trimmed some shrubbery, etc. I got things for supper. Mary, Shirley & Carolyn & Ron here. Had waffles & sausage & lemon dessert. Jo, Steve & Cindy to Central District Conference at Wayland Iowa.

Friday, April 12, 1985. Nice day, 70s. I took Shirley and Carolyn to Myrna's antique shop at 10:00. We got Mary at dialysis. (She walked to dialysis in morning.) Carolyn went with her. We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. We went to hospital. Girls to see Gift Shop. They left for home at 12:30. Shirley had hair done. I quilted awhile, got her groceries. I raked yard. Pete worked outside most of day.

Saturday, April 13, 1985. Fair, about 70°, had rain in evening. We worked outside in morning. Spaded flower beds. We met Art [Sieg]s & Edgar [Gurtner] at Bishops at noon. We shopped some. Volunteered at hospital, 3:30 to 8:30.

Sunday, April 14, 1985. Cloudy, rained most of morning. We went to church. England Waltner preached, a wonderful sermon. Mary & we ate in Eureka. Went to see Ed. He was very uncomfortable & depressed. Jo & Cindy got home from Iowa conference at 1:00 a.m. Steve got home 4:30 p.m. Allen called. They are OK.

Monday, April 15, 1985. Cloudy, 60s, sun shone toward evening. I washed & ironed. Went to town at 10:00. Got Mary at dialysis. Her blood pressure dropped during treatment. We cleaned

the fruit room in PM. Pete worked outside awhile in morning. Deb called in evening. They are doing alright.

Tuesday, April 16, 1985. Clear, nice day, 60s, chilly northeast wind. I went to prayer group at Eddie S[talter's]. Pete did some errands. Steve came in p.m. He & Pete painted the back stairway down to [the] basement. I got supper. Made rhubarb crisp. Cindy here too. Paul called, they bought a house, 4 bedrooms.

Wednesday, April 17, 1985. Fair, warm, 81°. We went to hospital at 8:00. I worked until 9:45. Met Garfield ladies at Western Avenue Community Center. I got Mary at 11:30. We all went to Bennys for lunch. I got Pete at hospital. We washed windows & put screens in. We sowed beets & radishes & put out more onions, sowed some dill. Ron & Jo took 2 of Jon's heifers to Iowa. We washed the car.

Thursday, April 18, 1985. Fair, windy, 84°. Cleaned the recreation room. We met Laura & Francis S[tamback] for lunch at Lakeside. We worked outside awhile. Ron & Jo home from Iowa at 4:00 a.m. We went to church in evening. Freeman Junior College choir gave program.

Friday, April 19, 1985. Clear, windy, 83°. I quilted at auxiliary room awhile in morning. Took Mary home from dialysis. Pete mowed the lawn. I cleaned furnace & laundry room in PM. Were home in evening. Mary with Ina Sutter to the Women's Retreat at [Camp] Menno Haven. Bill & Mary Ramseyer came to Steves.

Saturday, April 20, 1985. Fair, windy, warm, 80s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning & washed off south porch. We met Art [Sieg]s & Edgar at Erick's for lunch. We got some Dahlia bulbs & Redbud tree. Mike Emmerick & boys at Rons. They went to hog sale at Melvin [Illinois]. Mary home from Menno Haven. Planted some green beans.

Sunday, April 21, 1985. Fair, nice day, 80s. We went to church & to Alma Galloway's for dinner. Bob & Harvella [Stutzman] & Mary there. Mary & we to Civic Chorale at ISU. Steve & Cindy in chorus. We went to Congregational meeting at 4:00 at church. Had finger foods after meeting. Dr. Marquardt showed pictures of Kenya for Home Builders. Bill Ramseyers left after the choral concert.

Monday, April 22, 1985. Mostly cloudy, very windy & dusty, 78°. I washed & ironed. Made rhubarb crisp. Put quart [of] rhubarb in freezer. Jo here for lunch. Pete & I to Mary's. Helped her clean her bedroom. I washed some blouses & sweaters. Ron to Chicago for the day.

Tuesday, April 23, 1985. Partly cloudy, very windy, 78°. I went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]s, then to HEA Golden-agers luncheon at Farm Bureau. Was a nice meeting. Pete worked outside some. We planted a Redbud tree on north side of the yard. We went to reception for volunteers at Mennonite Hospital, 7 – 9. Mary along. Looked stormy in evening.

Wednesday, April 24, 1985. Cloudy, rained early a.m., fair in p.m., cooler. We volunteered at hospital. Maple Lawn Home sent Ed to ER in a.m. Had abscess in area of his hernia surgery. Dr. Raines drained it. Sent him back to Home. I went with Willie Q to music meeting at Gridley. Were 23 there for lunch. We planted 4 rows sweetcorn. Set out the Easter Lily. Ron to Chicago in p.m.

Thursday, April 25, 1985. Clear, 40s in morning, 70s, nice day. I waxed living & dining room furniture. Washed some winter dresses. Paul Miller here, cut some limbs off the tree by front porch. We went to church at 1:00. Helped sort bulletins, etc. for the 75th anniversary. We cleaned up brush from tree.

Friday, April 26, 1985. Fair, nice day, 80°, dusty in p.m. Pete with Chris Imhoff all day. I got Mary at dialysis. We had lunch, went to hospital beauty shop, had hair done. We went to auxiliary style show at Miller Park. Jo mowed our lawn in morning. I done some trimming. Jo and Steve to [Camp] Friedenswald at noon. Ron home from Chicago in evening. Art [Yoder]s, Cathy & Steve got to Sheraton Inn at 4:00. They all, Mary, Cindy & we to Bishops to eat.

Saturday, April 27, 1985. Mostly cloudy, 70°. We went to Danvers to Genealogical Meeting at 10:00. Got home at 3:10. I made rhubarb pudding. Got things ready for supper. Arts, Steve, Cathy, Mary, Ron & Jo here. Had ham & baked potatoes. Jo & Steve home from Friedenswald about 5:30. Steve & Cindy to Paul Millers. Jon worked. Arts & Mary to Steak 'n Shake for lunch.

Sunday, April 28, 1985. Clear, nice day, cool. We went to church. Arts didn't want to go. They & Mary to Elms for dinner, then to see Ed. We had lunch at Denny's. Arts stopped here on way back from Eureka 3:30. They went to motel at 5:00. Mary and we to Koinonia as guests first salad supper, then to Illinois Song Festival at our church. 100 in choir. Al Preheim director. They had supper there. Ron and Cindy and John S[tutzman] sang solo. Very good program. Arts & Steves there, enjoyed it.

Monday, April 29, 1985. Clear, fine day, 70s. I washed & ironed. Pete plowed flower garden. We went to Niepagens Greenhouse, got plants. We set out 2 ½ dozen tomato plants & pepper plants. Set out Dahlia bulbs & Pansy plants. Jo to workshop at Eureka. Arts left for home in morning.

Tuesday, April 30, 1985. Partly cloudy, 74°. I went to prayer group at Alma G[alloway's]. Pete did some errands. We & Jo took Merle to Bishops for dinner. Then Pete & I took her to Gailey's at 12:30. Got out at 2:45. I made rhubarb Jell-O dessert. Got ready for Heritage Group. Were 16 here. Jo helped me some.

Wednesday, May 1, 1985. Cloudy, rained most of day, cool, 60°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to open house at Vrooman Home. Shopped some at Farm & Fleet. Jo here awhile toward evening. We were home in evening. Had inch of rain.

Thursday, May 2, 1985. Clear, nice day, cool, 70°. Windy. We went to town at 9:30. I quilted at auxiliary room. Pete worked some in hospital. We took close, etc. to Thrift Shop. Took some for Mary. Went to church at 1:00. Worked on bulletins for 75th anniversary.

Friday, May 3, 1985. Clear, fine day, 70s. I went to nurses home. Met with committee for homecoming. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to get groceries. She got a sandwich. I took her to hospital [to] get hair done. We set out petunias & sowed some petunia seeds. Set out tuberous begonias. Pete trimmed some shrubbery. Jo hurt her back.

Saturday, May 4, 1985. Fair, windy, 74°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Baked coffeecake. We planted 8 rows corn & 2 rows green beans. Planted flower seeds & cucumbers. Put in glads. Jo feeling better. Pete mowed the lawn. Ron mowed their lawn. I trimmed some of raspberries.

Sunday, May 5, 1985. Fair, windy, 70s. We went to church. We were greeters. Steve preached. He & Evelyn Bertsche were licensed. Steve had a good message. He & Cindy left after church for Newton [Kansas]. We & Rons had lunch at Wendy's. Franzie [Loepp]s & John G[undy'] were there too. We had our small group at Ina Sutters at 5:30. We took Elsie S & Leatha G[ilbert]. Mary along too. Roger Hoeft died unexpectedly.

Monday, May 6, 1985. Had shower early morning, cloudy. Cleared at noon, cooler. I washed & ironed. Pete cut down "Fire in the Bush." We went to see Ed in p.m. He has breaking out. Dr. thinks it's from antibiotics. Mary had trouble with her arm during dialysis, infiltrated. We planted mush melons & watermelons.

Tuesday, May 7, 1985. Nice day, 70s. I had prayer group here. Alta [Litwiller], Alma [Galloway], Shirley [Krahn] & Lucy C[atherine] here. Pete worked in truck patch. He burned some brush in p.m. I fixed porch box. Wrote to Pauls. Jo at Hoefts.

Wednesday, May 8, 1985. Clear, fine day, 80°. We volunteered at hospital. Mary got along better at dialysis. We went to Eastland in p.m. Mary got pair [of] shoes. She got a dress for me (Mother's Day). We were home in evening. Rons sent some of Jon's cattle to Louisville.

Thursday, May 9, 1985. Clear, 80s, another nice day. I went to HEA with Dorothy Singley. Pete & I to church at 1:00, sorting bulletins, etc. Went to Steve & Cindy's to water their plants. Jo here awhile. She taught school at Fairview. A man took some of Jon's cattle to Louisville.

Friday, May 10, 1985. Fair, windy, warm, 80°. We went to town [at] 7:45. I had hair done. Pete did some errands & got Merle's new lenses. I helped set up displays at nurses home for homecoming. We went to auxiliary meeting at lunch at Hunan [Restaurant]. Took Mary to get groceries. Pete mowed lawn. I did some cleaning. We set out sweet potato plants. Ron left early for Louisville Kentucky. Had card & check from Allens.

Saturday, May 11, 1985. Partly cloudy, windy, 80°. I went to hospital at 9:30. Alumni homecoming at 1:00. We went to Wesley Methodist [Church] for our luncheon. Lena Graber awarded the alumni award. Good to see old friends again. Last three-year graduating class. Was 4:00 p.m. I came home at 3:00. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jo took us. Jon had our car for the prom. Ron back from Louisville.

Sunday, May 12, 1985. Clear, windy, 80°. We went to church. Mary & we to ER after church. Mary didn't feel well. Had her blood pressure checked. Soon felt better. We & Mary to Long-Term Care Mother's Day dinner with Merle. We were home in PM. We & Mary at Rons in evening. Ron got dinner with Jo's help. We got Mary & took her home. I got bouquet from Deb & Randy, money from Allens & rosebush from Rons. Pauls called, also Allens. Good to talk to them.

Monday, May 13, 1985. Mostly cloudy. Had light shower in p.m. I did laundry. We went to Dr. Bertsche at 11:30. Had blood pressure checked. Has been little high. We planted 8 rows sweetcorn & sowed some lettuce & radishes. Steve & Cindy got home from Newton at 6:30.

Tuesday, May 14, 1985. Partly cloudy, windy, 80s. I went to prayer group at Helen P[attons]. We planted lima beans. I got things ready for supper. Made rhubarb pudding. Steve & Cindy, Jon & Sheila here. Ron & Jo to Princeton [Illinois]. Ron spok in afternoon & evening. Had thunderstorm warnings out. Had ¼ inch of rain.

Wednesday, May 15, 1985. Partly cloudy, cool, 63°. We volunteered at hospital. Met Dorothy Scogin & Lawson Fultons at Bob Knapp's at 11:30. Mary along too. Went to Eastland, did some shopping. We heard Bill Dunn is leaving Mennonite Hospital, going to Haiti. Sure sorry to hear it.

Thursday, May 16, 1985. Cloudy, drizzled and showered most of day. We went to town at 10:30. Took some lettuce & spinach & bouquet of Iris to Florence & Virginia. We had lunch with Laura & Francis S[tamback] at Lakeside. I made salad. Jo with me to mother-daughter salad supper. Mary along. Cindy with us too. Steve brought chicken out for he & Pete. Marty got home.

Friday, May 17, 1985. Cloudy, windy, cold in morning, 40°, fair in p.m. We went with Aldine Combs to Mennonite Heritage Center at Metamora. Left at 9:00. Got home at 5:00. I worked in Gift Shop & Pete did some copying. We took our lunch. Interesting but rather tiring. Were home in evening. Edwin Miller passed away.

Saturday, May 18, 1985. Fine day, cool, 74°. Pete to men's breakfast. Steve here, trimmed Redbud tree & plowed truck patch & hoed. He & Marty here for lunch. Had chili. Rons cleaning at church. I got things ready for company. Anton [Romyn]s here. Had chicken & strawberry shortcake. Had nice time. Antons are moving to Chicago in June.

Sunday, May 19, 1985. Clear, windy, 70s. We went to church. Mary & we to Eureka. Had dinner there and went to see Ed. He was feeling some better. We went to visitation with CRs for Edwin Miller. Wrote to Allens.

Monday, May 20, 1985. Mostly cloudy, few sprinkles, cooler in p.m. I washed & ironed. Pete picked quart of strawberries & watered the strawberry bed. I baked cookies, some for Bible School. Jo taught school. Marty out looking for work in morning.

Tuesday, May 21, 1985. Fair, 70s, nice day, windy in evening. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Took my pink dress material to Harvey [Stutzman]. Got lining for the jacket. Mary & I quilted at the auxiliary room awhile in p.m. Pete mowed lawn, worked outside some. Marty helped bale hay at Schwoerers. Jo taught school.

Wednesday, May 22, 1985. Cloudy most of day, cool, 72°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Mary & I to Garfield club at Alta Litwillers. Pete stayed at hospital. Emerson Millers here awhile late p.m. We went to recital at church, grade school, junior high & high school. Debbie called in evening.

Thursday, May 23, 1985. Clear, 40s in morning, 78°. We picked nearly 2 quarts strawberries. I put 2 containers spinach in freezer. I gave Rons some berries & shortcake for their supper. Jo & Steve & Cindy went to Bluffton in p.m. We worked at church in p.m. Went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers.

Friday, May 24, 1985. Clear, nice day, 82°. Did cleaning. We went to cemeteries in morning. I quilted awhile at auxiliary room. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I had hair done at hospital beauty shop. Mary there too. Took her home. I made rhubarb crisp. Marty baled hay all day. Jon at hospital. Ron to Elkhart early morning. Allen called in evening. Marty here for supper.

Saturday, May 25, 1985. Clear, 85°. We picked nearly 4 quarts [straw]berries. I put 2 quarts in freezer, gave Rons some. We planted 3 rosebushes we got from Michigan Bulb Company. Were late coming. We met Art & Helen [Sieg] at Denny's. Went to the mall awhile. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jon working too.

Sunday, May 26, 1985. Fair, windy, hot, 90°. We went to church. We took Merle to Bishops for dinner. Mary, Lucy C[atherine] & Marie Yoder with us. We took Merle, Mary & Lucy Catherine to Troyer Cemetery. I took peonies to put on the graves for Merle. We took a drive through Park Hill. Ron preached at Danvers & Carlock. Jo & Steves home from Bluffton.

Monday, May 27, 1985. Cloudy, rained, had nearly an inch. Wonderful rain. Much cooler in evening. Washed and ironed. We picked 6 quarts strawberries between showers. Put 2 quarts in freezer, gave Mary a box. Took shortcake & berries to Rons. Steve, Cindy, Mary & we there in evening. Had steaks. Jon working at hospital. Pauls called in evening, also Deb. Making plans for Memphis.

Tuesday, May 28, 1985. Clear, cool, 51° in morning, 72°. We went to town at 9:00. I went to prayer group. Pete went to see Edgar G[urtner]. He isn't doing too well. I got pair [of] beige shoes. Pete set out some broccoli & cauliflower plants from Paul M[iller]. I did some packing. We went to Heritage Group at Alma L[itwillers]. Ina [Sutter] told about Sanford Yoder.

Wednesday, May 29, 1985. Fair, warmer. Steve & Cindy came in morning. Picked nearly 2 quarts berries. Gave them a box & Rons one. They helped pick peas. Gave them & Rons some to eat & we had some & put 1 pint in freezer. Jo and we left at 1:00 for Deb & Randy in St. Charles. Got there at 4:20. Had good trip & good to see them. Randy got home at 9:00. Brittany has changed & [is] lots of fun.

Thursday, May 30, 1985. Mostly cloudy, warmer. Had some rain at home in morning. We & Deb & Brittany left at 9:00 for Memphis. Got to Memphis at 3:00. Staying at Holiday Inn on Union. Called Jane and Cecil Rousseau where they are staying. They got there before 2:00. We met Pauls at Jane's. They took us to Peking Palace for dinner. Very good. We all went to Andy's graduation at Cook Convention Center Music Hall. Andy & Benjy with friends. We all had some refreshments.

Friday, May 31, 1985. Partly cloudy. We all went to Jane's at 8:00. Marjorie had fixed breakfast for us. We had a good visit with Pauls, although short. We left Memphis at 10:30. Got to Randys at 4:30. Stayed there about an hour. Left at 5:45 for home. Lots of traffic, repair work on bridge held us up awhile at Springfield. Got home 9:50. Thankful for safe trip. Jo did all [of] driving.

Saturday, June 1, 1985. Mostly fair. Pete to men's breakfast. Did weekly cleaning. Steves picked 6 boxes [straw]berries yesterday. Left 3 here. So gave Jo one & put quart in freezer. We picked 3 quarts in p.m. Jo helped us pick peas. Put pint in freezer. Gave Jo some to eat & we kept some. Went to grocery store in PM. Baked brownies & iced them. Shampooed my hair.

Sunday, June 2, 1985. Fair, 85°, tornado watch out late p.m. Had 1/3 inch rain in evening. We went to church. Dinner at church celebrated 125th anniversary of general conference. John Bergeys came to Rons at 4:00. They had supper here as Rons had IPSI graduation. Jo fixed ham & potatoes. Cindy here too. Steve to Washington. Johns to Rons when they got home, but came here to sleep.

Monday, June 3, 1985. Fair, nice day. I did laundry in morning. Did 3 loads in p.m. Pete picked 4 ½ boxes berries. Put 2 jars in freezer. Gave Rons a box. Gave Mary some. We picked peas. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer & had some to eat. Dorothy Loepp gave us some snow peas. Put pint in freezer. We went to Carl Nierstheimer's at 7:00. Stayed with Edgar. Carls to meeting. We went to Rons with John Bergeys for breakfast. Johns left for home.

Tuesday, June 4, 1985. Cloudy, light rain p.m., 65°. We defrosted freezer. Went to town at 10:30. Pete took Mary to dialysis at 11:30 to meet Dr. Olsen. I went to House of Hunan for lunch. Our prayer group took Eddie S[alter] for lunch. We gave her a basket. Mary & we to see Ed in p.m.

Took him some fruit & ice cream for his 94th birthday. Pearl G. there. We went to Carl Nierstheimer's. They took us to Barney's. Henrietta & Marilyn Thietje & Audrey & Art [Sieg]s there.

Wednesday, June 5, 1985. Cloudy, fair late p.m., 70s. We volunteered at hospital. We picked over 3 quarts beans. I gave Jo 2 boxes. Picked peas. Gave them to Jo. Pete mowed lawn. I hoed in garden awhile. Jo teaching Bible school. Cindy is also teaching. Allen called in evening. They are busy. Jeff & Pat are driving to Iowa tomorrow night.

Thursday, June 6, 1985. Partly cloudy, 70s. I baked coffeecake braid. Cut some broccoli & cleaned it. Cut off the lettuce. Steve here in morning, plowed truck patch. He & Pete hoed some. Pete plowed the garden. I embroidered my name & date on grandchildren's quilts.

Friday, June 7, 1985. Clear, 81°. We went to town at 8:45. I had hair fixed at beauty shop. Went to auxiliary room at 10:00. Quilted until 3:00. Dorothy Scogin & Hazel Fulton came to help quilt. Pete had muffler on car fixed & did errands. We picked nearly 3 quarts berries and gave Jo some. Picked peas. Deb called, they are coming tomorrow. Edgar G[urtner] in hospital again. Jeff & Pat got to Allens at 6:00 a.m. [They] drove all night.

Saturday, June 8, 1985. Fair, hot, 91°. I made 2 strawberry pies. Made casserole for lunch. Got things ready for supper. Randy, Deb & Brittany got here 11:30. Glad to see them. Rons, Steve, Cindy & Mary here too for dinner. Jon working. Jo grilled pork chops & baked potatoes for me. Had fresh peas. Allen called in p.m. They had picked 24 quarts strawberries.

Sunday, June 9, 1985. Fair, breezy, 80s. We all went to church and to Woizeski reunion at Nob Hill. 36 there. Art Sieg elected Pres., Carl Giermann Sec. – Treas. Rons & Steves & Randys there. Steve & Cindy to Freeport for evening meeting. Randys left for home at 2:00. Ron to Westminster to give talk. Jo home with us. Mary along to reunion. We took Mildred D[avidson]. We went to hospital in evening [to] see Edgar. He's about same.

Monday, June 10, 1985. Fair, rather windy, 80s. I did laundry. Went to hospital at 10:30. Jeanette Colter had mastectomy. I stayed with Cy & Mary[Colter Jantze]. She got along all right. I came home at 3:00. Washed towels, sheets & some pantsuits. Pete picked 1 ½ quarts berries. Jackie Kinder has resigned from Mennonite. Don't know what is going to happen next. Rained in night.

Tuesday, June 11, 1985. Cloudy, rained all morning. Had 2/3 inch. Real chilly & windy. I baked cookies. We picked peas late p.m. Put 5 pints in freezer. Gave Rons some. *Lantz* (sp?) here, worked on furnace. Pilot light didn't stay lit. We went to a seminar at Bloomington Federal at 7:30. Ron to Chicago for the day. Steve & Cindy to her folks in evening.

Wednesday, June 12, 1985. Mostly cloudy, windy, chilly, 62°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Ron took Mary to dialysis in morning. Pete took her home. I transplanted some flowers & we picked nearly quart of berries & picked peas for supper.

Thursday, June 13, 1985. Mostly fair, 45° in morning, 71° during day. I went to HEA breakfast at 9:00. I took Mabel & Dorothy Singley. Pete & I to church at 1:00 to sort things for anniversary work. Ron & Jo to South Bend [Indiana] in morning. Ron teaching a class.

Friday, June 14, 1985. Fair in morning, cloudy, light rain at times. Jo & we picked our peas & Paul M[iller]'s (they are gone). We got 12 pints. Jo here for lunch. Mary & we to see Ed in PM. We took him a new razor. We were home in evening. Had 1 ½ inches rain during night.

Saturday, June 15, 1985. Cloudy, fair in p.m., 81°. Pete to breakfast at hospital. I baked coffeecake. We went to Bill Dunns' garage sale at 10:00. Watered Steve & Cindy's flowers. Got Mary. Went to Eastland. She took us to lunch at Bishops. She did some shopping. I made 2 pie crusts for Jo. Made cherry pie for Colters. Jeanette home today. We took them coffeecake braid & pie.

Sunday, June 16, 1985. Beautiful day, 80°. We went to church & to Rons for dinner. Had Chinese food, very good. Had vegetables from garden. Sheila [Petty] & her brother there. Mary at Walter Dycks. Ron took tractor to Ropp Cemetery, mowed it. Jo & we took hand mower & she did trimming. Allens called in evening. Jeff & Pat left for home in morning.

Monday, June 17, 1985. Cloudy in till late p.m., 70s. I washed and ironed. Pete spraying Canada Thistles. I made rhubarb crisp for supper. I put container of broccoli in freezer. Steve & Cindy home from Ohio.

Tuesday, June 18, 1985. Fair, windy, chilly, 60s. Showered in p.m. and evening. Jo & we picked Paul M[iller]'s & our peas. We got 24 pints. Gave Steve some & Mary some. We each got 12 pints. Earl Kaufmans here in evening. Got some of Paul's snow peas.

Wednesday, June 19, 1985. Fair, cool. We took Mary to dialysis & had breakfast at Steak 'n Shake. Volunteered at hospital in morning. I picked pint of raspberries & made baked beans. Rons & we to Bill Dunns' cabin in evening, farewell for Lynn & Anton Romyn who are moving to Chicago. Gerlof [Homan]s & [Jim] Waltners there. Garfield picnic was at Underwood Park.

Thursday, June 20, 1985. Fair, nice day, 80°. I canned 3 ½ quarts pickled beets. Pete plowed flower garden. I made tapioca pudding. We went to church in p.m. [to] sort things for 75th anniversary. We sowed endive & radish seeds.

Friday, June 21, 1985. Fair in morning, mostly cloudy p.m., very windy, 80s. Did cleaning. Steve, Jo & we picked peas. Jo got 7 packages. We kept some out for lunch. We picked quart of raspberries, put pint in freezer, gave Rons some. Pete trimmed along walks. Mary & I quilted on auxiliary quilt. Jo & Cindy to Ohio at 4:30. Went with Stutzmans. Had 1/3 inch rain early a.m.

Saturday, June 22, 1985. Fair, nice day, 80s. Pete mowed lawn. I finished cleaning. Made raspberry custard pie. Gave Ron & boys some. Steve here for dinner. Had sauerkraut & pork. Pete & I hoed sweet corn. Went to hospital at 2:00. Worked until 8:30.

Sunday, June 23, 1985. Fair in morning, had shower at 1:30. We went to church, had communion. Alta L[itwiller], Mary & we to Red Lobster for dinner. Ron & boys to Jacksonville to garrow show. Got 2nd. We went to Warner Fransens at 5:00 to Mutual Student Aid Fund meeting. Good crowd.

Monday, June 24, 1985. Fair, quite warm, 85°. I did laundry. Steve & Cindy picked peas. I kept some for supper. They took rest. We picked 2 quarts berries. Put 2 jars in freezer. We picked beans, canned 7 quarts. I made 2 raspberry custard pies. Got supper. Cynda & Marvin Kym, Steve, Cindy & Ron here. Marty came late. Had chicken & rice. A big day. I'm tired.

Tuesday, June 25, 1985. Fair, hot, near 90°. We took Mary to Gailey's at 9:00. We met Laura & Francis S[tamback] at Chinese restaurant on Oakland. We got bushel of apples at Birkelbaws. Dolores Bauman & Aldine Combs here, looked at Pete's books. Took a few. I cooked applesauce. We went to Bill Dunns' cabin at 6:00 [to] celebrate Sherry's graduation from internship. Her boyfriend & 2 other friends, Tayo, Cindy & Marvin & Anton's little girls [there]. Nice evening.

Wednesday, June 26, 1985. Fair, hot, 92°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I put 5 containers broccoli in freezer. We picked 2 ½ quarts raspberries. Put 2 quarts in freezer. Put 3 jars applesauce in freezer. Cooked more applesauce. Steve & Cindy to Chicago. She had interview at St. Luke's Presbyterian Hospital. Was accepted next year July.

Thursday, June 27, 1985. Fair in morning, cloudy and rain in places in p.m. Pete & I picked beans. Canned 10 quarts. Cindy came at 9:30. Picked Paul [Miller]'s & our peas. I & Jo helped. Steve came before noon. They & Jo picked John Gundy's peas. Pete & I helped some with podding. They got 24 – 26 pints. Steves put some of theirs in our freezer. I canned 8 pints beets for Steve. Pete to auxiliary board meeting at 10:00. A big day. Jo & Steves here for lunch.

Friday, June 28, 1985. A rainy day, nearly an inch. Came nice and was welcome. Did cleaning. I went to town at 9:00. Quilted on auxiliary quilt. Took Mary home from dialysis. Then took her to get hair done & get groceries. I cooked applesauce & made coffee cake braid but [it] didn't raise. Cy [Colter]s took us to the Elms at 5:30. Had nice evening. Gave them quart [of] raspberries. Jo baked coffeecake for me.

Saturday, June 29, 1985. Cleared in morning, cool. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. We picked beans. Jo helped. Canned 7 quarts & 3 pints. Picked over 2 quarts raspberries. Gave Jo a box. Put 2 jars in freezer. Picked [John] Gundys' peas in PM. Volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, June 30, 1985. Fair, 80°, had thunder shower at 4:00. .02 inch rain here. We went to church. Mary and we ate at Denny's, then to Eureka. Ed about same. We went to Congregational meeting at church at 4:00. Had finger foods. I took sandwiches & fruit. Cindy to [Camp] Friedenswald for a week. [She's in] charge of music. Paul called in evening. He & boys will be here Saturday. Marj has computer training course.

Monday, July 1, 1985. Fair, nice day, 80°. I washed & ironed. Pete worked outside some. He and CR to Park Hill Cemetery. We traded our stone for the graves there. Will have the stone moved to Ropp Cemetery. We picked over 3 quarts raspberries. I kept one quart, gave Jo the rest. I made more applesauce. We went to town at 4:00. Got a dog, part Cillie and part Shepherd, yellow, male. Took him to vet to get shots. We call him Spot.

Tuesday, July 2, 1985. Fair, 88°. Had thunderstorm at 5:00. 1/3 inch rain. Had another one about 8:00, blue, 1/3 inch. Steve here in morning, helped pick beans. I canned 7 quarts & 6 pints. Gave Steve 7 quarts. He picked peas for lunch. Had meatloaf & sweet potatoes, raspberry shortcake. I made 2 quarts applesauce. Steve plowed & hoed some in truck patch. Mary saw Dr. Olson. Jo with her.

Wednesday, July 3, 1985. Fair, 85°, very little breeze. We volunteered at hospital. I washed bedspread & bedroom rugs. We picked 1 ½ quarts raspberries. Put jar in freezer. Kept out [some] to use. Pete cleaned out the eaves. Ron, Jo & Marty to Bluffton after lunch. Steve here in evening, helped Jon chore.

Thursday, July 4, 1985. Mostly cloudy, few sprinkles. Under tornado watch from 5 PM to 11:00. Steve here all day. He, Jon & Mary here for dinner. Pete got Mary at 11:00. She went back to town with Jon as he went to work at hospital. Steve trimmed all around yard. He & Jon put in our air conditioner. I made 2 apple pies, put in freezer.

Friday, July 5, 1985. Fair, had shower 4:00 p.m. We & Steve picked beans. I canned 14 quarts & 6 pints. We went to town at noon. I had permanent at hospital beauty shop. Pete took Mary to get groceries. We got groceries. Pete mowed lawn. I picked some of raspberries, 1 ½ quarts. Put jar in freezer. Baked ham. Rons & Marty home from Ohio.

Saturday, July 6, 1985. Fair, fine day. I washed & ironed. Finished cleaning. Pete sprayed some weeds & finished picking raspberries. Gave Rons some. Ron hauling manure most of day. Paul & children got here around 6:00. They came from Michigan. Left Marjorie at O'Hare to fly home. She has workshop first of week.

Sunday, July 7, 1985. Fair, nice day, 80s, good breeze. Paul, children & we to church. We all, Steves, Mary & CRs to at Rons for dinner. Marty to Chillicothe in p.m. to get René. Steve & Cindy took children & Karen & Kenny swimming. Rons, Paul, Mary & we to Ropp Cemetery. Pete & Paul took Mary home at 5:00. Pauls here for supper. Had pizza. Washed 2 loads for Pauls.

Monday, July 8, 1985. Fair, hot, 89° – 90°. We picked beans. Jo helped. Cindy came in morning. Canned 17 pints. Gave Mary 12, Steves [the] rest. Jo canned 7 quarts. Pete & Paul to town to get trailer. Brought Mary out. She & Pauls here for lunch. I baked 2 apple pies. I washed load of towels. Kenny here awhile in p.m. Pete took Mary home. Pauls & Steves here for supper. They & children to ballgame, also Jo. Ron & Jon to Indianapolis. Rons here awhile.

Tuesday, July 9, 1985. Partly cloudy, hot, 90°, humid. Pauls left at 8:15. Stopping at Berne to pick up some furniture. I went to annual HEA meeting with Mabel & Dorothy S[ingley]. Was at ISU. I washed 2 loads. Pete cut some weeds. Jo walking beans for Ray. Were under tornado warning for awhile in evening. Had shower here. Tornado at Dana.

Wednesday, July 10, 1985. Clear, cool, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. I washed sheets, etc. & ironed. Cut a pan of broccoli. Put 2 containers in freezer & gave Jo some. Picked 2 quarts berries. Put jar in freezer. Gave Rons a quart. Helped Jo pick beans & stemmed some. Jo & we to church. Group from Bluffton, Jim Stutzman with them. Paul called. They got home at 9:00 p.m. our time. Got along well. Glad for them.

Thursday, July 11, 1985. Had light shower in morning. Partly cloudy, 80s. We went to town at 10:00. I quilted awhile. We delivered Mobile Meals at 11:00. Went to church at 1:00. Sorted more things. Mary home with us. We went to Gridley. Had supper, then to visitation for Eldon Schrock. [He] passed away yesterday. Ron to Springfield to hog show. Marty & René went later. Had truck trouble coming home. Jo went to Lincoln to get them.

Friday, July 12, 1985. Cloudy, showered most of day. We picked nearly 2 quarts raspberries. Gave them to Jo and Cindy. We made sauerkraut & some cabbage for freezer. Cindy here all morning. Did the weekly cleaning & shampooed my hair. We took Steve & Cindy to Barney's for Cindy's birthday. Marty took René to Chillicothe [to go back] to Newton.

Saturday, July 13, 1985. Had one tents inch rain early a.m. Hot, 93°, humid. More breeze in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked bars & finished cleaning. We met Art & Helen [Sieg] at Bishops at 11:45. Did little shopping. We picked over a quart of raspberries. Worked in flower garden. Had letter from Emil Klooz. Sadie passed away July 5. Sorry to hear it.

Sunday, July 14, 1985. Fair in p.m., had shower in morning & thunderstorm at 9:30 p.m. We went to church. Were home for lunch. Got ready for small group, met here. Had 12. Tom [Yoder]s, Ina [Sutter], Elsie, Leatha [Gilbert] & Helen Walker & children, Louise *Mattson* (sp?). Ron preached at Peoria. Steve at Hopedale. Steves to Camp Friedenswald in p.m. Had thunderstorm at 9:30 & again at midnight. Over 1 inch rain.

Monday, July 15, 1985. Clear, beautiful day, cool. I washed & ironed. Pete helped Jo pick beans & stemmed them. He & Marty sprayed [Canada] Thistles. I picked cucumbers. Made ½ gallon dills. We picked few raspberries. Pete & Ron put new rubbers on deep well pump.

Tuesday, July 16, 1985. Clear, fine day, 82°. I baked rolls. Pete sprayed more thistles. Mary & we to see Ed in p.m. He is about same. Jo & Marty walking beans.

Wednesday, July 17, 1985. Clear, nice day, 82°. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Colters. Cy feeling better. Jeanette got our beans. Jo & we helped her pick them. Gave her few tomatoes. Jo

walking beans. Marty helped Ray bale hay in morning. I walked beans awhile in evening. Wrote to Emil Klooz. Picked cucumbers, made ½ gallon dills.

Thursday, July 18, 1985. Fair, 85°. Went to town in morning. I quilted on auxiliary quilt. Pete to see Edgar. He is better but fell while Pete was there. We delivered Mobile Meals. Went to church at 1:00. Sorted papers, etc. We & Mary to see Music Man at Miller Park. A nice evening.

Friday, July 19, 1985. Partly cloudy, 86°. Had shower in evening. Did cleaning. Helped Jo pick beans. Not enough for a canner. Made ½ gallon dill pickles. Picked few raspberries. We went to hospital at 2:30 for reception for Jackie Kinder who is leaving Mennonite [Hospital], going to Georgia. Sorry to see them leave. Many changes at Mennonite.

Saturday, July 20, 1985. Very foggy in morning, partly sunny, 88°, rather humid. We worked outside awhile. I cut broccoli & cleaned it. Put 2 containers in freezer. Had [some] for lunch. Gave Jo some. Jo walking beans. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, July 21, 1985. Had shower in morning & again at noon, rather humid. We went to church & to Mary's for dinner. Alma Galloway there too. I wrote letters to Anton Romyns, Pauls & Allens. Had 1/3 inch rain.

Monday, July 22, 1985. Clear, fine day, 80s, less humid. Pete mowed lawn. I washed & ironed. Made 4 quarts dill pickles. I made 5 pints bread-and-butter pickles from Jim Waltner's cucumbers. He didn't want them. Gave rest to Paul M[iller]. Steve & Cindy got home from Ohio at 10:30.

Tuesday, July 23, 1985. Clear, 53° in morning, low 80s. I picked over a quart raspberries. We went to town at 9:30. I quilted a while. We met Laura and Francis S[tamback] at Carson's Restaurant at 11:30. Did some shopping. I canned 4 quarts beets. Ron & we, Paul Miller & RL Hartzler to Ropp Cemetery [to] pick out lots for burial. Talked to Allens. They're okay.

Wednesday, July 24, 1985. Partly cloudy, 88°, more humid. We volunteered at hospital. I quilted awhile in p.m. Made ½ gallon dill pickles. Cindy here in p.m., got corn & tomatoes. Were home in evening.

Thursday, July 25, 1985. Mostly cloudy, 87°, rained at 4:00 & several showers in evening. We went to town at 10:00. I quilted a little. We delivered Mobile Meals. I went back to quilt. Finished it. Glad it's done. Pete took RL Hartzler to Knuths [to] see about moving tombstones. Had 1/10 inch rain.

Friday, July 26, 1985. Clear, cooler, 82°, fine day. Did cleaning. Picked nearly quart raspberries. I went to Harvella's for fitting (pink suit). We washed car. I baked cake. Got things ready for supper. Rons, Steve & Cindy here. Jon came later as he worked late. Jo not feeling well, has sore throat. Mary to Zehr girls. I canned 7 ½ quarts sauerkraut.

Saturday, July 27, 1985. Clear, nice day, warmer, 80s. Pete to men's breakfast. We went with Laura and Francis Stambach to Ralph Forney's home at Graymont to sale of Irene Forney's things. Left here at 9:30. Was good to see Ralph. We ate lunch at Gridley. Ron & we to visitation for Harvey Ropp at 5:00. I didn't feel good in night.

Sunday, July 28, 1985. Clear, nice day, 81°. We went to church. Had lunch at Grand Café. Went to hospital to see Cy Colter, [he's] still having back trouble. Came home in PM. Went to hymn sing at church in evening. Mary along.

Monday, July 29, 1985. Fair, cloudy in evening, 87°, not much breeze. I washed & ironed. Pete dug some potatoes & sprayed some weeds. Jo walked beans. She had lunch with us. We put up 25 pints corn in p.m. I kept 13 pints. We, Mary & Lucy C[atherine] to Barney's in evening. Lucy gave me bun wrapper & tea strainer. I gave her necklace (purple). Mary gave me \$15.

Tuesday, July 30, 1985. Cloudy, showered some. I worked on peaches in morning. Pete dug potatoes. We & Mary met Scogin, Lawson & Hazel Fulton at 11:40 at Bob Knapps. I had free dinner for my birthday. We went to see Ed. He coughed most of time. I finished peaches. Put 7 jars in freezer. Got 4 pints marmalade & 2 ½ pints preserves.

Wednesday, July 31, 1985. Cloudy, had ½ inch rain early a.m., misted & drizzled during day. We volunteered at hospital. I canned 4 quarts tomato juice. I saw a Mrs. Gladys Miller, Reach to Recovery. Jo, Mary & we met Ron & Steves at Bishops. Rons took us to dinner for my birthday. They gave me \$15, Allens, \$10. Steve's gave me alabaster box, Mary \$15.

Thursday, August 1, 1985. Clear, cool beautiful day. Cindy here in morning. Put up 9 pints corn for her & 9 pints for us. We went to 4-H fair in afternoon. Stayed for evening. Rodeo. Jon showed barrows, got 4th and 7th.

Friday, August 2, 1985. Clear, nice day. Did cleaning. Worked in garden awhile. Pete dug potatoes & some onions. I baked coffeecake braid & canned 5 quarts tomato juice. Steve & Cindy to Ohio in p.m.

Saturday, August 3, 1985. Partly cloudy, pleasant day. We took clearances to Mennonite Museum at Metamora. Had a Festival bake sale. Made apple butter, soap, quilting, etc. Served lunch, home made ice cream. Served dinner in evening. We stopped to see Ed on way home. We got home 1:15. We volunteered at hospital in evening.

Sunday, August 4, 1985. Raining day, cool. We went to church. Mary took Rons & boys to [House of] Hunan. Sheila & we went too (smorgasbord). Jo & we to Mary's awhile. Went to open house for Elsie Stahly's 85th birthday. Were home in evening. Wrote to Willis & Donna.

Monday, August 5, 1985. Cloudy in morning, 80s, had 2/3 inch rain yesterday. I washed & ironed. Pete picked over 2 5-gallon buckets tomatoes. Jo here in p.m. We put up 25 pints corn. I kept 10. We went to grocery [store]. Got celery, etc. for chili. Were home in evening.

Tuesday, August 6, 1985. Mostly cloudy, 87°, humid. Had light shower here at 4:30, rain and wind in town. Pete mowed lawn. I made 12 ½ pints chili sauce & canned 8 quarts tomato juice. Pete & I went to Denny's for supper. They gave us free meals for our anniversary. Had book of New England & Maple syrup from Pauls. I made bars.

Wednesday, August 7, 1985. Fair, 80s, not so humid in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. I canned 7 quarts tomato juice. Pete finished digging potatoes. Jo had a surprise for Pete's 80th birthday. Had homemade ice cream. Steves made freezer [of ice cream] & brought cake. Mary, brownies & I took bars. CRs, Rays, Cy [Colter]s, Gerlof [Homan]s, Harold [Patton]s, Lucy C[atherine] & Benny Mishler, Paul M[iller]s & Ann's sister & husband, [Jim] Waltners [all came]. Gordons gone. Franzie [Loepp]s & [John] Gundys busy. Was a nice evening. Pete was surprised.

Thursday, August 8, 1985. Fair, 82°. Got some apples from Jo. She had gotten some from Birkelbaws. I cooked some. Did cleaning. Picked tomatoes. Did some packing. Talked to Allens.

Friday, August 9, 1985. Fair, warmer, more humid. We went to auxiliary meeting. Put baby quilt in frame. Pete got Mary at dialysis & took her to hospital beauty shop. We, Mary & Cindy left home at 12:20. Got to Allens at 6:00 just ahead of us under shower. Glad to see Allens. Pam here too. Steve came to Ames in morning for conference. Mae Giermann passed away.

Saturday, August 10, 1985. Clear, cool, 70s, beautiful day. We all went uptown awhile in morning. Allen to Ames. We brought Shirley some tomatoes. Canned 15 quarts tomato juice. Mary & we took Allen's and Cindy to Perkins in evening. Took Cindy to University where Steve is at conference. She went to concert with him & came back to Allens all night. Marty got 7th on barrows. We had 2 inches rain & wind early morning. Mabel got our tomatoes.

Sunday, August 11, 1985. Another fine day. We all went to church. Were home rest of day. Cindy to conference in p.m. Steve & Cindy came for dinner at 4:00. We had their wedding cake. Steve back to conference at 6:30. We took some pictures & visited.

Monday, August 12, 1985. We and Mary left Allens at 6:00 a.m. Partly cloudy, hot and humid here. We got to town at 12:40. Took Mary to dialysis before 1:00. We came home, unpacked & got dressed. Went to Mae Giermann's funeral at 2:30 at Lutheran Church. I did laundry when got home. Jo & we picked 2 buckets tomatoes in evening.

Tuesday, August 13, 1985. Partly cloudy, 80s, quite humid. I was sick, stomach upset, vomited. Pete mowed lawn. I was going to can tomatoes for Mary, but didn't feel like it.

Wednesday, August 14, 1985. Partly cloudy, 87°. Had shower in morning. I feel better. We volunteered at hospital. Canned 6 ½ quarts tomatoes for Mary. Gave Evelyn Bertsche big bucket of tomatoes. Ron & Marty took hogs to Springfield early morning. We went to see Cy [Colter] in evening but wasn't home. Took him some glads & melon. Stopped at CRs awhile.

Thursday, August 15, 1985. Rained all morning, 1 inch. Jo and we & Allen Denzer left at 7:15 for State Fair. Marty got 2nd, 6th & 7th & Grand Champion in Land of Lincoln, also got 2nd in State on Premier Barrow. Jo & we stopped at McLean for supper. Ron & boys brought hogs home. Got here at 8:00.

Friday, August 16, 1985. Mostly fair, 80°, foggy in morning. Did cleaning. Pete picked some tomatoes. I canned 6 ½ quarts juice. Gave Mary some. I pulled weeds in p.m. Cleaned strawberries. Ron to Fort Wayne Indiana in p.m. We went to spaghetti supper at Phoenix Towers. Benefit for Hospice. We got groceries.

Saturday, August 17, 1985. Fair, 80s, humid. I finished cleaning. Scrubbed porches. Picked broccoli & cleaned it. We went to town at 1:30. Done some shopping. Got blue shirt for Ron's birthday. Also got one for Pete. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Ron home from Fort Wayne. Marty packing to go back to school.

Sunday, August 18, 1985. Clear, fine day. We went to church. Mary & we to Eureka to see Ed. Had dinner in Eureka. We went to church picnic at Underwood Park in evening. Marty left at 7:00 a.m. for Manhattan Kansas. Steve & Cindy home from Allens at 9:00. I had heart palpitations again in night. Didn't sleep much.

Monday, August 19, 1985. Cloudy, 60s. Rained most of morning, ½ inch. Fair in late p.m. We went to Dr. Bertsche at 9:00 but was feeling better by then. They did EKG, didn't show anything. Did the laundry in PM & rested awhile. We took Rons, Jon & Sheila to Golden West for Ron's birthday. They came here afterwards. Had ice cream & peaches. Gave Ron a shirt.

Tuesday, August 20, 1985. Fair, cool, 51° in morning, 72°. I went to hospital at 8:00. Had [heart monitor] halter put on. Wear it for 24 hours. Pete picked 4 buckets tomatoes. Jo got them. She canned 16 quarts juice. I baked zucchini bread in morning. Baked cookies & made 2 pie crusts.

Wednesday, August 21, 1985. Fair, pleasant day, 70s. We volunteered at hospital. Pete got Mary at dialysis. He mowed lawn in p.m. I gathered some flower seeds & pulled weeds in garden. We were home in evening.

Thursday, August 22, 1985. Cloudy, 72°. I worked in garden a while. We went to town at 10:00. Mary & we to Eastland. I got red dress. Had lunch at Bishops. Went to church to sort more papers, etc. We went to Franzie [Loepp]s at 7:00 to evaluation of Brenda Hurst as summer pastor. Waltners, John Reimers, Bertsches, Angie Bauman, Brenda & Ray [there]. Made ice cream. I took cookies. A nice evening.

Friday, August 23, 1985. Partly cloudy, 70s. Looked rainy at times. Did cleaning. I went to hospital. Had hair done, then to auxiliary room, quilted. Got groceries. We picked tomatoes. I canned 2 quarts. We & Jo to reception at Sheraton Inn for Bill Dunns. Large crowd. Ron at IPSI retreat at Lake Bloomington.

Saturday, August 24, 1985. Had shower in morning, fair in p.m. & cooler. I made apple pie. Cindy came. We canned 7 quarts tomato juice & made 13 pints chili sauce for them. Steve & Jo came too for dinner. Had roast. I cleaned up the kitchen. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jo & Ron to picnic at Lake Bloomington for IPSI & families.

Sunday, August 25, 1985. Started to rain in morning and rainy all afternoon. We had 1 inch. We went to church. Had commissioning for Bill & Irene Dunn who are going to Haiti for 3 years. Larry & June Jantze were in church. We had lunch at Denny's. Home rest of day. I made 2 apple pies for Danvers Festival. Ron & Jo packing books in Ron's office, moving to Brokaw [Hospital].

Monday, August 26, 1985. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. I washed & ironed. Baked pecan rolls. We met Laura & Francis at Bicycle Club for lunch. Got things ready for supper. We went to Ben Krahn. Had potluck supper for Larry & June Jantze. Good to be with them. Harold [Patton]s, Lucy C[atherine] & Alta [Litwiller] there. Alma [Galloway] gone. Ron had to move to Brokaw [Hospital].

Tuesday, August 27, 1985. Foggy, fair, warmer, 79°. I got things ready for supper. Went to town at 10:00. Stopped to see about air tickets to Pauls. We got Mary & Freda Shinall. Went to McLean. Met Dorothy S & Hazel. I got things ready for evening. Bill, Irene & Mike Dunn & Steve & Cindy here. Had hamburger bean casserole, Mike's favorite. Made peach cobbler. Talked to Pauls. They want us to come.

Wednesday, August 28, 1985. Fair, warmer. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to church on way home. Helped Jo. She is catering pig roast for Bro-Menn [merged Hospital] tomorrow evening. I baked double batch brownies for Jo. She made bars too.

Thursday, August 29, 1985. Mostly fair in morning, had 1 1/10 inch rain in evening. I went to church at 8:30. Helped Jo get dinner for Bro-Menn. Steve & Cindy helped take food to *Norris's* (sp?), Also helped serve it. Pete helped anniversary committee in p.m. We got home at 6:30. Was a long day & more so for Jo. Prepared for 125, only 65 came. Lots of food left. Allen called in morning. They are coming tomorrow.

Friday, August 30, 1985. Foggy in morning, fair, 80s. Did cleaning. I washed 2 loads. Got ready for supper. Allens & Pam got here at about 4:00. Deb & Randy came soon after. They all, Steve & Cindy here for supper. Bill Dunns at Rons. We all went there at 9:00, had dessert. Randys, Steves, Pam & I played cards awhile. Brittany has grown & walks. Pam at Steves all night.

Saturday, August 31, 1985. Fair, pleasant day. We visited. Spent time with Britney. She enjoys the dog and cat. Allens to Yeakel reunion. Randys & Steves there too. I washed load of towels. We all, Steves & Mary at Rons for supper. I helped Jo some. We had some things left from the dinner on Thursday. Steves brought homemade ice cream, also cakes.

Sunday, September 1, 1985. Fair, hot and humid in p.m. Allens left for home around 9:30. Randys & we to church. Came home after church. Steve & Cindy came after Sunday School. Brought pizza. Mary here too. Randy's left at 2:30 for home. We miss all of them. Pete & I to 40th anniversary for John and Verna Wallace. Jo here awhile in evening.

Monday, September 2, 1985. Foggy in morning, fair, 89°. I washed & ironed. Had large one. I gathered some flower seeds. Pete did some odd jobs, etc. We went to church in evening. A refugee from Guatemala spoke about his experiences.

Tuesday, September 3, 1985. Partly cloudy, 85°, good breeze. I cleaned the upstairs. Went to town at 11:30. Took Mary to dialysis to see Dr. Olsen. They put her on different dialysis. We & Mary to Eureka to see Ed. He's about same, still coughs a lot. I went to Women's Fellowship. Canned pears & applesauce for Claire House & Western Avenue.

Wednesday, September 4, 1985. Cloudy, light mist in evening, 80s. We volunteered at hospital. I cleaned the west bedroom in p.m. Jo here awhile in p.m. We were home in evening.

Thursday, September 5, 1985. Fair, hot, 92°, windy. I cleaned the 2 closets in our bedroom, also cleaned the cupboard in bathroom. We went to church at 6:30. Sorted material for anniversary. Got groceries. I cleaned bathroom when we got home.

Friday, September 6, 1985. Cloudy in morning, few sprinkles. Had rain north of us. Fair in p.m., hot & humid, 92°. I cleaned our bedroom. Washed bedding, scarves, etc., also the covers for chair & sofa. I baked dream bars. Jon home from Indianapolis, isn't going back to school.

Saturday, September 7, 1985. Fair, hot, humid, 95°. We went to Ropp reunion at Underwood Park. Only 20 there. Ron & Jo there, CRs & Rays, Roy & Alice Jiles there for first time. Steve in Chicago, Cindy not feeling good. Jo & we to Bethel Church (Pekin) 75th anniversary. Large crowd. Ted Sommers had slide presentation. Very good. Gordon elected Pres., Pete VP, Jane Bell Sec. [of Ropp reunion]. Meeting at Jane Bell home next year.

Sunday, September 8, 1985. Fair, hot, 90s. We went to church. Had lunch in town. Stopped at Steves. He still not feeling good, has temp. Ron, Cindy, Lenore & Jim Waltner sang. Very nice. Jo & we to visitation for Wanda Lehman at Gridley. Drove in rain awhile. Didn't have any here.

Monday, September 9, 1985. Partly cloudy in morning, fair, near 90°, humid, cooler air in p.m., less humid. I washed & ironed. Cleaned Cedar closet & hallway. Went to town at 3:00. I quilted at auxiliary room. Pete to dentist. I washed load of sweaters in evening.

Tuesday, September 10, 1985. Cloudy, cooler, 72°. Cleaned the dining & living room. Cleaned rug & waxed furniture. Pete mowed lawn. I pulled weeds in garden in afternoon. Were home in evening. Mr. Hipple here to talk about water softener.

Wednesday, September 11, 1985. Beautiful day, cool, 72°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I cleaned some kitchen cabinets in p.m. We stopped to see Ron's office at Brokaw (*Mecherle* [sp?] building), 3rd floor.

Thursday, September 12, 1985. Fair, 50s in morning, 71°. I went with Mabel to HEA meeting at Bob Knapp's at 9:00. Had brunch. Home at noon. Pete sprayed some weeds & dug glads. Went to church in p.m. Sorted more material, papers, etc. I baked coffeecake. I talked to Allen in evening to tell him we couldn't come for his Installation. Sorry we can't go.

Friday, September 13, 1985. Fair, cool, 68° high. I helped Jo make 8 pies for Gail Bresner sale. Made peach cherry. We had lunch with her. We went with Jo to sale at 4:15. Sheila along. Ron & Jon went in morning. Pete & I cut & packaged pies. Marty sold one gilt for \$725. Jo home with Ron. We got home at 11:00. Had few pies left.

Saturday, September 14, 1985. Partly cloudy, cool, 66°. I finished cleaning kitchen cabinets & cleaned broom closet. We met Art & Helen [Sieg] at Perkins. Did some shopping at mall. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, September 15, 1985. Beautiful day, little warmer. We went to church. Dr. Willard Kraybill gave the message. Rons & we had lunch at Wendy's. Were home in PM. Steve here awhile. He went with us to Cemetery [to] pick a place for our tombstone. Jo & we to church in evening. Tom & Hazel Yoder showed pictures & told of their trip to Africa to see Doug & Dawn.

Monday, September 16, 1985. Fair, nice day, 70s. I washed & ironed. Pete worked outside some. I cleaned kitchen & washed curtains in PM. We were home in evening. Jo taught school.

Tuesday, September 17, 1985. Cloudy, rained in afternoon. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn. Pete did some errands. We got Mary. Went to Eureka, had lunch at busy corners. Ed not feeling very well, has eye infection & coughs a lot. Cy [Colter]s took us to Deercreek but restaurant closed. Went to Cliftwood at Morton. I cleaned fruit room in morning. Allen installed Lt. Gov. for Kiwanis. We called Allen to congratulate him.

Wednesday, September 18, 1985. Fair, breezy, 88°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Lucy C[atherine] took Mary & I, also Mabel, to club meeting at Debbie Paullins. Pete was to have auxiliary board meeting at 3:45 but Jean Schertz didn't show up, so no meeting. We were home in evening.

Thursday, September 19, 1985. Fair, 86°, nice day. We cleaned the recreation room in morning. I took Mary to Gailey's at 9:50, got out at 12:00. She went with ladies to birthday party at Meadows [Home]. I cleaned the furnace & laundry room in PM. Pete put onions in basement. Rons bought another car, Oldsmobile four-door, Diesel.

Friday, September 20, 1985. Fair, warm. We went to Gailey's, met Ed there. His eye infection is better. I saw a Mrs. Bieneman, Reach to Recovery. I quilted at auxiliary room until noon. Pete

did some shopping. We went to Eastland. I got pair of purple slacks & blouse. Done cleaning. Ray combining our beans. Jo to Camp Menno Haven after lunch.

Saturday, September 21, 1985. Mostly cloudy. Pete to men's breakfast. Paul Miller & we to Ropp Cemetery. Decided on burial plot for us. I finished cleaning & helped Jo some getting ready for IPSI picnic. 65 present. Was a nice evening to be out. Ron took some on hay rack ride. Steve & Cindy to Anderson Indiana. Bill Ramseyer's team played & won.

Sunday, September 22, 1985. Cloudy, rained hard during church service. Showered in p.m. Steve, Cindy & we to Mary's for dinner. Came home early. Wrote to Deb. Rons took us for ride in their new Oldsmobile. Went to Steak 'n Shake. Rained hard.

Monday, September 23, 1985. Cloudy, showered in morning & again in p.m., windy, chilly, 60s. I washed and ironed. Pete put potatoes in basement. We picked nearly 4 bushels of apples. We took Mary to bank & Eastland. She did some shopping. We were home in evening.

Tuesday, September 24, 1985. Clear, 38° in morning, nice day, 60s. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete to see Edgar, he's doing better. We met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Jim's Steak House at 11:30. I baked French Apple pie & made peanut butter cookies for Marty. Cindy here for supper. Had stew. Jo & Steve to Bluffton Ohio, workshop. Ron to Chicago for the day. We went to Heritage at John Bertsche's.

Wednesday, September 25, 1985. Cloudy, light drizzle in evening, cool, 57°. We volunteered at hospital. Pete had auxiliary board meeting at 11:30. I had one for Bazaar at 1:00. We stopped to see Marie Cutler at Shamel Manor. She's unhappy, wants to leave. I did some handwashing & shortened pair [of] slacks.

Thursday, September 26, 1985. Cloudy, chilly, light shower. We went to hospital at 8:00. I had permanent. We went to Mary's [to] help clean her bedroom. Took her to get groceries. Had lunch there. We went to church to work awhile. I baked cake for Jon's birthday. Steve & Jo home about 7:00. We went to Rons for supper. Was late.

Friday, September 27, 1985. Clear, 37° in morning, 60s, beautiful day. Did cleaning. I went to town at 9:30. Quilted for auxiliary. Mary & we to see Ed in p.m. His eye is better. We went to Earl & Ann Kaufmans for delicious dinner. They have nice home in Oakdale. Ron & Jo left at 7:45 for Manhattan Kansas. Pete dug sweet potatoes.

Saturday, September 28, 1985. Fine day, 76°. I finished cleaning. Washed some Windows. Polished silverware. Pete mowed lawn. We started some packing. Volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, September 29, 1985. Fair, 70s, nice day. We went to church in morning. Ate at Bishops. Went to Edith Miller's open house (her 80th birthday). Were home awhile, then to supper at church & Congregational meeting. Steve preached at Champaign in morning. Rons got home at

9:30. Lois Berger came too. She is staying here while we are gone. She is going to work in Ron's program.

Monday, September 30, 1985. Cloudy, had shower early a.m., chilly, 40s. I did laundry. Ron took Mary to dialysis & Pete took her home. Pete moved sweet potatoes to basement & dug begonias. We went to hospital to see Mike Dunn. He fell at cabin Saturday evening. Injured sciatica nerve. Is in bed. Sherry called in morning, wanted us to see him. Deb called. Good to talk to her. We finished packing.

Tuesday, October 1, 1985. Fair, nice day. Ron took us to ISU at 7:00 a.m. We took shuttle bus from Peoria to O'Hare. Got there at 9:40. Left there at 1:10 for Boston. Got there at 4:10 their time. Had good flight. Paul met us. Got to Worcester at 5:30. Lots of traffic. Good to see Pauls. They have nice house. Lots of hills, trees etc.

Wednesday, October 2, 1985. Cloudy, cool. Pauls & children to school. Pete and I took walk in morning. Wrote to June [Jantze] & Eddy, sent cards to Rons, Allens & Mary. We went for walk in p.m. to little shopping center. Saw some pretty trees. I helped Paul get supper.

Thursday, October 3, 1985. Rained and misted all day, 50s. I made cheesecake in morning. Paul & we to Art Museum awhile in p.m. He took us for ride. Saw where they lived last summer. Lots of wooded areas. Saw some color in trees. Marj in school all day. Had fire in fireplace in evening. Felt good.

Friday, October 4, 1985. Cloudy, rainy, cool, 50s. Marjorie home. We went to Shrewsbury to Spags store. They have everything one can imagine. We got Paul's a fireplace set. We went to Paxton. Got vegetables, apples & tomatoes. We made applesauce & tomato juice. Marj took Benjy to piano lesson. We made 5 quarts applesauce, 7 – 8 quarts [tomat]o juice. Amy to friend's house all night.

Saturday, October 5, 1985. The rainy day. Rained hard at times. Marj has headache, in bed until late p.m. Paul took us to Clark University. Saw his office. We got up late so had late lunch. Paul to University in p.m., was on a program. He & Marjorie to an open house & reception at 5:00. I washed 3 loads, cleaned the bathrooms & got supper for children & we.

Sunday, October 6, 1985. A beautiful day after all the rain. Cool. We all accept Amy went to church. Then drove to Mount Wachusett to have brunch to find out they didn't serve until 1:30 & Benjy had to be back at 2:00. Came back home & had lunch but was a beautiful drive. Pete & I went for walk. Wrote Allens. Talked to Rons.

Monday, October 7, 1985. A nice day, 60s. I baked coffeecake braid. We went with Paul to Cambridge in p.m. He went to meeting at Harvard. We walked around on campus & to Harvard Square. We got home at 7:30.

Tuesday, October 8, 1985. Another beautiful day. Marj & we went to the market, got vegetables & apples & to mall [in] downtown Worcester. Had lunch there. I went with Pauls to University. Heard a lecture by Dr. Cole, Prof. from Harvard, on behavior of children's morals.

Wednesday, October 9, 1985. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Paul took us to bus station at 8:00. Left at 8:30 on a tour to see fall foliage. Saw lots of beautiful scenery. Stopped at several gift shops. Had dinner at Lion Restaurant, beautiful in Berkshire Mountains. Got back at 6:45.

Thursday, October 10, 1985. Fair, nice day. Paul and children to school, Marjorie to work. I baked cookies. We went for walk. Many beautiful trees.

Friday, October 11, 1985. A beautiful day, 50s. Pauls and we left at 8:30 for Lowell Massachusetts. They went to an inauguration [of Wang Foundation President] at Kingsbury. We went to National Park at Lowell. Visited the old mills. Took boat ride on Canal. An interesting day & beautiful drive. We took Paul's and Benjy to Atrium Restaurant. Amy busy.

Saturday, October 12, 1985. Clear, nice day. We helped Pauls stack some wood near the house. Paul to his office to study for a panel week. Pauls to open house in evening for one of professors at Clark U.

Sunday, October 13, 1985. A rainy chilly day. We all except Amy went to church. Jing Wang, student at Clark, came in PM. Cooked a delicious Chinese dinner (6 different dishes). Prof. David Linn from China also here, an interesting evening.

Monday, October 14, 1985. Beautiful day, warm. Marjorie and we to Sturbridge. A beautiful drive & an interesting place to visit. Paul to school. Children had no school. I washed 3 loads. Marjorie to Jewish School at 3:00. Did some packing.

Tuesday, October 15, 1985. Foggy in light rain. Pauls and we left at 9:30 for Boston. Visited the Renoir art exhibit at the Museum. Had lunch there. Pauls took us to airport. Left there at 4:05 on Delta. Got to Chicago at 6:00, ½ hour late due to wind. Missed our Peoria bus. Got Prairie Land Bus at 8:30 & thankful to get it. Called Rons. They met us at 10:50 at Sheraton [Inn]. Had a wonderful trip.

Wednesday, October 16, 1985. Fair, nice day. We volunteered awhile at hospital. Finished unpacking. I took Mary & Mabel to club at Dorothy Singley's. Jo here awhile in p.m.

Thursday, October 17, 1985. Fair, nice day, 70s. I went to Central District Women's Fellowship at our church. Mary along. Jo helped in morning. She worked at Provident [Book Store] in PM. Pete dug Dahlia bulbs. We washed Windows & put in storm Windows. Cindy to Ohio. Steve got Mary's car.

Friday, October 18, 1985. Rained most of day (over 2 inches). I cooked squash. Did cleaning. We went to town in morning. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete took Mary home & took her to hospital

to get her hair done. I did laundry & ironed. Baked pumpkin pie. Steve here, had backbone & sauerkraut. Ron to Goshen & Jo to Friedenswald. Lois Bergen & her husband staying at Rons.

Saturday, October 19, 1985. Cloudy, misted, 60s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished ironing. Shampooed my hair. We met Art & Helen [Sieg] at Bishops. I got pair of slacks for Mary. We volunteered at hospital, 3 – 8:30. Ron & Jo to Ohio from Indiana. Mary sick at her stomach. Put away flower seeds.

Sunday, October 20, 1985. Cloudy, dreary. We went to church, were greeters. Mary didn't go to church but is feeling better. [We] took she & Steve to Denny's for dinner. Mary & we to see Ed. He's about same.

Monday, October 21, 1985. Cloudy, 60°. I washed & ironed. Baked pumpkin bread. Canned quart of pears. Made some juice from tomatoes (small ones). Pete outside awhile.

Tuesday, October 22, 1985. Cloudy, sun shone a while in late p.m. I had prayer group here. Lucy [Catherine], Roberta (her sister), Helen [Patton], Alma [Galloway], Shirley [Krahn] & Alta [Litwiller]. I baked coffeecake braid. I washed summer dresses & our raincoats. Lois Bergen here again. Her husband back to Kansas. Rons home from Ohio at 10:15. Pete to Yuton, sold beans, \$4.89 per bushel.

Wednesday, October 23, 1985. Mostly cloudy, 70°. We volunteered at hospital. Cy Colter in hospital again. I stayed with them awhile in p.m. Pete to dentist. We got groceries. Were home in evening. Watched ball game. Cards won.

Thursday, October 24, 1985. Foggy in morning, fair, nice day. I baked apples & pumpkin pie. Pete worked outside awhile. We went to hospital in p.m. Helped set up for the bazaar. Rons & Lois Bergen here for supper. Watched ball game. Royals beat the Cards, too bad. Cy Colter has gallstones.

Friday, October 25, 1985. Beautiful day, 70°. We went to hospital at 8:00. Hospital bazaar. Had lots of baked goods and good sale. Got rid of all. We got home at 4:00. Did cleaning. Cy [Colter] about same. Doctors trying to build him up before doing surgery.

Saturday, October 26, 1985. Another fine day, 70s. We went with Homer Park to [Mennonite] Mutual Aid meeting at Morton. Got home at 3:30. Went to hospital, volunteered at Info Desk, 4 – 8:30. Royals beat the Cards.

Sunday, October 27, 1985. Fair, lovely day, cooler in p.m. We went to church. We ate at Denny's. Alma [Galloway], Freida [Blair], Mary and Lorene [Reeser] there too. I got broccoli & endive in from garden. We went to Home Builders at J[ohn] Bertsches. Former Mayor Buchanan spoke about Mitsubishi auto plant coming here.

Monday, October 28, 1985. Partly cloudy, windy, chilly, 50s. Washed & ironed. Pete cleaned some of garden. Mr. Hipple put in a water softener. Jo here, rearranged my grape wreath.

Tuesday, October 29, 1985. Cloudy, chilly, 50s. I went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]s. Pete took Edgar to Eastland. We had lunch with Laura & Francis [Stamback] at "Times Past." We dug carrots for a dinner at church. Went to Heritage at Tom Yoders. Called Allens in morning. Forgot to send their card for anniversary. They are okay.

Wednesday, October 30, 1985. Fair, a nice day, 59°. We volunteered at hospital. Pete with CR & Ray to Rotary at noon, then back to hospital. Cy Colter went to surgery at 11:30. Had cholecystectomy. Had stones in duct, also had liver & lymph nodes biopsy. I stayed with them until 3:00 when he went to R[ecovery] R[oom]. Steve here, got some vegetables & cornstalks for neighbor.

Thursday, October 31, 1985. Rained most of day. We took Mary to Gailey's at 10:00. There was a mistake made on her new lenses. Put the old ones back until they correct the new ones. Saw Merle. We were taking her to dinner for her birthday but she fell last night. I gave her some beads. I got things ready for supper. Rons, John, Steve & Cindy here. Had roast beef. Cy doing as well as he can.

Friday, November 1, 1985. Rained all day, cooler in evening, Wendy. Did cleaning. Went to town at 9:30. I quilted at auxiliary room. Pete got Mary at dialysis. We had lunch. Mary got her hair done & I quilted awhile. I canned quart of pears & made 2 pie crusts. Shampooed my hair. Stopped to see Cy & Jeanette. His reports not good. Washed 3 loads (guest bed).

Saturday, November 2, 1985. Fair, cool, 50°. Pete to men's breakfast. I made apple pie for church. We went to Illinois Genealogical Meeting at our church. We were at registration table. About 80 there. Women's Fellowship served vegetable soup, relishes & pie. Ron mowed off truck patch. Lois Bergen got rest of her clothes.

Sunday, November 3, 1985. Fair, chilly, 28° – 30° in morning. We went to church. Jo was worship leader. She, Mary & we to see Ed. We had dinner at restaurant by Maple Lawn [Home]. Ed about as usual. We stopped to see Cy [Colter]. He has some tubes out which helps. We were home in evening.

Monday, November 4, 1985. Cloudy, chilly, 42°. I washed and ironed. Pete cracked some nuts. We went to town at 11:00. Met Jo there. She & we took Mary and Merle to Carson's for lunch as [we] didn't get to take Merle on her birthday. She & Mary did little shopping. We helped Mary rearrange her living room. I wrote to Jeffs.

Tuesday, November 5, 1985. Cloudy, 32° in morning, 40s. I went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]s. Pete to see Fred Meyers. Took Mary to dialysis to see Dr. Olsen at 11:45. He says

she is doing okay. I baked coffeecake braid in p.m. Made salad for dinner served at church tomorrow. Jo & I to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, November 6, 1985. Little sunshine, mostly cloudy in p.m. Started to rain about 4:00 p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Got groceries. Stopped at church, got my pan. Helped Pete put up snow fence. Jo here awhile.

Thursday, November 7, 1985. Clear, chilly. I baked apple pie for alumni chili supper. Went to auxiliary room. Met Scogin & Hazel Fulton there. We quilted until 3:00. Mary came at 11:00. We had sack lunch. Pete & Paul Miller at Ropp Cemetery. Knuth [Funeral Home] setting up RL Hartzler's stone & dug place to put ours. We went to alumni chili supper. I took coffeecake for bake sale. Worked 4:30 to 6:00. Mary there too.

Friday, November 8, 1985. Fair, 50s. Did weekly cleaning. Jo here for lunch. Pete mowed yard & crushed leaves. I raked some. We left with Jo at 4:00 for Meadows. Had supper at Gridley & on to conference at Waldo church. Enjoyed the service.

Saturday, November 9, 1985. Rained off and on most of day. We left at 7:30 for Waldo church. Conference started at 8:30. Jo went earlier. She had workshops at Meadows. Ron took hog to Gale [Bressner]'s & [went] on to Meadows where he had workshops. We went to his workshop at 1:00. Left there at 3:00 for Mennonite [Hospital]. We volunteered, 4 – 8:30. An interesting day. Rained most of night.

Sunday, November 10, 1985. Cloudy, rained some, much colder in p.m. We went to church & to small group meeting at Homer Parks. I took salad. Were home by 3:15. I baked some bars. Wrote Allens.

Monday, November 11, 1985. Cloudy, in 30s. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis. Went to Eastland. Pete got an all weather coat. Jo helped with lunch for Bergens who moved from Kansas. I sent some bars. We went to Paul Millers for Leek soup, very good. Earl K[aufman] there, Ann K[aufman] busy. Alma G[alloway] there too. Marty got 2nd in judging at Royal. Got 1st in several other divisions. We got Christmas cards.

Tuesday, November 12, 1985. Foggy most of day. Rained in p.m. & evening. We went to town at 8:30. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine]'s until 10:00. We went to auxiliary annual meeting potluck dinner. Ruth Brennehan new Pres. We took RL Hartzler to Ropp Cemetery [to] see his tombstone. Went to elevator. Sold our corn, \$2.31 [a] bushel. Ray here in p.m.

Wednesday, November 13, 1985. Cloudy, foggy, 50s. We volunteered at hospital. Took Merle to cafeteria with us. She was feeling blue this morning. I cooked chicken & made salad for HEA tomorrow. Pete took Mary home from dialysis.

Thursday, November 14, 1985. Cloudy, chilly, 50°. I went to Cy [Colter]s in morning. Helped Jeanette dress Cy's incision. Pete took Mary to Gailey's. She is having cataract surgery

December 31. I went to HEA with Mabel. We were on committee. Jo taught school. Ron to Chicago to a meeting, then on to South Dakota to meetings Friday & Saturday. I made chili. Steve & Cindy & Jo here for supper. Jon to meeting.

Friday, November 15, 1985. Another dreary day, rained all day, 45°. Steve took Mary to dialysis. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted at auxiliary room. Pete took Mary home. We met with Rachel Waltner at 11:00, interview for church history. Got groceries. Jo & Steve to Wayland Iowa at 5:00 p.m. Had over inch of rain.

Saturday, November 16, 1985. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 40s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning, baked ginger cookies & oatmeal raisin cookies. We went to see Cy awhile in p.m. He is doing pretty good.

Sunday, November 17, 1985. Clear, nice day, good to see the sun. 32° in morning. We went to church. Ron, Mary & we ate at Denny's. Mary & we to see Ed. Said he hasn't felt good last several nights. Jo & Steve got home at 6:30 from Wayland Iowa. Deb & Randy called in evening. They're okay. Talked to Allens. They're busy.

Monday, November 18, 1985. Another rainy day. Heavy rain in evening. Thundered & lightning. Had tornado touched down near Havana. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis. Took her to Harvella [Stutzman]'s [to] try on her dress. Took her to mall. We had lunch at Bob Evans. Had 2 inches rain.

Tuesday, November 19, 1985. Cloudy, rained & blew in p.m. Had tornado warnings out, 3 – 4 PM. One touched down at Cooksville & Hudson. No one injured. Wind turned to northwest about 6:00. Very windy, turning colder. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Pete had taillight fixed on car. Went to Eastland. Got tea kettle for Jo. I made pineapple dessert in p.m. for club.

Wednesday, November 20, 1985. Clear, cold, 17° in morning, 27° during day. I got ready for Garfield club. 14 members here & 3 children. Marie Hastings showed slides of Garfield meetings, etc. Interesting. Jo taught school. We were home in evening.

Thursday, November 21, 1985. Mostly cloudy, 18°. Snowed little late evening. I went to Glenn Maxwells with Marie Hastings & Catherine Mishler to Luella May's funeral at church. I baked cookies for Women's Fellowship. Rons, Mary and we to Barney's at 6:30 for Jo's birthday. Had a surprise for her 50th birthday. Jon had things ready here when we got home. Had ice cream, cake & punch & cheese ball. Everyone here when we got home. Jo taught school.

Friday, November 22, 1985. Clear, 30°, 37° high. Jo took Mary to dialysis on way to school. I went to workshop with Granger Westberg at St. John's Lutheran Church. Linda Mehl, Ron & I only ones from Mennonite Church. Everyone went to Hunan's for lunch. Was interesting day.

Saturday, November 23, 1985. Cloudy, chilly, in 30s. I cooked chicken, made salad & finished cleaning. We went to hospital at noon. Worked until 5:00. Were to work in evening but they had no one to work p.m., so wanted us to work. Bill Dunn was at hospital. Good to see him.

Sunday, November 24, 1985. Little sunshine in morning, cloudy, chilly, 30s. Had a call from Arthur [Yoder]s in Indianapolis. [They] would be here before noon. We went to church. Mary & we to her apartment. Arts got to Sheraton Inn at 11:00. We went there. They took us to Brunch there. Rons joined us a little while as they were on way to Peoria with hogs. Arts & Mary came here for rest of day. Rons here too for lunch. I took cookies to Hazel Y[oder] for home builders. We were on committee.

Monday, November 25, 1985. Cloudy, little ice in places, more at Lincoln & Springfield. Misted & rained most of day, 31° – 32°. I washed & ironed. Took Mary home from dialysis. Met Laura Francis & Janet Hougham at Carson's. I made fruitcakes. Allen called, asked us to come out Thanksgiving. Arthurs got home 4:30. Got along okay. Jo taught school.

Tuesday, November 26, 1985. Rained early morning until midmorning. Cloudy, colder in p.m. I went to prayer group at Alma [Galloway's]. Pete had car aligned. I baked Crescent & carrot cookies in p.m. Jo here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, November 27, 1985. Cloudy, 30°, light mist or sleet in p.m. We volunteered at hospital. Jo took Mary to dialysis. Pete got her. Took her to hospital beauty shop & home again. Jo came home with us. She went with Ron in morning. Got groceries. Jo here in p.m., helped settable & fixed centerpiece. Lendel (Sherry [Dunn]'s boyfriend) here awhile in evening, brought Mike [Dunn]'s car back.

Thursday, November 28, 1985. Thanksgiving day. Cloudy, chilly, damp. Got things ready for dinner. Rons, Mary, Steve & Cindy here. Jo fixed Turkey and dressing. (Ron's and Steve got Turkey.) I made scalloped oysters, sweet potatoes & mashed potatoes. Had relishes & cranberries. Mary brought cherry & pumpkin pies. Cindy brought bars & potato chips for supper. Allens called. Had a nice day & much to be thankful for.

Friday, November 29, 1985. Cloudy, freezing drizzle most of day. Roads slick, lots of accidents. Ron took Mary to dialysis and got her. He was home in PM. Did usual cleaning. I washed tablecloth & napkins, tea towels, etc. Baked sugar cookies & iced them. Steve & Cindy to Wilmington [Ohio] late PM.

Saturday, November 30, 1985. Foggy in morning, cloudy, damp, 40°. I baked cranberry bars & finished cleaning. We went to town at 10:30. Got groceries. Went to Millers. Got some pipes. Ron here in p.m. Fixed it so our drinking water isn't hooked up to water softener. We volunteered, 4 – 8:30 for Schwartzs. Rained in night. Had over 9 inches rain [in] month of November.

Sunday, December 1, 1985. Cloudy, 40° in morning, turned much colder by noon. Very windy, falling temps during day, snow flurries. Strong storm west, Iowa & west blowing snow. We went to church, lunch & Congregational meeting. We addressed Christmas cards. Windy most of night. Steve & Cindy got home from Ohio, 9:30.

Monday, December 2, 1985. Fair, cold, 5° above & still some wind, 12° – 14° high. I washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to bank. She got faint during treatment but felt better later. We ate lunch at Goodfield & [went] on to see Ed. He wasn't feeling very well. I baked cashew cookies.

Tuesday, December 3, 1985. Mostly cloudy, 5° above in morning, warmed up some. I got ready for prayer group. Lucy [Catherine], Helen [Patten], Alma [Galloway] & Mary Kaufman here. I took Mary to see Dr. Olson at 11:45. Says she is doing okay. I made sugar plum cookies & almond bark. Jo & I to Women's Fellowship Christmas meeting with Jeanette. Took 2 dozen cookies for Western Ave., Claire H[ouse]. Jo taught school.

Wednesday, December 4, 1985. Clear, nice day, 30s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Had brake lining fixed on car at Al Dicks. Jo took Mary to dialysis & Jon took her home as our car wasn't done until 2:00. Jo taught school. We took Cy [Colter]s to Hopedale Village Inn for supper.

Thursday, December 5, 1985. Cloudy, snowed some early morning, light mist at times & little snow in evening, 20s. I baked yummy cookies & iced them. I went to alumni room. Met Mary necessary & Dorothy Delloro. Got some things for Mennonite archives. Pete took Mary to get groceries. I had hair done. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers at Farm Bureau. Christmas dinner, Laeschs catered. Jo taught school.

Friday, December 6, 1985. Cloudy, fair in p.m., 12° in morning, 34°. Did usual cleaning. Went to town at 9:30. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Took her to hospital, had her hair done. We took she & Edgar to Bob Knapp's for lunch. Edgar seems fairly good. We took Mary to Dr. Bertsche's for physical at 3:00. Went to Birkelbaws, got apples. Jo taught school.

Saturday, December 7, 1985. Fair, 38°, had shower late evening. I baked press cookies & coffeecake braid. Finished cleaning. Ron helped us cut our Christmas tree from the wind break west of house. We went to BroMenn holiday party at ISU. Had hors d'oeuvres & lots of them. Decorations were beautiful.

Sunday, December 8, 1985. Fair, 30, slick in places in town and church. We went to church & to Mary's for dinner. Helped her set up her Christmas tree. We went to open house Christmas display at David Davis Mansion at 5:00 p.m. Wrote Allens.

Monday, December 9, 1985. Foggy all day, misted, slick in places in evening. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis, took her shopping. She became faint. As I was trying to find a chair for

her I tripped over some boxes Bergners had in the aisle. Hurt my foot but didn't bother me until 3 – 4 hours later. Had terrible pain. Rons took us to hospital at 8:30. Had x-rays. No bones broken (thankful). Have to stay off my foot. Baked cake for Western Avenue. Made caramels. Jo taught again.

Tuesday, December 10, 1985. Tuesday, December 10, 1985. Trees, etc., covered with ice. Roads not too bad. Rained in evening. Stayed lying down most of day. Kept ice on my foot periodically. It's much better. [I] use a cane. Pete is a good nurse. Jo taught school again. Ron & Pete to visitation at Danvers for Bill Miller. Passed away last night. Had over 1 inch rain.

Wednesday, December 11, 1985. Cloudy, misted, 33°. Some ice on trees in afternoon. Colder toward evening. My foot is better. Doesn't bother me much to walk. Stayed off of it most of day. Pete put up our Christmas tree. I helped some. Jo here little in evening. She taught school again.

Thursday, December 12, 1985. Clear, good to see the sun. I went to HEA with Dorothy Singley. Mabel along too. Had furnace trouble. Man here in p.m., fixed it. I made Christmas salad. Finished putting up Christmas decorations. Jo here awhile. Helped set up table. She taught school again. CRs all invited for chili supper [here] tomorrow evening. Clarences were at Farm Bureau dinner. He choked on meat. Rescue [squad] unable to dislodge it. Took him to St. Joe [Hospital]. [He] was not responding by that time.

Friday, December 13, 1985. Fair, cold, 18°. We got Mary at dialysis. Took her to get hair done & got groceries. We went to St. Joe hospital to see CR. He is still not responding, is on the respirator. Doesn't look good. Rays & Roberta at hospital. Gordon out of town, back this evening. I made chili. Rays here long enough to eat. Rons here. Gordons stopped on way home, ate a little. We talked to Pauls & Allens.

Saturday, December 14, 1985. Clear, 2° below, up in teams, windy in evening. I finished cleaning. Put dishes away from last night. Shampooed my hair. Made salad. We went to hospital in p.m. Clarence no better. They called the family at 6:00. Blood pressure dropped. Had no telephone calls. We went to church at 4:00. Pete practiced for program tomorrow. Rons had IPSI Christmas party. Andy got home today from California.

Sunday, December 15, 1985. Clear, nice day. We went to church. Had surprise luncheon. We went to Alma Galloways. Walter Dycks & Tom Yoders there. We went to St. Joe after dinner. Clarence about same. They did another EKG. We went to church at 4:00. Had dessert & program at 5:00. Cindy had good program (In Search of the Savior). Pete, Ron, Jo & Mary had part. Bill & Mary Ramseyer came for the program.

Monday, December 16, 1985. Cloudy in morning, fair and colder in p.m. Washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. Ate lunch at Carlock & went on to Eureka. Took Ed some cookies. Mary & we gave him shirt & Arts gave him one. We went to St. Joe [Hospital]. Clarence no better. They

took respirator off. Steve & Cindy here for chili. Ron here too as Jo took Mary shopping. Jo teaching.

Tuesday, December 17, 1985. Had 3 – 4 inches snow in morning. Clear & cold, 17°. I went to prayer group at Mary Kaufman's. We mailed Paul's box [of] cake & cookies. We went to St. Joe, had lunch with Mabel. Not much change in CR. Done another brain scan. We took Mary to Gailey's & Mennonite [Hospital], preparation for cataract surgery. Jo teaching.

Wednesday, December 18, 1985. Clear, 14° below, high 5° above. We volunteered at hospital. Went with Earl Kaufmans to lunch at Perkins, then to ODC where Earl played for their Christmas program. We had work done on our car & [it] wasn't done, so Earls brought us home & took me to Garfield club at Evelyn S[chwoerer]. Lucy C[atherine] was bringing Mary out & had an accident at Chestnut & Roosevelt. I came home from club with Lloyd Singleys. Mabel was to have had club. Not much change in CR's condition. Clarence R passed away at 7:30 p.m. Rons & we to Mabel's after they came from hospital. A sad time but it's best this way.

Thursday, December 19, 1985. 5° below, nice day, warmed up some. I made vegetable soup, took to Mabel's. Pete & I went there at 9:30. Did some cleaning. Mabel & boys to Kibler Smith [Funeral Home]. I got lunch for them. Carol to school at noon. I had permanent in PM. Pete got new battery, old one dead in morning. Paul called. He's coming tomorrow. Allens & Randys plan to come if weather permits. I made chili & stirred up rolls in evening.

Friday, December 20, 1985. Clear, 4° below. I baked ham, pecan rolls. Did cleaning. We got Mary at dialysis. Took her to beauty shop & got groceries. We went to visitation for Clarence at 4:00. Many many people there. Paul got to Sheraton Inn at 6:10. Jo met him. Deb & Randy & Brittany got here at 6:30. Allens got here about 9:30. We all went to Gordons after visitation. Had lunch there. Allens, Randys & Paul here all night. Good to have them.

Saturday, December 21, 1985. Fair, 5° below, cloudy in evening. Rons & Allens, Randys, Mary & we to Denny's at 11:00. Steves didn't go. We & Paul went with Rons to Baptist Church at 1:15. Funeral for Clarence at 2:00. A nice service. Ron sang, "Holy City." A very nice service. Randys left for Iowa after service. We all went to Mabel's for lunch. Allens left for home from there. Jo, Paul & we stayed with Mabel awhile in evening.

Sunday, December 22, 1985. Mostly cloudy, warmer, 36°. We went to church. Ron & Paul got Mary at dialysis at 9:30. Then Ron took Paul to Sheraton Inn where he got the shuttle bus at 10:20 for O'Hare. Left there at 4:10 for Boston. Wish he could have stayed longer but glad he could come for a few days. We were home in PM. Mary to dinner with Lorene [Reeser] & Alma [Galloway]. Marty got home at 6:00. Glad he's home.

Monday, December 23, 1985. Cloudy, 39° – 40°. I washed & ironed. Had lots of ironing. Steve & Cindy got back from Ohio at 3:00. Stopped here at 4:30 on their way to Allens. We went to bank & grocery store at 4:30. Were home in evening.

Tuesday, December 24, 1985. Partly cloudy, some flurries, dropping temps, 7° above. I made salad. Went to hospital. Took Florence Cromley a plant. Went to Bernadine Forbes funeral. We went to Christmas Eve service at church. Ron sang solo. Rays, Mabel, Mary & we to Rons after service. Had chili & oyster stew.

Wednesday, December 25, 1985. 10° below in morning, near zero all day. We got Mary at 9:00. She & Rons here for fruit, coffee & rolls. Had gift exchange. I got wall hanging from Steves & Rons. Got skirt & sweater from Mary, purse from Rons. Pete got sweater from Rons & Steves, shirt & tie from Mary. We all went to Rays for the day. Gordons & Diana there too. Allens & Pauls called. Rons gave us a portable phone.

Thursday, December 26, 1985. Cloudy, 12° in morning, 32°. Misted some & had some flurries in p.m. I cleaned the oven in morning. We got Mary & went to Eureka to see Ed. [He] didn't feel good. He was sick last night. Steves back from Allens at 1:30, left for Champaign, flying to Ohio. We got mugs from Jeffs, book from Pam, centerpiece & candle & meat from Allens.

Friday, December 27, 1985. Posted cloudy in morning, 14°, fair in p.m. Had snow flurries in morning, windy. Did cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to hospital beauty shop. Got her groceries. We went to College Hills [Mall]. Got some yarn. Started on another Afghan. Jon had ingrown toenail removed. Rons here for supper.

Saturday, December 28, 1985. Zero in morning, 20s. Finished cleaning. Crocheted some on Afghan. Took some cookies to our neighbors the Adams. We went to Paul Millers for supper. Anton Romyns & Gerlof Homans there. Had nice evening. Marty left at 9:00 a.m. for Manhattan Kansas. Had snow flurries in evening.

Sunday, December 29, 1985. Clear, 7° in morning, nice day. We went to church. Rons and we to Mary's for dinner. She had big dinner. Were home in evening. Rons here awhile in evening. Jon installed our portable telephone Rons gave us.

Monday, December 30, 1985. Fair, nice day, 7° in morning, 40°. I washed & ironed. We went to town at 11:00. Got Mary at dialysis. She was there 4 hours. We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. We had a number of errands to do. Went to Bergners about the hospital bill for my foot.

Tuesday, December 31, 1985. Fair, in 20s, nice day. We took Mary to hospital at 6:30. She had cataract removed at 8:00. Got along quite well. Ron there too. Jo came before noon. Pete & I to Blanche Tuttle's funeral at 1:00. Went back to hospital. Stayed with Mary until about 4:00. Were home in evening. Had program at church.

Wednesday, January 1, 1986. Fair, warmer, 30s. We went to hospital at 8:30. Brought Mary here. She's doing all right. Rons here awhile in morning. Got things ready for dinner. Steve & Cindy came in PM. Were here for supper. Rons had some company in p.m. & evening, some of Ron's staff. Georgia called.

Thursday, January 2, 1986. Cloudy, 30s, had little rain & sleet in afternoon. We took Mary home in afternoon. Took her to bank. She's doing pretty well. Lydia Birkelbaw is helping her with drops in her eye. Talked to Allens in evening. I made cranberry salad.

Friday, January 3, 1986. Cloudy, 30s. Did cleaning. We got Mary at dialysis at 11:30. She had hair done at hospital beauty shop. We had lunch at Grand Café. I got things ready for supper. Earl Kaufmans & Gerlof Homan's here. Had meatballs, baked potatoes, broccoli casserole, corn, ice cream & berries.

Saturday, January 4, 1986. Cloudy, misted and snowed in evening. Roads rather slick. I washed 3 loads. We took down Christmas tree & decorations. I ironed in evening. We met Art [Sieg]s & Edgar at Denny's. Volunteered at hospital in evening, 4 – 7:30. Brought Merle's Christmas decorations home.

Sunday, January 5, 1986. Clear, 5° above, rather windy. We stopped at Mary's on way to church. Cleaned her eye & put drops in. We got Famous Fried Chicken and had dinner with her. Came home at 3:00. Wrote some letters. We went to Love Feast & Communion. Ron went with us. Jo went early to set up. Ron on pastoral care. We helped clean up.

Monday, January 6, 1986. Mostly cloudy, cold, 20s. Pete took Mary to dialysis at 7:00. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis at 10:30. We had lunch with Laura & Francis Stamback at Grand Café. Mary & we to see Ed. He's about same. Ron to Chicago for the day. Jo teaching school. Marty got on [University] judging team.

Tuesday, January 7, 1986. Clear, cold, 8° below in morning, high 12°. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn. Stopped at Mary's, cleaned her eye & put drops in. Did some handwashing. Crocheted awhile. Pete reading, etc. Jo teaching.

Wednesday, January 8, 1986. Clear, 4° below, 22°. We volunteered at hospital. I worked in Gift Shop. Saw a Mrs. Leary, Reach to Recovery. Jo took Mary to dialysis on way to school. Pete took her home. I crocheted some on Afghan.

Thursday, January 9, 1986. Clear, 12° in morning, 41°. I went to HEA [Homemakers Extension Association]. Took Mabel & Jeanette. Jeanette joined. Got home at 1:30. Got things ready for supper. Cindy, Steve, Terry Stutzman & Mabel here. Had waffles & sausage. We played Texas Canasta. Jo taught school.

Friday, January 10, 1986. Clear, a fine day, 40s. Did cleaning. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted at auxiliary room. Pete got Mary at dialysis. She & I had hair done at hospital. Pete took Mary to

get groceries. I quilted. We took Mary to Gailey's at 2:00. Was nearly 4:30 when [we] got out of there. Her eye doing okay. We went with Cy [Colter]s to LeRoy at 5:00. Ate at Old Bank. Rons to Ohio after school.

Saturday, January 11, 1986. Foggy in morning, fair, 48°, fine day. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to shower at Sue Byler's for Pham Ninh at 9:30. Took Mary. I shortened my plaid skirt Mary gave me. We went to Snow Flake dinner at church at 6:00 given by MYF.

Sunday, January 12, 1986. Fair, turned colder during day, very windy. We went to church. Special service for having church debt paid. We had lunch in town, home in PM. Steve & Cindy here in evening, had lunch. We looked at slides. Brought back a lot of memories. Rons home from Ohio at 5:00. Rosalee's [son] Ron got married.

Monday, January 13, 1986. Fair, 12° in morning, 20s. I washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. I crocheted some. Cleaned out dresser drawer. Sherry Dunn called, once us to be Grandparents at her wedding, February 22 at Funks Grove. Jo here awhile after school.

Tuesday, January 14, 1986. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., chilly, 20s. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. She leaves tomorrow for Arkansas. I cooked beef heart & cooked squash. Put some in freezer. Jo teaching.

Wednesday, January 15, 1986. Fair, warmer, 40s. We volunteered at hospital. We and Mary met D Scogin at Bob Knapp's at noon. I saw a Mrs. Baker for Reach to Recovery & saw Mildred Davidson. She passed away at 2:00 p.m. Marie Ropp (Chet's wife) passed away about same time at Mennonite [Hospital]. Ron was called. He took Chet home.

Thursday, January 16, 1986. Lovely day, 50s. We went to town in morning. I quilted at auxiliary room. Pete done some errands. We went to Earl Raiders at 12:30. Took them to Great Wall (new Chinese restaurant) for their anniversary. I baked pumpkin bars when got home.

Friday, January 17, 1986. Very dense fog in morning. Fair, warm, 50s. Did cleaning. Went to town at 9:00. I quilted. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Took her to bishops. We took her to get groceries. Had lunch at Wendy's. Rons and we to visitation for Mildred Davidson & Marie Ropp, both at Becks [Funeral Home]. Went to 76 Restaurant. Maple Lawn [Home] called. They took Ed to hospital to get chest x-ray. Has bronchitis. Took him back to Home.

Saturday, January 18, 1986. Cloudy, 40s. We went to Mildred Davidson funeral at 11:00 at Becks. Mabel with us to Cemetery at East Lawn. Clarence Siegs & we had lunch at Bishops. We went to Marie Ropp's funeral at 1:30 at Becks. Ron had the service. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Talked to Allens. They're okay.

Sunday, January 19, 1986. Cloudy, rather chilly. We went to church. Mary & we ate at Denny's, then to Eureka. Ed better, but slept most of time we were there. Our small group met at Phoenix [Towers]. Elsie Stahly our hostess. Mary & Clara B[rodbeck] there too.

Monday, January 20, 1986. Cloudy, chilly. Washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. I got things ready for supper. Baked 2 pumpkin pies. Made meatballs, baked apples & made potato casserole. Paul Millers & Rons were here. Jo teaching. Jon to school at ICC.

Tuesday, January 21, 1986. Fair, 60°. Cloudy and colder in evening. I went to prayer group at Alma Galloway. Pete did some errands. I went to Mennonite Auxiliary & Brokaw Service League "get acquainted" at Ewing Castle at 3:00. We went with Cy [Colter]s to Great Wall Restaurant at 5:00. They came here awhile. Jo teaching. I wrote some letters to Jeffs & Emil Klooz.

Wednesday, January 22, 1986. Cloudy in morning, clear, nice day, 30s. We volunteered at hospital. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Jo took her & taught school. We were home in evening. I wrote some letters to June [Jantze] & Evelyn & Orvie [Kropf].

Thursday, January 23, 1986. Fair, 17° in morning, 30s, nice day. We took Mary to Gailey's at 8:00. They ordered new lense for her. Got her groceries. I cleaned dresser drawers. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers. Mabel didn't go. I wrote to Lorena Wachtel & Elaine Reynolds. Steve to [Camp] Friedenswald.

Friday, January 24, 1986. Cloudy, chilly, 30°. Started to snow about 4:00. Had about an inch. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis & took her to beauty shop. We had lunch at hospital. Ron to Springfield hog show (Barrow). Jo taught school.

Saturday, January 25, 1986. Mostly cloudy, in 30s. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked French bread. Gave Rons a loaf. Finished cleaning, shampooed my hair, crocheted some. Jo & Jon to Springfield. They all came home in evening. Deb called. They plan to come February 7th.

Sunday, January 26, 1986. Cloudy, windy, snow flurries, much colder. We went to church. Had dinner there (I'm on kitchen committee.) Had Congregational meeting. Got home at 4:00. Watched Super Bowl game.

Monday, January 27, 1986. Clear, cold, 8° below, up to 4° above, windy. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis. She got our lunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken. I wrote Andy. Read some & worked on Afghan. Jo teaching.

Tuesday, January 28, 1986. Cloudy, warmer, 8° above. I went to prayer group at Helen Pattons. The Challenger Shuttle took off at 9:30 a.m. and burst into flame. 6 astronauts & a civilian schoolteacher were all killed. A terrible tragedy. We went to Heritage at Zehr girls. Jo teaching.

Wednesday, January 29, 1986. Mostly cloudy, some snow flurries, windy, 28° in morning, colder during day. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Eastland. Got Mary chain with few pearls on it for her birthday. I stirred up sugar cookies. Jo teaching. Ron to Elkhart in p.m. and back in night.

Thursday, January 30, 1986. Cloudy, 4° above in morning, 20s. I baked sugar cookies in morning. Mary & we to Eureka in p.m. Ed not feeling good, discouraged & has pain, coughs most of time. I went to alumni meeting. Winifred M[axwell] with me. Pete visited with Glenn [Maxwell]. Jo teaching.

Friday, January 31, 1986. Partly cloudy, 40°. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis & took her to beauty shop & got groceries. We got groceries. Shampooed my hair. Rons, Steves, Mary, Mabel & we to Great Wall Restaurant for Mary's birthday. Jo teaching.

Saturday, February 1, 1986. Cloudy in morning, cleared off, 52°, nice day. We went to Mabel's in morning. Got some more files. Finished cleaning. Ron here awhile [to] settle up. We went to town at 3:00. Worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, February 2, 1986. Cloudy, rather foggy all day, more dense in evening. We went to church. Were greeters. Jo, Mary, Alma Galloway & we ate at Golden West. Ron to Champaign after church. We were home in PM. Carol & Karen here awhile. Allen called in evening.

Monday, February 3, 1986. Gloomy day, Misty & rainy. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis. We met Laura & Francis Stamback at Bob Knapp's. We took Mary to Gailey's. Got her new lense. Jon here awhile in p.m. I made pie crust & cooked squash. Jo teaching.

Tuesday, February 4, 1986. Foggy, misted and rainy. We went to church to Women's Fellowship at 9:00. Mary along. We delivered Mobile Meals at 11:00. Took Mary to dialysis at 11:30 to see Dr. Olson. Got her after we delivered meals. Had lunch at steak 'n shake. Took Mary to bank. I baked pumpkin pie & apples. Got supper. Steve & Cindy here. Steve helped me clean the chandelier. Jo is teaching school remainder of year at Oakdale.

Wednesday, February 5, 1986. Another gloomy, Misty day. Little cooler, 30s. We volunteered at hospital. Met Lawrence Aaras at Health Center Building. Looked through records of Mennonite Auxiliary for Rachel Waltner Gossell who is writing history of our church. We were home in evening. Sherry Dunn called. She & Lynn are coming Friday evening for dinner.

Thursday, February 6, 1986. Cloudy, had little shower last night. Windy, colder. Misted some & few flurries. I baked coffeecake braid. We went to town at 1:00. Got scrapbook at alumni office for Mennonite Museum. Left some auxiliary material with Rachel W[altner] Gossell. Got groceries. Made salad.

Friday, February 7, 1986. Cloudy, had 3 inches snow last night, 20s. Did cleaning. We went to town at 9:30. I quilted. Pete got Mary, took her to beauty shop. We had lunch at hospital. Got Mary's groceries. I got things ready for supper. Made peach cobbler & baked apples. Had chicken and rice. Sherry Dunn & Lyndal *Stontin* (sp?) here. Ron to Fort Wayne Indiana. Steve to [Camp] Friedenswald.

Saturday, February 8, 1986. Everything covered with Frost, beautiful, 7° above, cloudy, partly cloudy. We helped clean the church at 8:30. Jo & I to College Hills [Mall]. I got Navy with red dress & light blue blouse. Jo got 2 blouses, some skirts & slacks. Jon still not feeling good. Ron home from Fort Wayne.

Sunday, February 9, 1986. Fair, 3° above, 14° during day. Nice winter day. We went to church. Mary & we at Tom Yoder's for dinner. They had fixed [dinner] for guests at church. Had none so wanted us to join them. We went to see Ed later. He's still coughing almost constantly. Jon still sick. Dr. Bertsche came to see him in evening. Still vomiting.

Monday, February 10, 1986. Fair, 2° above, 12° during day. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis. Got some oranges & grapefruit from 7th-day Adventist [Church]. Got bushel [of] apples at Birkelbaws. Jon better. Ron didn't go to work until noon. Jo teaching. We went to church at 7:00 with Cy [Colter]s. Helped set up supplies for MCC [Relief] Sale. We came home with Ron.

Tuesday, February 11, 1986. Clear, cold, 6° below in morning. We went to church at 8:30 to get ready for relief sale distress supper. Shirley Krahn & I made chili. Harvey [Stutzman], Alma [Galloway], Mary K[aufman] and Eddie S[alter] helped. We had relishes & apples. Served over 200. Had servers come 5:00 to help. We delivered Mobile Meals too. A long day. Got home at 8:30.

Wednesday, February 12, 1986. Fair, 5° below, 9° above during day. We volunteered at hospital. I got Mary at dialysis. We went to Bergners. Got place setting for Sherry & Lyndal. I baked bars in p.m. Jo, Steve & others to meeting in Chicago. No school.

Thursday, February 13, 1986. Fair, 6° below, in 20s. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Mabel & Dorothy [Singley] along. I baked apple cake & made chili. Done all of cleaning. Pete home, has a cold. Jon to hospital in morning, had chest x-ray. He has pneumonia but that's better. Has pleurisy. Has been sick for a week. Had 4 – 5 inches snow in night.

Friday, February 14, 1986. Cloudy, some flurries. Driving not too good. I went to auxiliary bake sale at 8:00. Pete home. I got Mary, took her to hospital beauty shop & got her groceries. Got things ready for supper. Randys got here about 6:15. Good to see them. Brittany has grown & changed. Steve & Cindy here too for supper. Rons met with Cindy Dunn at Lincoln.

Saturday, February 15, 1986. Partly cloudy, 9° below in morning, in 20s. Got things ready for lunch. Had ham. Randys went after Mary at 11:00. Took her home at 4:00. I got supper. Rons & Steves here. Had roast beef. Jo brought fruit salad. Had apple cake.

Sunday, February 16, 1986. Cloudy, had some freezing rain about 8:30 a.m. More North of us. Melted here after several hours. We all went to church. Steves, Randy's, Mary & we to Denny's for dinner. Randys left at 1:15 for home. Ron left with Gail Bressner at 1:15 for Fort Worth Texas [to] hog show. Thankful ice melted. Jo here awhile.

Monday, February 17, 1986. Heavy fog all day, 40°. I washed and ironed. Steve took Mary to dialysis in morning. Pete went after her. I rested some. Have a cold. Pete's cold [is] better. I wrote Elaine Reynolds a letter. Lot of snow melted.

Tuesday, February 18, 1986. Foggy in morning, sun came out about 9:30. Clouded up again in late p.m., low 50s. Lot of snow melted. Jon back to school after being sick. Jo teaching. I baked coffeecake braid, read & rested. Hard to get rid of my cold. Pete sorted letter files.

Wednesday, February 19, 1986. Foggy in morning, cloudy, 30s. Pete volunteered at hospital. I didn't feel well enough to go. Didn't go to club meeting at Mabel's. Rested, read some. Steve took Mary to dialysis. She walked home.

Thursday, February 20, 1986. Foggy all day, 30s. Fog cleared in evening, cooler. Pete sorted letter files. I had another day of doing nothing. Read some, crocheted some. I feel some better. Had 5 inches snow in night.

Friday, February 21, 1986. Clear, 20s, 15° in morning. Our drive drifted shut. Jo couldn't get out in time to take Mary to dialysis. Girls got her. Jon opened drive. We went to town at 10:00. Got Mary. She & I had hair fixed. We ate lunch at hospital. We got groceries. My sinus bothering me. Put warm compresses on. Ron home from Texas at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 22, 1986. Foggy in morning, 12°, partly cloudy, 32°. We went to Sherry Dunn & Lyndal Stontin's wedding at Funks Grove Church at 7:00 a.m. We were honorary Grandparents. Ron had the ceremony. Very nice wedding. We were happy to be a part of it. Good to see Bills & Cynda & Marvin & Mike. Everyone went to Lincoln for a breakfast reception. Got home at 12:00.

Sunday, February 23, 1986. Cloudy, started to snow about 9:30. Let up some late p.m. Roads slick, bad driving. We went to church. Ate at Golden West. We were going to Lloyd Singley's 40th wedding anniversary reception at Christ Lutheran Church but came home as roads were bad. Wrote to Pauls. Talked to Allens. Had 3 ½ inches snow.

Monday, February 24, 1986. Cloudy in morning, 15°, fair in 20s. I washed and ironed. We got Mary at dialysis. Took her to get groceries. I cooked beef tongue, made rice – hamburger casserole & apple crisp for supper. Gave Rons some for their supper. I crocheted on Afghan.

Tuesday, February 25, 1986. Fair, 8° above, 31°, cloudy in evening and snowing at 7:00 p.m. We delivered Mobile Meals. Mary and we had lunch at Grand Café. Went to Eureka in p.m. Ed about same. We were going to Heritage at Alma Galloway's. Decided to stay home when [it] started to snow. Had 1 ½ inches snow.

Wednesday, February 26, 1986. Cloudy, 27° in morning, 31°. We volunteered at hospital. I worked in beauty shop. Took Merle to cafeteria at noon. I made salad. Jo here awhile after school. We were home in evening.

Thursday, February 27, 1986. Mostly cloudy, snow flurries most of day, 30°, colder. We went to annual meeting at Meadows Home. Pete [church] delegate. We were home by 3:00. I baked coffeecake. Were home in evening.

Friday, February 28, 1986. Clear, 7° above in morning, 27°. Ron left early for Peoria. He flew to Denver for Hospital Meeting. Jo took Mary to dialysis. Pete got her, took her to beauty shop. I finished the quilt for auxiliary. We had lunch at hospital. Pete & I to Clinton to see Dick Baum about a car. Allen called in p.m. saying he had the flu and couldn't come this weekend. We're disappointed & so are they. Sorry he has to be ill.

Saturday, March 1, 1986. Clear, nice day, 30s. Finished cleaning. We met Edgar & Art [Sieg]s at Perkins. We went to College Hills [Mall]. Volunteered at hospital, 3 – 8:30. Jo here few minutes in morning. She lost her voice. She worked at her room in school awhile.

Sunday, March 2, 1986. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., 30s. We went to church. Stayed for MYF chili dinner & bake sale. I took coffeecake for sale. Maple Lawn called. Ed didn't remember we were there on Tuesday. Steve at Flanagan. Wayne Basting died, heart attack. Talked to Allens.

Monday, March 3, 1986. Mostly cloudy, 40°. I washed and ironed. We got Mary at dialysis, took her to hospital beauty shop. She got a permanent. We met Laura & Francis Stamback at Great Wall Restaurant. I took dress to *Thei Tram* (sp?) to have shortened. I cleaned cupboards in bathroom. Made 2 pie crusts for MCC [Relief] Sale.

Tuesday, March 4, 1986. Mostly cloudy, mild. I went to church at 9:00. Women's Fellowship. I took Mary to see Dr. Olson at 11:30. She's doing okay. Took her to bank & Eastland. Had lunch there. She did some shopping. I made Swiss steak for supper. We met Jo in town at 5:00. Went to visitation for Wayne B[asting]. Such a crowd. Jo here for supper. Jon busy.

Wednesday, March 5, 1986. Fair in morning, started to rain and snow about 4:00 PM. Snowed about 2 hours. We volunteered at hospital. I worked in beauty shop. I made rest of pie crusts for Relief sale. Were home in evening. Randys loaded their furniture to move to Newton Iowa. Ron home at night from Denver.

Thursday, March 6, 1986. Fair, 27°, cloudy in p.m., 30s. I took Mary to Gailey's at 8:15. Her eye is doing real well. Got her groceries. I wrote to June [Jantze]. Did some handwashing. Got things ready for supper. Steve, Cindy & Mike Dunn here.

Friday, March 7, 1986. Fair, cold, 13°. We got Mary at dialysis. Had lunch. Did few errands, got groceries. Went to church at 12:30. Shirley K[rahn], Helen [Patton], Helena Springer & Alma G[alloway] got supper for Bluffton choir. Lasagna. Had 54 with helpers, etc. Program was very good. Jo to conference meeting in Chicago after school. Marty home in night.

Saturday, March 8, 1986. Partly cloudy, 27° in morning, 39°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning, made dessert. Mary and we to Eureka [to] see Ed. Seemed more alert, but coughs a lot.

Sunday, March 9, 1986. Fair, windy, warm, 60s, nice day. We went to church. Had small group at church. Got home at 2:00. Were home rest of day. Wrote to Allens. Jo here awhile in evening.

Monday, March 10, 1986. Thundered and lightning, had rain 4:00 a.m. Showered some in morning, cloudy, very windy. About 60° at noon but temp started to drop soon after. I washed & ironed. Mabel & we to town at 10:00. Got Mary & helped her pack dishes in China cabinet. We met Earl Raders at Barney's at 12:30. I baked cookies for Marty. Made coffee cake.

Tuesday, March 11, 1986. Mostly cloudy. I got ready for prayer group. Shirley [Krahn], Alma [Galloway], Helen [Patton], Mary K[aufman], Eddy [Stalter] & Jeanette [Colter] here. We went to town at 2:00. Helped Mary put her apartment in order after they put in a new carpet. We went with Cy [Colter]s to Deercreek for supper.

Wednesday, March 12, 1986. Cloudy, showered some, 40. We volunteered at hospital. Pete got Mary at dialysis, took her to hospital beauty shop. We took her home. Pete with Cy [Colter] to Morton. Got some sausage. I got things ready for dinner. Rons, Marty & Scott ? [her punctuation, indicating she didn't know his last name] here. Jon working. Ron to Cantata practice. Marty & Scott with David R[opp].

Thursday, March 13, 1986. Partly cloudy, 58°. I washed tablecloth & tea towels & lace tablecloth. I went to HEA with Mabel. Dorothy [Singley] & Jeanette [Colter] along. Did cleaning. We went to town at 2:30. Pete met with attorney for closing of Pearl's barn, etc. Ron & Ray there too. Got groceries.

Friday, March 14, 1986. Fair, 50°. We went to church at 7:00. Helped make 80 shoofly pies. Took last pies out at 12:30. Had lunch there. Got home at 1:00. Cindy, Terry S[tutzman] & we to Peoria at 3:15. Pete & I worked at pie counter. Girls were cashiers. Had no breaks. Zehr girls relieved us long enough to get sandwich. Worked until 9:00. Ron in Peoria meetings.

Saturday, March 15, 1986. Cloudy, 40°. Cindy, Mabel & I to [MCC] Relief sale at 9:00. Were home before 12:30. Cindy had to work. Jo was going to go but has cold. Ron & Jon at sale helping. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. I took Mary to get groceries.

Sunday, March 16, 1986. Cloudy, 40s. Marty & friends left at 8:30 for Manhattan [Kansas]. We went to church. Steve had the service. He did well. We had lunch at Denny's. Were home. Wrote Allens.

Monday, March 17, 1986. Fair in morning, 50s, cloudy in p.m. I washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. Took care to College Hills [Mall] to get some yarn. Went to Pennys. Got set of sheets for Lynne Jantze's wedding in Florida. Mary & we spent the afternoon at Seth Swift. Had income tax done.

Tuesday, March 18, 1986. Cloudy, rained in p.m., 50s. Pete to Lenten breakfast at ISU. I went to 3B auxiliary meeting at our church at 9:00. Helen P[atton] there too. Our ladies served soup, salad, rolls & pie or cake. Everyone thought meal was good. I helped awhile with dishes after meeting.

Wednesday, March 19, 1986. Cloudy, windy, colder. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went to Garfield club at Sandy Schwoerer. Took Jeanette. I cleaned broom closet after got home. Talked to Pauls. He's going to meeting in Chicago Friday & Saturday and is coming here Sunday.

Thursday, March 20, 1986. Fair, cold, 17° in morning, in 20s during day. I cleaned the upstairs in morning. Cleaned kitchen cabinets in p.m. I went with Dorothy Singley to Style Show at Farm Bureau. Mabel along too.

Friday, March 21, 1986. Clear, 15° in morning, 40°. Did cleaning. We went to town at 9:30. I helped put quilt in frame for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis. We & Mary to see Ed in p.m. [He] dad bad coughing spell at noon. We got groceries for Mary. We got garden seeds.

Saturday, March 22, 1986. Fair, windy, 50s. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Baked sugar cookies & iced them. Made 2 pie crusts. Jo here awhile in p.m. Paul called at 6:00. He's coming from Chicago, tomorrow noon.

Sunday, March 23, 1986. Fair, 60°, nice day. We went to church. We met Paul at bus station at noon. Good to see him. Rons, Jon, Joan Waltner, Steve & Cindy and we went to Bishops for dinner. Jo & Mary home with us. Ron had practice. We all went to Cantata, "Christ Lay at Death's Dark Door." Cindy Director, Ron sang solo. Rons & Steves came after service. We had pizza, ice cream & cookies.

Tuesday, March 24, 1986. Fair, 60°, nice day. I washed and ironed. Paul and we to Rons office at 11:00. Jo met us there. We went to Golden West for lunch. We took Paul to Sheraton Inn where he got the shuttle bus for O'Hare. His plane left there at 5:10 for Boston. Was good to have him. We went to Clinton to Baums. Got a Buick Century, '82. Was Ken Unzicker's, is Buff color. 24,000 miles, nice car.

Wednesday, March 25, 1986. Fair, very windy, 76°. I washed bedding from our bedroom. Went to Lucy C[atherine's to] prayer group. Jeanette along. Pete trimmed grapes. I cleaned our bedroom. We went to Heritage at John Bertsche's. Werner [Fransen] had program. 16 there.

Thursday, March 26, 1986. Had shower early a.m., cleared off in morning, 65°. We volunteered at hospital. Got groceries. We worked in flower garden awhile. Cleaned it off. Ray plowed truck patch. Jo here awhile. She has vacation this week. Pete got Mary at dialysis.

Thursday, March 27, 1986. Fair, nice, 44° in morning, 50s. I cleaned the kitchen. Washed curtains, baked coffeecake braid, raked some in yard in p.m. Pete got tiller ready to use. We went to communion. Took Mary. Ron there too.

Friday, March 28, 1986. Fair, nice day, warm. We went to town at 8:00. Had my hair done, got groceries. Made chili. Got things ready for supper. Allen, Shirley, Deb, Randy & Brittany got here at 4:00. Good to see them. Steve & Cindy & Rons here awhile in evening. Marty & Renée Stuckey got to Ron's at 11:00 PM.

Saturday, March 29, 1986. Fair, 86°, broke records. Deb, Jo, Renée and I went shopping. Deb got skirt & blouse. Pete planted 3 rows potatoes. I got things ready for supper, ham. Jo fixed potatoes. Cindy brought green salad. I had lemon dessert. They were all here, also Mary. Allens to see Ed & Shirley's sisters. Had a nice evening.

Sunday, March 30, 1986. Easter Sunday. Nice day, 84°. Had light shower at noon. We all went to church and to Rons for soup & salad bar. Very good. Allens & Randys left for home about 2:00. Was good to be together. A very nice service at church.

Monday, March 31, 1986. Fair, 84°, windy, broke records. I washed, big one, 8 loads. Clothes dried fast. Washed bedding from guest room. Ironed. Pete worked up ground in truck patch. We planted another row of potatoes. Planted peas, onions, sowed lettuce, radishes & spinach. I made shoofly pie for Marty. A big day.

Tuesday, April 1, 1986. Cloudy in morning, had shower. Clear in p.m., cooler. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship at 9:00. Came home at noon. I cleaned the west bedroom. Pete worked up ground around some of plants & flowers. Marty & Renée left early for Manhattan [Kansas]. We took Cy [Colter]s to Elms at El Paso.

Wednesday, April 2, 1986. Fair, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. I got permanent at noon. We got Mary. Went to Farm Bureau to have insurance changed on car. Took Mary to Eastland. She did some shopping. Looked for shoes. She took us to bishops to eat. Went to College Hills [Mall]. Mary got pair [of] shoes & yarn. Got home at 7:00.

Thursday, April 3, 1986. Had shower in morning, fair p.m., 76°. I took Mabel & Janette to district HEA meeting at Farm Bureau. I cleaned bathroom in morning. Pete worked outside some. Weeded Iris, cleaned out garage. We were home in evening. Rons to conference at Washington Illinois in evening.

Friday, April 4, 1986. Nice day, 70s. Cindy and we left at 7:30 a.m. for Central District Conference at Washington IL. Large attendance. LeRoy Freisen keynote speaker. Very good. We took tour to Metamora Museum in p.m. Frank Basingers there, so spent some time with them. Ron & Jo left for Manhattan Kansas after school.

Saturday, April 5, 1986. Fair, windy, 76°. Pete to men's breakfast. I did cleaning. Cleaned the Cedar closet & hallway. Pete worked around some of shrubbery. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Pete did chores in morning for Rons.

Sunday, April 6, 1986. A beautiful day, little cooler. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Mary & we to Eureka. Had dinner there. Ed about the same, coughs a lot. Were home in evening. Rons home from Manhattan late.

Monday, April 7, 1986. Fair, 81°, windy. I washed & ironed. We cleaned the bookshelves in living room. Pete put some manure on garden & truck patch. Took straw off roses. I went to church at 11:30. Helped serve dinner for Alma Ramseyer's 80th birthday. Family of 55 [there]. Got home at 4:00. I vacuumed furniture in living room.

Tuesday, April 8, 1986. Fair, cold, windy, 60°. I went with Jeanette to prayer group at Shirley Krahn. Cleaned the dining & living rooms & cleaned the rug's. Pete plowed up flower garden & plowed some in truck patch. I made rhubarb crisp.

Wednesday, April 9, 1986. Fair, chilly, 35° in morning, 59°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Cleaned the fruit room & made quick coffeecake in p.m. We went to Ropp Cemetery. Knuths [Funeral Home] moved our stone from Park Hill Cemetery. Ron to Philadelphia with John Farrell. We were home in evening.

Thursday, April 10, 1986. Fair, 30° in morning, 60°, nice day. We cleaned recreation room in morning. Mary & I to Harvella [Stutzman]'s at 10:00. Quilted on Lenore Waltner's quilt until 4:00. Had lunch there. I took salad. Pete set out onion plants & dozen cabbage, broccoli & cauliflower. Jo here awhile. We went to Iowa Mennonite school choir at church. Steve to Illinois conference at Roanoke.

Friday, April 11, 1986. Clear, 37°, 70° in PM, nice day. Pete worked outside in yard. I quilted for auxiliary in morning. Met some nurses at Grand Café at noon. 17 there. Pete & I trimmed raspberries. Jo took us to Denny's for supper. Went to Casey's, got hanging plant for Ina Sutter. Her brother passed away.

Saturday, April 12, 1986. Fair in morning, cloudy, rained in p.m. We worked outside in morning. I raked yard. We took Edgar to Denny's for lunch. He paid for our lunch. We shopped some. We volunteered at hospital. Took some dresses to Merle. Jo to Illinois conference at Roanoke in PM.

Sunday, April 13, 1986. A nice day. We went to church. Jo, Jon & we were at Mary's for dinner. We all went to Cindy's recital at 3:00 at church. Good crowd. Was very good. We were home in evening.

Monday, April 14, 1986. Cloudy, windy, rained, .22 inches [rain], 57°. I washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. We met Laura & Francis Stamback at Pancake House. Went to College Hills [Mall]. Cleaned the furnace & laundry room. Pete plowed some in truck patch.

Tuesday, April 15, 1986. Mostly cloudy, cold, 28°, few snow flurries. I went to prayer group at Helen P[attons]. Went to Farm Bureau at 11:00. Quilted on HEA's quilt until 2:00. Pete & I to Simon Nafzigers at Minier. Got there at 3:00. They took us for a ride over the area, Hopedale, Farmington, etc. and to dinner at Village Inn. Nice afternoon.

Wednesday, April 16, 1986. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 50s. We volunteered at hospital. We went to Garfield day out. Met at House of Hunan. Evelyn invited Pete so he went along. Took Mary and Jeanette. Isabel [Basting] showed slides. Mary fell on sidewalk there. Took her to ER at Mennonite. Has a broken bone on side of her foot. Has an ace bandage & walking shoe. Is to see Dr. Nord Friday. I got her supper for her. Wanted her to come home with us but she didn't want to.

Thursday, April 17, 1986. Partly cloudy, 62°. I made vegetable soup. Took Mary some. Went to Stutzman's at 10:00. Quilted all day. Pete worked outside some.

Friday, April 18, 1986. Partly cloudy, 60s. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted awhile at auxiliary. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to Dr. Nord. She's to wear the ace bandage & orthopedic shoe for 6 weeks. Took her to hospital beauty shop. We had lunch there. Got her groceries. Got home at 1:30. We spaded flower beds. Made rhubarb crisp.

Saturday, April 19, 1986. Fair, nice day, 70°. Pete to men's breakfast. We went to Mennonite church at Morton to Genealogical Meeting. Stopped to see Ed on way home. He wasn't feeling good, didn't get to dinner at noon. I baked bars. Mike Emericks at Rons. Went to hog sale at Melvin.

Sunday, April 20, 1986. Showered some in morning. We went to church. Took Mary. Wilbur Albrechts & [their] daughter Shirley were in church. They asked us to go with them to Metamora and to Museum to program on Christian Reeser's life. Ruth's brothers & sisters met us at restaurant in Metamora. Was an interesting afternoon. We stopped at Steve & Cindy's on way home.

Monday, April 21, 1986. Cloudy, cold, near 50°. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis. Pete & I to Eastland. I quilted 2 hours at auxiliary room. Pete to dentist. We & Mary to hospital at 3:00, recognition for volunteers. We were at Rons for supper.

Tuesday, April 22, 1986. Clear, 26° in morning, broke record. Near 50°. I went to prayer group at Alma [Galloway]'s. I got ready for Heritage group in p.m. Baked rhubarb cakes. Had 22 here for meeting. Ron & Jo here for awhile. Phil & Allen Dick told about being preachers' kids.

Wednesday, April 23, 1986. Fair, warmer, 60s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Mary & I quilted at Harvella's in p.m. Pete came home, mowed yard. We went to see Cy Colters in evening. Cy not feeling very good.

Thursday, April 24, 1986. Fair, warm, 81°. We washed windows & put screens in. We worked outside awhile in p.m. Spaded around roses and fed & watered them. I got supper, made rhubarb crisp. Steve & Cindy here. Had waffles & sausage. Rons busy. Maple Lawn [Home] called. Ed has eye infection, is in isolation.

Friday, April 25, 1986. Fair, windy, hot, 91°, broke records. We went to town at 9:00. I had bizarre meeting. I went to church at 10:00 [to] help make barbecue for Sunday evening. Pete got Mary, took her to beauty shop & got her groceries. I went to Harvella [Stutzman]'s. She done my hair. Finished cleaning & washed some blouses & dress. Called Maple Lawn. Ed about same. Mary got sick at dialysis. Bill Ramseyers at Steves.

Saturday, April 26, 1986. Fair, hot, 91°. Pete & Rons planting white pine trees. I went to alumni homecoming at 11:00 at our church. Rons to Shawn Desch's wedding. They planted trees after they got home. I worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Helped some with trees. Worked late. We planted row [of] trees on north side of house.

Sunday, April 27, 1986. Fair, windy. We went to church, took Mary. Steves, Bill Ramseyers, Mary & we & Rons ate at Steak 'n Shake. Bills left for home. Took Mary home. We went to church at 3:30. Got things ready for Festival choir. We had barbecue & drinks. Other churches brought salad, relishes & cookies. Had 100. Large crowd for program. We & Rons to Mennonite ER, visited with Sherry [Dunn]. We took Merle to program.

Monday, April 28, 1986. Had 4/10 inch rain early a.m. Cloudy, windy, cold, 50°. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis. I washed some blouses & polished silverware. Pete sorting some things that Mabel brought.

Tuesday, April 29, 1986. Mostly fair, 81°. I went to prayer group at Mary Kaufmans, then to luncheon for Golden HEAers [HEA = Homemakers Extension Association] at Farm Bureau. Nice meeting. Got home at 3:00. We set out 8 tomato plants & 4 cabbage & 4 cauliflower plants. Put in beets, carrots & 1 row of beans & 2 rows sweetcorn. Rained some in night.

Wednesday, April 30, 1986. Had thunderstorm early a.m. Rained off & on most of day. We volunteered at hospital awhile in morning. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to bank. Pete had tooth pulled at Dr. Lebow's at 11:00. Went to Mary's awhile. She & we had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. We went to Harvella [Stutzman]'s, helped finish Lenore Waltner's quilt. Pete got along okay. Kept ice on his jaw awhile.

Thursday, May 1, 1986. Clear, 60°, windy from northwest. I washed porch. We took some things to Thrift Shop. Took Mary some rhubarb & asparagus. We went to Niepagens. Got petunias, pansies, tomatoes, peppers & eggplants & geraniums. I baked cookies, coffeecake & rhubarb crisp. Ron and Jo here for supper. Had sausage and waffles.

Friday, May 2, 1986. Fair, 60°, chilly wind. We went to town at 9:30. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis, took her to hospital beauty shop. We had lunch in town. Got Mary's groceries. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. I worked outside awhile. Maple Lawn called, Ed is out of isolation. His eye is better. Ron got 20 baby chicks (roosters). Cindy flew to Newton Kansas.

Saturday, May 3, 1986. Clear, 36° in morning, 62°, beautiful day. Pete to men's breakfast. Jo to [Camp] Friedenswald for meeting. Ron and we set out 150 Red Maple trees & 175 White Pine. Ron & Jo here for lunch. Ron took us to dinner at Barney's. Was a big day.

Sunday, May 4, 1986. Fair, 70s, windy. We went to church. Mary & we ate at Denny's. Went to see Ed. He isn't good, very depressed. Ron preached at Minier. Steve was at East Bend and Dewey churches. Jo home from [Camp] Friedenswald.

Monday, May 5, 1986. Fair, 80s, very windy. I washed and ironed. We planted 2 rows beans. Set out tomato plants, peppers & eggplant. We got Mary at dialysis. Took her to HEA at Normal. We met Laura & Francis Stamback at Bob Knapp's. We took Steve to ISU [to] get bus to O'Hare at 3:15. He went to Toronto Canada. We set out Petunia plants & planted cucumbers, mush melons & watermelons.

Tuesday, May 6, 1986. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., thunderstorms in the area. We had shower, very windy at times, looked stormy in evening. Pete doing some odd jobs. Mary & I went to church at 9:50. Quilted until 2:30. We set out Dahlia bulbs in PM. We planted gladiolas in morning. Marie Woizeski in California passed away.

Wednesday, May 7, 1986. Fair, 80s, more humid. We volunteered at hospital awhile. I went to board meeting (auxiliary) at 9:30. Pete got Mary at dialysis. We went to auxiliary quarterly meeting. Had lunch in there. We sowed flower seeds in PM. Stirred up rolls. I talked to Allens.

Thursday, May 8, 1986. Fair, 80s. I went to HDA with Mabel. Pete mowed lawn. I baked pecan rolls. We took Mary to see Dr. Olson at dialysis. She's doing all right. Took her to Casey's. She got plants for Jo and rose for me for Mother's Day. We watered Steve's plants. I done some packing in evening. I had wall hanging from Deb & Randy.

Friday, May 9, 1986. Partly cloudy, 80s. We got Mary at dialysis. Left town at 11:00 for Allens. Mary with us. Got to Allens at 5:30. Thankful for safe trip. Randys here too. Good to see them all. Drove in several showers in p.m. Had thunder storms in evening. Had ½ inch rain.

Saturday, May 10, 1986. A gloomy rainy drizzly day. Shirley to office awhile in morning. Deb, Shirley, Brittany, Mary & I to Ames awhile in p.m. Allen mowed lawn between showers. Randys to his folks for supper. We took Allens to Village Inn for supper.

Sunday, May 11, 1986. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., little cooler. We all went to church. Had dinner at Allens. Randy left for Des Moines at 2:30 to fly to Seattle. We all went to nursery in

p.m. Allens gave me a rose for Mother's Day. I gave Shirley & Deb some begonias. We took some pictures. Steve home from Canada. Cindy home from Kansas.

Monday, May 12, 1986. We left Allens at 8:15. Got to town at 3:00. We had some fog until we got to River. Was in 80s. Allen & Shirley to work. Deb & Brittany staying a few days. Jo & I to mother-daughter salad luncheon & program. Cindy with us too. Mary went with Ina [Sutter]. Ron, Jim [Waltner], Ben, Tom [Yoder] and John B[ertsche] served & cleaned up. Nice program. Many wedding dresses modeled.

Tuesday, May 13, 1986. Mostly cloudy, 80s. Had showers in p.m. & again in evening, .14 inches. I went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]s. I washed & ironed. Set out rosebushes from Mary and Allens. Pete worked in truck patch some. Rons & we to visitation for Mrs. Gundy at Flanagan. Rained some.

Wednesday, May 14, 1986. Fair, 70s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked coffee cake braid. Pete plowed some in truck patch. I worked outside awhile. Pulled weeds in raspberries.

Thursday, May 15, 1986. Cloudy, rained in morning & had shower in p.m., 70s. I quilted at church awhile in morning. We got Mary, took her to dentist at 11:00. Went to Eureka. Had lunch at Goodfield. Ed not good, coughs so much & is weak. Tornado watch out in evening. Marty hurt his foot playing ball, has sprain.

Friday, May 16, 1986. Mostly fair, near 80°. Tornado watch out a while in evening. Did cleaning. I went to town at 9:00. Quilted at auxiliary. Got Mary at hospital at 11:30. Got her groceries. We went to church at 1:00, helped quilt. I came home at 2:30. Ina [Sutter] took Mary home. Pete mowed lawn & worked some in truck patch. We planted lima beans. I did some trimming. Verner Kurth passed away.

Saturday, May 17, 1986. Had .04 inch rain early morning, partly cloudy, looked stormy in evening, were under tornado watch in p.m. until 9:00 p.m. rained at 8:00. We took Edgar to lunch at Denny's. (He paid the bill.) We went to Eastland and to hospital, volunteered, 4 – 8:30. Marty home from Manhattan [Kansas] at 9:00. Injured his foot several days ago.

Sunday, May 18, 1986. Cloudy, showers, cool, 50s. We went to church. Small group met at Marilyn Reeser's. We were only ones there. Went to Long-Term Care Ice Cream Social at 3:00. Then to visitation for Verna Kurth. We went to Rons awhile [to] see Marty.

Monday, May 19, 1986. Fair in p.m., windy, cool, 60°. I washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis, then to church. Quilted until about 4:00. Pete worked outside some. Ina [Sutter] & Harvella [Stutzman] quilted too. We were home in evening.

Tuesday, May 20, 1986. Fair, 37° in morning, 60s. I got ready for prayer group. Lucy C[atherine], Alma [Galloway], Alta [Litwiller], Shirley [Krahn] & Jeanette [Colter] here. I went to church in p.m., quilted. Harvella & Ina there & Mary. Harvella finished it. Glad it's done. Pete

worked some in truck patch, plowed Gundy's & Loepp's garden. We went with Cy [Colter]s to Barney's at 5:00. Cys here awhile after we got back.

Wednesday, May 21, 1986. Fair, nice day, 69°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete took Mary & I to Lucy Catherine's to Garfield meeting. Came home with Jeanette. Pete worked in truck patch.

Thursday, May 22, 1986. Fair, nice day, 70s. We worked outside in morning. Hoed in garden & truck patch. We went to Funks Home and Museum at 1:00 (Prime Timers). Ate at Eric's at 5:30, then to Farm Bureau to meeting. Stopped at Steves on way home. Mary Ramseyer is there. Ron to Chicago. Jo went with Mary to mother-daughter dinner at Phoenix [Towers].

Friday, May 23, 1986. Fair, 75°. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis, took her to hospital beauty shop & got her groceries. We got sweet potato plants at Byler's. Got groceries. We worked outside in p.m. and planted sweet potatoes. Cindy had O[ut] P[atient] surgery at Brokaw. They got home at 4:30.

Saturday, May 24, 1986. Mostly cloudy, 75°. We worked outside most of morning. Jo & we to cemeteries at 1:30. Took peonies. Jo to church at 3:00, had meetings rest of day. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, May 25, 1986. Mostly cloudy, 70s. We went to church. Had carry in dinner. Dick Blackburn was speaker. He's from Lombard church. Youth recital was at 1:30. Cindy came to church but not able to stay. Angie & Velma took over choirs.

Monday, May 26, 1986. Cloudy, rainy day, had over an inch. Glad for the rain. I washed & ironed. Waxed dining room furniture. We defrosted the freezer. I baked rhubarb strawberry cake. We went to Rons for barbecued chicken. The Bergens, Steve, Cindy & Mary there. Dialysis girls got Mary in morning. Rons took her home at 10:00. Had over an inch of rain.

Tuesday, May 27, 1986. Cloudy, fair in p.m., 75°. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Jeanette along. Brought Mary out. We went to Eureka. Ed about the same. Steve here for supper, had ribs & sauerkraut. Cindy went to Ohio. Vera Beachy called. Alvin passed away this morning.

Wednesday, May 28, 1986. Mostly cloudy, 70s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Merle to Troyer Cemetery. Took some flowers from here [to] put on the graves. Pete mowed the lawn.

Thursday, May 29, 1986. Partly cloudy, 83°. Rained early a.m., .4 inch. We took Mary to Dr. Nord. She had foot x-rayed. She can wear her shoe. We met Dorothy Scogin at Bob Knapp's at noon. Had good visit with her. We picked 5 quarts strawberries. I put 2 quarts in freezer. Gave Jo 2 quarts. Steve here for supper. Had steak & strawberry shortcake.

Friday, May 30, 1986. Fair, 80s. I went to town, quilted at auxiliary room in morning. Got groceries. Pete weeded some in Gundys & Loepps garden. We worked outside in p.m.

Saturday, May 31, 1986. Fair, nice day, 86°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. We picked about 6 boxes strawberries. Put 2 jars in freezer. Gave Mary a box. Gave Rons rest of them. Pete plowed some in truck patch & worked some in flower garden. We sowed more lettuce, radishes, beets. Worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Earl Mishler passed away.

Sunday, June 1, 1986. Fair, quite warm, 80s. We took Merle to church, then to bishops for dinner (Merle paid). Mary along. She came home with us. We went to Catherine Mishler's. Took her coffee cake. We went to church at 6:30, get together for June & Larry & Chris Jantze. Good to see them. Ron flew to St. Joe Missouri.

Monday, June 2, 1986. Clear, cool, windy, 70°, nice day. I did laundry. Pete plowed truck patch. We picked 5 quarts strawberries. Gave Steve a box. I put 3 jars in freezer. Gave Jo the rest. We met Laura and Francis Stamback at Bishops at noon. We helped Steve & Cindy pack in PM. We went to visitation for Earl Mishler.

Tuesday, June 3, 1986. Clear, 79°, beautiful day. We hoed in garden & truck patch. Took Mary to see Dr. Olson at 11:30. Just as we got there they had word he couldn't get there. I baked coffeecake braid & stained picnic table & benches. We took Jo to Avanti's to celebrate last day of school. Steve & Cindy move their things to Chicago. They were here all night.

Wednesday, June 4, 1986. Scattered showers, 80s, humid. We had 1/3 inch rain in evening. We volunteered at hospital. Picked 4 ½ boxes strawberries. Mary, Jo & we to see Ed on his 95th birthday. He wasn't feeling good. Mary took cookies. We had ice cream & strawberries. Steve, Cindy, Mary & we to Grand Café. Mary paid most of it. Ron home from Missouri. Steves here all night.

Thursday, June 5, 1986. Cloudy, rained in showers all day. Had over an inch since yesterday. I made strawberry pie. We went to Steve's. I helped clean. Pete took Mary to Gailey's. We got home at noon. Brought more [of] Steve's things out here. They brought [a] lot out yesterday. We both had physicals at Dr. Bertsche's. Pete took Mary to dialysis [to] see Dr. Olson. Steve finished moving & left for Chicago. We went with Cy [Colter]s to Ben Krahn's. Had potluck for Larry & June Jantze.

Friday, June 6, 1986. Mostly cloudy, some showers, 78°, humid. Pete mowed the lawn. I went to church at 10:00. We made barbecue for a choir that's coming to our church Sunday p.m. I went to hospital at 11:30, had hair done. We picked about 4 boxes strawberries. Put 2 jars in freezer. I washed 2 loads. Ron & Jo left at 4:00 for Fort Wayne Indiana. Tornado warnings out for Southern McLean [County].

Saturday, June 7, 1986. Rained in morning, clearing in p.m., 80s, less humid in evening. Finished cleaning. Made strawberry pie & shortcake. Got things ready for dinner. Marty & Jon here. Picked quart of strawberries. Maple Lawn called in p.m. Ed seems worse. Dr. saw him, says his lungs are very bad. Medication doesn't help his cough. He doesn't eat. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Steves called in morning. They are getting settled.

Sunday, June 8, 1986. Fair, nice day, 80s. We went to church & to Woizeski reunion. 8 there, Clarence Siegs, Mabel, Ray, Kenny & Gordon, Pete & I. Will meet at Gordons next year, decide if we should discontinue meeting. We went to church at 2:00 [to] prepare meal for choir from Mennonite church in Chicago (all black). Good program. Was at 3:30. Got home at 7:30. Talked to Deb & Randy. Rons in Ohio.

Monday, June 9, 1986. Cloudy, looked rainy, 79°. I did laundry. We picked nearly 4 boxes [straw]berries. Put jar in freezer. Made 2 ½ pints preserves. Gave Mary & Rons some. We picked peas. Had [some] for lunch. Gave Mary some. I worked in flower garden. Pete plowed & worked in truck patch. I fed roses. Went to hospital at 3:00, had mammogram. Ron & Jo home at 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, 1986. Cloudy in morning, little shower, 86°, humid, fair. Good breeze. We hoed sweet corn. Mary & we met Ruth Zehr for lunch at Eureka. Went to see Ed. He's in bed, has made a big change since last week. Constant cough, doesn't eat. I called Orvie in evening.

Wednesday, June 11, 1986. Partly cloudy, windy, quite humid in morning. We volunteered at hospital. We picked peas & nearly 3 quarts berries. Pete plowed some in truck patch. I hoed some. Gave Jo peas, and some berries, also broccoli. We were at Rons for fish fry.

Thursday, June 12, 1986. Cloudy, cool, 60s. I went to HEA, took Mabel, Jeanette [Colter] & Dorothy S[ingley]. Jo, Pete & I to see Ed in p.m. He's about same. Had him up awhile in morning. Coughs all the time. We were home in evening.

Friday, June 13, 1986. Fair, nice day, 83°. We went to town at 9:30. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Took her to Eastland to shop. Got groceries. Pete mowed lawn. I washed car. We picked nearly quart strawberries, shampooed my hair. Orvie & Evelyn called in evening. Ron to see Ed. They had him up in chair. Jo here awhile. She sent in reservations for us for Conference at Saskatoon Canada.

Saturday, June 14, 1986. Cloudy, 70s, rained in evening. We picked peas. Finished the cleaning. Pete worked in truck patch. I made cherry dessert. Jo here awhile. We did some trimming in yard. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:00.

Sunday, June 15, 1986. Fair, 80s, more humid. We went to church. No Sunday School as retreat at [Camp] Menno Haven. Jim Waltners, Rons, Mary & Kevin Reeser here for dinner. Had ham

balls. Jo brought fruit salad. Ron & boys went fishing. Jims left go to Meadows. We took Mary home. Allen called in morning.

Monday, June 16, 1986. Fair, 87°, little cooler in p.m. Did the laundry. We picked peas, put 1 ½ pints in freezer, gave Mary some. Pete sprayed thistles. We & Mary to see Ed in p.m. He was quiet most of time. Blood pressure low & pulse weak & slow. [He] doesn't eat.

Tuesday, June 17, 1986. Beautiful day, 70s. We worked in garden and truck patch in morning. Went to town at 11:00. Got Mary & Freida Bell. Went to McLean, met Dorothy Scogin, Hazel Fulton & Rose Girdler her. Had a good visit. Jo here awhile in p.m. She signed contract to teach at Colleen Hoose school next year. I washed Pete's sweaters.

Wednesday, June 18, 1986. Another nice day, 80s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got things ready for Garfield picnic at Underwood Park. Made meatloaf & broccoli salad. Jo picked peas. We helped her pod them. We took Mabel, Mary & Kay Mishler to picnic. 22 there.

Thursday, June 19, 1986. Fair, hot, 92°, more humid. We worked outside. We went to town at 5:00. Mary took Jim & Lenore Waltner & we to Grand Café. We went to her apartment awhile after we ate. Ron & Jon put in our air conditioner in morning.

Friday, June 20, 1986. Clear, hot, 95°. Did cleaning. Picked few peas. I went to town at 9:00, helped finish the auxiliary quilt. Cleaned up kitchen & shampooed my hair. I called Maple Lawn in morning. Ed's condition about same, except getting weaker, doesn't eat. Jo to Ohio to meeting.

Saturday, June 21, 1986. Fair, hot, 94°, little more breeze. We picked peas. Put 4 ½ quarts in freezer. We met Art [Sieg]s & Edgar [Gurtner] at Golden Coin at noon. Went to College Hills [Mall] awhile. Got groceries. Ron, Marty & Jon here for supper. Put 3 cartons broccoli in freezer.

Sunday, June 22, 1986. Fair, good breeze, not quite as hot, 80s. We went to church. Mary & we to Eureka. Ed is getting weaker. Was very restless for awhile but got quieter & slept some. Florence Cromley died.

Monday, June 23, 1986. Partly cloudy, 80s, pleasant. Washed. We picked peas. Put 7 ½ pints in freezer. We met Edgar [Gurtner], Mary Nierstheimer, Nancy Kampmeier & Art Siegs at Denny's. Went to Mary's awhile. Had good visit with Nancy. I ironed. We went with Cy [Colter]s at 6:00 to Ponderosa, then to Eastland. We got sheets for Bryan Krahn's wedding. Jo got home from Indiana at 11:30.

Tuesday, June 24, 1986. Clear, another pleasant day, 78°. We hoed in garden & truck patch. We met Earl Raiders at Pancake House at noon. We took Mabel & Mary along. Had nice visit. Jo here awhile in morning.

Wednesday, June 25, 1986. Fair, 47° in morning, warmer, 79°. We volunteered at hospital. Worked in truck patch awhile. Jo picked peas. We went to visitation training session led by Ron & Don [Nester].

Thursday, June 26, 1986. Fair, warmer, humid, 90s. We picked beans. I canned 3 pints. Had [some] for lunch. Gave Mary some. Went to town at noon. I had a permanent. Jo to meeting at Dwight in morning. Maple Lawn [Home] called Jo about 3:00. Said Ed is weaker, has pneumonia, blood pressure low. Jo & we went over at 4:00. He was quiet most of time. Got home at 6:45. We picked nearly quart [of] raspberries.

Friday, June 27, 1986. Fair, windy, 89°. Had thunderstorm at 3:30 – 4:00. Had 1 ¼ inch rain. A welcome the rain. We went to Rons at 7:30. Helped dress 22 chickens. Put in freezer. We got 10. We ate at Rons, had fried chicken for supper, was good. Marty left at 6:00 for Beatrice Nebraska for wedding. Steve flew to Fresno California for wedding.

Saturday, June 28, 1986. Foggy in morning, Hartley cloudy, humid, hot. We dressed 19 chickens at Rons. Got 1 ½ bushels of apples at Birkelbaws. We picked peas & over a bucket of green beans. Gave them to Jo. I made apple pie & cherry salad for potluck supper at church for Alta Litwillers 75th birthday. Cindy got here about 7:30.

Sunday, June 29, 1986. Partly cloudy, 80s. We all went to church. Was Jim Waltner's last sermon here. We had a dinner afterwards (our kitchen committee finished our 6 months). There was a program at 1:00. Was hard to see Jims leave. Rons, Cindy & Kevin Reeser had supper here. Jo brought hamburgers. Orvie & Evelyn called. Allens called & we called Pauls. He & Andy kinda planned to come when we go to conference. We'll see what we can work out.

Monday, June 30, 1986. Had rain after midnight and thunderstorm & some wind at 5:00. Had 1 ¾ inches rain. Had shower at noon. I washed & ironed. Cindy had big washing. She went to town in p.m. I picked beans, canned 6 quarts, gave Cindy some, also cauliflower & cabbage. We picked quart [of] raspberries. Put jar in freezer. I cooked applesauce. Pete mowed lawn. Cindy left at 5:30.

Tuesday, July 1, 1986. Rained most of day. Had 1 inch. Have had 3 inches rain since Sunday night. LeRoy Ropps from Wellman Iowa came in morning. We went to Denny's for dinner. They left at 4:30 for home. I went to Dr. *Seehofer* (sp?), had cyst or little tumor taken off my cheek. We enjoyed the Ropps visit. She is interested in family history. Put 7 jars applesauce in freezer.

Wednesday, July 2, 1986. Fair, cooler, 70s, nice day after the rain. We volunteered at hospital in morning. We picked nearly 2 boxes raspberries. Gave Jo a box. I put jar in freezer. We picked beans. Canned 4 quarts. Cooked kettle [of] applesauce. I put package of cauliflower in freezer. Pete sprayed thistles. We went to church. Bluffton College quartet gave program.

Thursday, July 3, 1986. Fair, nice day. I washed 3 loads & ironed. Pete sprayed more thistles. Maple Lawn [Home] called Ron at 7:30. Said Ed wasn't responding at times. Mary, Pete & I went to Eureka at 11:00. Ed was quiet, but more restless in afternoon. Blood pressure is low. We came home at 4:00. I put carton [of] broccoli in freezer. Ron did some trimming for us.

Friday, July 4, 1986. Fair, 80s, windy. We picked raspberries. Put jar in freezer. Worked in garden awhile. Pete picked green beans. I canned 3 pints and had [some] for supper. We helped Rons dress 4 chickens for supper. Rays, Mabel, Mary, we, Kevin Reeser & Allen Denzer at Rons. I made potato salad. We watched fireworks in town, also on television from Liberty Island. Steves to Allens.

Saturday, July 5, 1986. Fair, more humid, 91°, good breeze. We worked in garden & truck patch. Ron helped plow both. Gave Jo 2 head [of] cauliflower. I put carton [of] cauliflower in freezer. I called Maple Lawn. Ed is weaker. We sowed endive & some radishes. We went to town at 2:30. Got Pete trousers & blue shirt. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Jo picked beans & canned 7 quarts.

Sunday, July 6, 1986. Fair, 90°, humid. We went to church. Mary & we to Eureka. Ed weaker & more confused. Wrote to Allens. Picked quart [of] raspberries.

Monday, July 7, 1986. Fair, hot and humid, 90°. I washed & ironed. Went to church at 9:30. Helped Jo with dinner for Home Extension tomorrow. Pete & I met Laura & Francis Stamback at Carson's for lunch. Jo to Chillicothe in p.m. to meet Renée S[tuckey]. Talked to Cindy [when] they got back from Allens. Helped Jo with chicken salad for tomorrow.

Tuesday, July 8, 1986. Fair, hot, humid. Had rain in p.m. and night, ½ inch. Ed passed away at 2:25. We shall miss him but we are thankful that he could be relieved and his wishes were granted. I went to HEA annual meeting at our church. Jo was in charge of luncheon. Ron, Mary, Pete & I to funeral home at 3:30. Made arrangements for Ed's funeral. We called Pauls, Steve, Deb (couldn't get Allens). They called later. Talked to Orvie. We went with Rons to Shakespeare play.

Wednesday, July 9, 1986. Cloudy, little cooler. I canned 7 quarts & 3 pints beans. Pete & I to Maple Lawn Home and funeral home in morning. Got Ed's things at the Home. Funeral will be Friday at 1:00. Memorial service at Home at 10:45. Picked nearly quart raspberries. Put jar in freezer. Cooked applesauce & put package [of] broccoli in freezer. Paul called. He won't be coming to the funeral. Allen called. He plans to come Friday morning.

Thursday, July 10, 1986. Rained in morning. We went to town at 9:30. Pete & I took our drivers test & passed. Glad it's over. I went to Dr. Seehofer. My face is doing all right, about healed. We picked beans. Pete mowed lawn. Jo helped snap beans. She fixed supper. We ate here. Steve, Mary, Marty & Renée here. Ron had meeting. Deb called. We had thunder storms in evening. Steve here all night.

Friday, July 11, 1986. Had rain in morning, partly cloudy, good breeze. Ron, Mary, Steve, Pete & I to Eureka at 10:00. We stopped at funeral home. Ed looks nice & peaceful. We went to Memorial service at Home at 10:45. Nice service. Allen got there too. We all went to church at 12:00 for visitation until 1:00. Steve, Marty & Jon, Ken Ulrich, Harold Kenagy & Schwartzentruber were pallbearers. Went to church for lunch. Rons, Mary & Steve here for supper. Marty took Renée to train.

Saturday, July 12, 1986. Had thunderstorm at 8:00 a.m. Rained again at noon. Had $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Pete to men's breakfast. I canned 4 quarts pickled beets. Washed 3 loads & ironed. Steve left for Chicago at 8:45. I picked quart of raspberries. Gave to Rons. We helped Jo pick beans.

Sunday, July 13, 1986. Clear, nice day, not as humid, 80s. We went to church. Ron preached. We were home for lunch. I wrote thank you notes. Made fruit salad for small group meeting at Jurgen Schroeer. Dick Baums, Homer Parks, Elsie & Leatha [Gilbert] were there.

Monday, July 14, 1986. Had $\frac{1}{3}$ inch rain early morning. Fair in p.m., 80s and humid. I washed & ironed. Put package of cauliflower in freezer. Fixed Swedish coleslaw. Picked pint raspberries & fixed $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon dill pickles. Had sweetcorn for lunch. Pete cut butter print along road & I pulled weeds in truck patch.

Tuesday, July 15, 1986. Fair, hot, humid, 90°. Pete sprayed thistles. I pulled weeds in truck patch. Helped Jo pick beans. We met Dorothy Scogin, Mary, Freida Bell, (unclear) & Hazel Fulton at Bob Knapp's. Mary & we to Maple Mawn. Took Memorial money (\$95). Rons & Marty here for supper. Had eggplant & sweet corn & sliced tomatoes.

Wednesday, July 16, 1986. Fair, hot, 95°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I put 3 containers Swedish slaw in freezer. Fixed $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon dill pickles. Worked in yard & garden later. Pete mowed lawn after supper. Ron went with Gail [Bressner] to Indiana.

Thursday, July 17, 1986. Fair, hot, 90s, humid. We worked in truck patch awhile. Jo & we to town at 10:00. Got Mary. Went shopping at both malls. We took Mary to lunch at Bishops. She got me white blouse & pink slacks for my birthday. She got skirt & blouse. I washed & ironed. Done packing. Pete plowed some in truck patch.

Friday, July 18, 1986. Clear, hot, 90s. Jo and we left home at 7:30 for our trip to conference at Saskatoon [Canada]. We stopped at Newton Iowa. Had lunch with Deb & Randy. The air conditioner went out on Jo's car. We got to Nevada at 3:05. Went to garage. They got parts & had it fixed by 5:00 p.m. We had dinner at Allens. Jeff & Pat here too.

Saturday, July 19, 1986. Fair, cooler as we traveled west. We left Allens at 6:20. Drove to Jamestown North Dakota, 630 miles. We ate lunch at Freeman South Dakota. Jo & I did little shopping. Got dress for Mary & I got white jacket. Stopped at Mitchell South Dakota. Saw the

Corn Palace. Crops didn't look so good in South Dakota. Saw many many bales of hay. An interesting drive. Jo called home. 101° there. Ron got home. Marty's hog placed 2nd.

Sunday, July 20, 1986. We left Jamestown at 7:30. We got to Saskatchewan border at 2:35 PM. Speed limit 60 mph. Saw fields of yellow flowers. Got to Regina at 4:00 (a beautiful city). Called our hosts. We drove on to Saskatoon & found our way to our hosts (25 miles North of Saskatoon). Got here at 9:30. Our hosts Bill & Tina Newford. A nice home.

Monday, July 21, 1986. Nice day. We had breakfast with our hosts. Went to conference registration. Saw many people we knew. Had lunch there. Went to afternoon session. We ate at Chinese place in evening. Enjoyed the CMBC [Canadian Mennonite Bible College?] choir. Large attendance.

Tuesday, July 22, 1986. Fair, warmer. We went to conference after our breakfast with our hosts. Some more friends & renewed acquaintances. Had open discussion in p.m. on sexuality. Jo had workshop in p.m. We ate at Dairy Queen in evening. Had shower in night. Cooler.

Wednesday, July 23, 1986. Partly cloudy, much cooler, pleasant. Went to conference. 2000 have registered & over 500 youth. *COE* (sp?) Had program in morning. Pete to Farm Crisis workshop. I went to one on aging. Youth had program in evening. Large crowd. Saw Steve. Howard Brown spoke, had dynamics sermon. Had snacks with our hosts before going to bed.

Thursday, July 24, 1986. Mostly fair, had shower in p.m. We went to conference. COM had program in morning. We went to town to Western Museum in p.m. Jo had workshop & meeting. We had lunch in car. Myron Augsburg had very good sermon.

Friday, July 25, 1986. Fair, nice day. Had Saskatoon cookies for breakfast. Went to conference. Had discussion on sexuality. Recommendation finally passed. We went shopping awhile in p.m. We went to Bluffton get together after program. Had lunch with our hosts before retiring.

Saturday, July 26, 1986. Fair, nice day. Jo to conference. Bill and Tina Newford took us on tour to their church to Hague and crossed River on ferry and on to Hutterite Colony which was very interesting. We took them to dinner on way to Saskatoon. Met Jo at 3:00. We left our hosts. We enjoyed our stay with them. Started for home at 4:00. Drove 230 miles to Yorkton. Jo talked to Ron in morning. Hot & dry at home.

Sunday, July 27, 1986. Fair. Left Yorkton at 8:00. Drove to Winnipeg. Stopped at the capital. Took some pictures. Then on to Steinback. Went through Mennonite Museum. Ate there & left there at 7:45. Drove to Lake Bronson. Got motel, small place.

Monday, July 28, 1986. Mostly fair. We left our motel at 6:40. Ate breakfast at Karlstad. Saw dairies in Minnesota. Swampy area, wheat fields & lakes. Ate lunch at Rice. Drove to Allens. Got here at 7:00. Good to see them. Had 1 ½ inches rain & were under tornado warnings at 10:00 p.m. Some damage done in areas.

Tuesday, July 29, 1986. Fair, 80s. Pete went with Allen to Kiwanis breakfast. Jeff & Pat came so [we] got to see them. We left Allens at 8:00. Stopped at Amana's. Jo did some shopping for boys. We got home at 4:15. Good to be home & thankful for a good trip. Thanks to Jo.

Wednesday, July 30, 1986. Fair, hot. I washed and ironed. Jo & Pete dug 2 rows potatoes. I made 4 quarts dills. We went to town awhile in p.m. Jo mowed lawn. Pete mowed ours. We took Mary some vegetables. Rons took us to Bishops for my birthday. Went to [McLean County] Fair awhile. Allens called & Paul called. He's coming August 21.

Thursday, July 31, 1986. Had one half inch rain early a.m., fair, hot. I canned 7 ½ quarts tomatoes. Pete pulled some weeds. I put 4 pints corn in freezer. Most was too hard. Had card from Allen, \$10 for my birthday. Jo gave me cup & saucer from Canada. Mary pink slacks & blouse. We went to town & to fair at 4:00. Stayed for part of circus.

Friday, August 1, 1986. Fair, nice day, 81°. Did cleaning. We went to town at 9:30. Helped put quilt in frame for auxiliary. Pete made some charts. Stopped to see Cy [Colter]. He left hospital this p.m. I canned 5 quarts tomatoes. We worked in garden & truck patch in evening. Jo with junior high kids to Comlara Park all night. Ron to fair.

Saturday, August 2, 1986. Fair, cooler, nice day. Mary and we left at 9:00 for Heritage Festival at Metamora [Mennonite Museum]. Pete & I worked at Gift Shop, 1 – 3. Had a good crowd. They had an auction in afternoon. Rons to Scott Hoefft's wedding at Sandwich Illinois. Marty in wedding party.

Sunday, August 3, 1984. A beautiful day, 70s. We went to church. Evelyn, John B[ertsche], Mary Dyck, Jo & we gave reports on conference. Mary took us to Golden West for our birthdays. We were home in PM. Wrote some letters. Were outside awhile. Visited with Marty.

Monday, August 4, 1986. Fair, little warmer, 80°. Washed and ironed. Picked beans. Jo helped. I canned 11 pints for Mary. Jo and Pete and Marty finished digging potatoes. I worked in garden awhile. Edgar Gurtner died this morning. He was at Mary [Nierstheimer]'s. He hadn't been well for a long time. We took tomatoes & coffeecake to Mary's but they were home.

Tuesday, August 5, 1986. Mostly cloudy. I canned 8 quarts tomatoes. Pete worked in truck patch. Jo and we put 46 pints corn in freezer. I kept 22. Jo took rest. Got corn at Wayne Mohr's. We, Lucy C[atherine] & Mary went to Barney's for our birthdays. Lucy gave me \$10 gift certificate from Bergners. I gave her a vase with silk flowers from Canada.

Wednesday, August 6, 1986. Mostly cloudy. Had 1 ½ inches rain early a.m., light drizzle at times. We volunteered at hospital in morning. We went to Edgar Gurtner's funeral at 2:00 at church. Ron [was a] pall bearer. We had lunch after burial at church. Helen Sieg had charge. Erma [Sieg], Mary & Arlene & I helped. I put 3 jars peaches in freezer & made 2 pints preserves. Ron took us to Denny's at 9:00 for dessert.

Thursday, August 7, 1986. Mostly cloudy, fair in evening. I baked coffeecake & made 2 pie crusts. Worked with peaches. Put 3 jars in freezer. Canned 1 quart & made 1 pint preserves. Jo had lunch with us. Pete worked in truck patch awhile. Ron & Marty took Barrows to State Fair. Steve & Cindy got here at 11:00 p.m. Allen called.

Friday, August 8, 1986. Fair, nice day, 82°. We went to hospital auxiliary meeting at 9:30. Had lunch in there & short program. Mary & I quilted awhile in p.m. Got groceries. Steve & Cindy to town & to Stutzmans. We went with Cy [Colter]s to Beningo's in evening. Steves to wedding rehearsal for Cheryl Oyer.

Saturday, August 9, 1986. Fair, warmer, 83°. Steve & Cindy to town in morning to practice. Pete mowed lawn. Cindy did the laundry. I made peach pie & finished cleaning. Steve & Cindy here for dinner. They went to Cheryl Oyer's wedding. They sang. We volunteered at hospital in evening. Jo to [State] Fair early. Barrow judging. Steve & Cindy helped Ron & Jo unload a load of hay. Marty got 2nd & 8th.

Sunday, August 10, 1986. Had .4 inches rain early a.m. Steve left for Chicago at 8:00, then to [Camp] Menno Haven with youth. We went to church with Rons as our car has belt broken on power steering. We all went to Steak 'n Shake for lunch. Cindy to Stutzmans at 4:00. Rode bike. Judy [Stutzman] brought her home. A nice day.

Monday, August 11, 1986. Fair, fine day, 77°. I washed & ironed. Jo took us to town at 11:30. Met Laura & Francis Stamback at Holiday Inn. They took us to Eastland. Jo met us there at 2:00. John got our car fixed in PM. Pete picked 3 buckets tomatoes. I pulled weeds in truck patch in evening.

Tuesday, August 12, 1986. Fair, nice day, 78°. I canned 12 quarts tomato juice. Gathered flower seeds. Pete pulled weeds in morning. I worked in truck patch in evening, pulled weeds. Ron & Marty got gilts to Springfield in evening.

Wednesday, August 13, 1986. Mostly cloudy, 70s, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Mary to Eastland. She got all weather coat. We picked lima beans. Put 2 ½ quarts in freezer. Pete plowed some in truck patch. I pulled weeds again. Think I'll quit. Jo here for supper.

Thursday, August 14, 1986. Mostly fair, 80s. Jo and we to State Fair at 7:45. Donna Bressner along. Marty got 2nd on boar & Reserve Grand Champion on boar. Got 1st on gilt, also 2nd, two 3rds, 6th, 8th and 9th. He sold boar for \$850, 1 gilt for \$480 & one for \$450. He had a good day. Jo & we ate at Atlanta. Got home 7:45. Mary sick, stomach upset. Better in evening. Ron home with hogs.

Friday, August 15, 1986. Mostly cloudy, light shower in morning, 80s. Did cleaning. I went to town. Quilted for auxiliary. Pete had gravel hauled into our drive. I picked some beans. Got supper. Rons & boys were here. Had fried chicken.

Saturday, August 16, 1986. Foggy in morning, fair, warmer & humid, 80s. We met Earl Raiders at Golden West for lunch. Mary there too. We did some shopping. Volunteered at hospital.

Sunday, August 17, 1986. Fair, warmer, 70°. Rons, we and Mary to 76 Restaurant for breakfast. Marty left from there to go back to Kansas. It doesn't seem this summer should be over. We went to church & home. Got things ready for the church picnic at Underwood Park. Took Mary. Marty got to Medicine Lodge Kansas OK.

Monday, August 18, 1986. Fair, nice day, 85°. I washed & ironed. Baked cookies. Worked outside awhile in evening. Pete did some reading. Jo to meeting at Elkhart. Got home at 8:00.

Tuesday, August 19, 1986. Fair, 83°, another nice day. I went to Shirley Krahn. June Jantze & her sister there. All our prayer group there. Jeanette along with me. Had nice time. We took Ron & Jo to Ozark House for Ron's 50th birthday. Jo put sign at road, also black streamers on tree. Steves called in evening.

Wednesday, August 20, 1986. Fair, 80s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete mowed lawn. I cleaned the refrigerator in basement. Washed some Windows. Pete watered little trees. We went to church in evening. Phil Dick gave report on peace trip to Nicaragua. Jo had meeting at school.

Thursday, August 21, 1986. Fair, cooler, nice day. Did cleaning. I baked butterscotch pie. Made lasagna. We washed car. We went to town at 4:30. Did some errands and met Paul at Sheridan [Sheraton Inn?] at 5:50. Good to see him. He has shaved his beard. Rons, Jon & Sheila here for supper.

Friday, August 22, 1986. Fair, nice day, 85°. Paul, we and Mary met Allens, Pam, Deb, Brittany, Jeff & Pat at LeClair, Buffalo Bill Museum. We got Mary at dialysis. Got to River at 1:30. Allens came at 2:00. We had picnic lunch. Had a good visit. Left there at 6:15. Stopped to eat. Got home at 9:30. Steve here all night. Jo started teaching school at Colleen Hoose [High School]. IPSI having retreat at Lake Bloomington.

Saturday, August 23, 1986. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. I cleaned kitchen & shampooed my hair. Pete & Paul got sweet corn in town for lunch. Steve & Jo & Paul here for lunch. Ron came later. I baked angel food cake. We went to Mabel's awhile in p.m. Paul & we to Mary's for supper. Ron home at noon.

Sunday, August 24, 1986. Fair, pleasant day. We went to church. Jo, Mary, Paul & we ate at Denny's. Mary home with us. We had supper here. Jo brought hamburgers & sweet corn. I fixed

some things Ron came at 7:30. He was at hospital most of day. Mrs. Petty had brain surgery. Prognosis not good. A rough day for the family.

Monday, August 25, 1986. Cloudy in morning, fair. We took Paul to Bone Center [at ISU]. Took bus at 7:00 to O'Hare. Was good to have him. I washed & ironed. Had bigger laundry. Mabel got some lima beans. Cy [Colter]s here in p.m. He hurt his hand. They went on to ER. Jo to school.

Tuesday, August 26, 1986. Cloudy, showers around. Very little here. 89°, windy. I baked coffeecake braid. We went to town in p.m. Mailed Paul's watch (he left at yesterday morning). Mary & I quilted for auxiliary. Were home in evening.

Wednesday, August 27, 1986. Partly cloudy, much cooler. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete sprayed thistles. We took Cy [Colter]s to Copper Kettle at Danvers in evening. We stopped at Cys awhile.

Thursday, August 28, 1986. Clear, 38° here, 41° at ISU. Broke records. I made salad & fixed things for supper. We got Mary at 11:15. Went to McLean. Met Dorothy Scogin, Hazel Fulton & Rose Gridley. Had good visit. We went with Lloyd Singley's to Moraine State Park to Prime Timers picnic. Was nice evening. Rather chilly. Mabel along too.

Friday, August 29, 1986. Clear, 43° in morning, 71°. Did usual cleaning. Quilted at auxiliary in morning. Got groceries. Cleaned out desk. Were home in evening. Rons had company over night.

Saturday, August 30, 1986. Clear, nice day, 78°. I made 7 glasses grape jelly. Gave Rons 4, Mary 2 & I kept one. Made salad. Got things ready for dinner tomorrow. Allens to Chicago to see Steves. Cy colter in hospital again.

Sunday, August 31, 1986. Fair, warmer, 80°. We went to church. I had signed up at church for guests but were none so invited Alma G[alloway], Alta L[itwiller], Mary, Terry & Jim Stutzman. We were home in evening.

Monday, September 1, 1986. Fair, 80s. I washed and ironed. We met Laura & Francis Stamback & Janet Hougham at Perkins for lunch. We went to Bergners. I got a red skirt with Lucy Catherine's birthday gift. Rons & we to Evergreen Lake. Had picnic supper. Was a nice evening. Enjoyed it.

Tuesday, September 2, 1986. Mostly cloudy, warmer. I cleaned upstairs in morning. Took Mary to see Dr. Olson at dialysis. Gave her some medicine for her stomach. I helped Dorothy *DeVoie* (sp?) at alumni office. Getting letters ready to mail. Pete home. I went to Women's Fellowship in evening. Jo along to Christian Education Committee meeting.

Wednesday, September 3, 1986. Cloudy, looked rainy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Stopped at Mary's. Put blocks under head of her bed (Dr.'s orders). We went to F[arm] S[upply] dinner & meeting at Fairgrounds.

Thursday, September 4, 1986. Cleared off at noon, cooler, 80°. I cleaned the oven. Cleaned 2 closets in our room & one in guest room. We went to church in evening. Barry Hieb, physician, spoke on Star Wars, depressing. I made lasagna.

Friday, September 5, 1986. Fair, nice day, 80°. We went with Aldine Combs to Museum at Metamora. Helped check numbers on items & record them. Got home at 5:00. Got supper. Steve here. We, Rons to Gordons at 8:00 for Mabel's 80th birthday. Chet Maguires, Bob Cutters & [Lloyd] Singleys there. Gave Mable [a] plant.

Saturday, September 6, 1986. Cloudy, cool, 69°. Showered late evening. Pete to men's breakfast. Rons & we to Ropp Reunion at Art & Jane Bell's home in Peoria. 31 present. Tom & Lena Lehman from Goshen Indiana showed pictures of Europe & Ropp Homestead. Same officers reelected, Gordon Pres., Pete VP, Jane Sec. Reunion to be at Rons next year. We volunteered at hospital. Steve took some young people to Chicago in morning.

Sunday, September 7, 1986. Fair, cool, 69°. We went to church. Had lunch at Bob Evans. Pete watered trees in PM. I wrote to Pam. Jo here awhile in evening. Steve back from Chicago about 9:30.

Monday, September 8, 1986. Clear, 37° here, broke records. A lovely day. Steve & Jon took air-conditioner out. I did laundry. Steve working on computer. He was here for dinner. Had pork chops & sauerkraut. He went to meeting at Hopedale. We went to Birkelbaws, got apples, peaches & pears. We picked lima beans. Put 3 ½ pints in freezer. Made vegetable soup for supper. Steve took MY [Mennonite Youth] to Washington rollerskating & was here all night.

Tuesday, September 9, 1986. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 71°. I cleaned our bedroom & washed bedding. Steve to meeting at Tiskilwa [Illinois]. Pete took longnecked squash to Birkelbaws Apple Barn. Got over \$16. I made apple crisp & got things ready for supper. Had Swiss steak & sweet corn. Rons & Steve here. Steve left for Chicago at 8:00. Pete dug glads.

Wednesday, September 10, 1986. Mostly cloudy, 87°. We volunteered at hospital. I took rugs to laundromat. Got groceries. I cleaned cupboards in bathroom. Pete went with Ron to Gail Bressner's in evening. Took some hogs for Gail's sale.

Thursday, September 11, 1986. Rained in morning, 1 inch, another shower in evening. I cleaned West bedroom in morning. Went with Dorothy Singley to HEA. Was to be at Maxwells but due to rain was at Town Hall. I cleaned bathroom. We took Katherine Mishler & Mary to Lucy C[atherine's]. Roberta & Leo there. We all went to Ozark House. Ron to meetings at Goshen & Elkhart [Indiana].

Friday, September 12, 1986. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 70s. I went to hospital at 7:00. Had permanent. Went to auxiliary room, quilted until 11:30. I cleaned the hallway & broom closet.

Pete sprayed thistles. Jo to Gail's sale. Ron stopped there on way home from Indiana. Jon helped Gail all day. We went to BroMenn [Hospital] annual meeting at [ISU's] Bone Center.

Saturday, September 13, 1986. Fair, nice day. Finished weekly cleaning. Cleaned kitchen cupboards. We went to town at 3:00. Volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Gail [Bressner] had good sale last night. Marty's hogs sold well.

Sunday, September 14, 1986. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Christian Ed Sunday. Jo had service, very good. Was proud of her. We & Rons at Ezra Byler's for dinner. I made peach crisp for small group at Dick Baums at 7:30.

Monday, September 15, 1986. Fair, 83°, nice day. I washed & ironed. Picked lima beans, put 1 ½ pints in freezer, had some for lunch. We cleaned furniture and took books off shelves & cleaned them.

Tuesday, September 16, 1986. Mostly fair, cool, 70°. I cleaned the living & dining rooms & cleaned the rug. We planted 5 Iris bulbs, planted 15 – 20 tulip bulbs & some crocus. Gave Jo some bulbs. Took Pam or amaryllis bulbs up. A busy day.

Wednesday, September 17, 1986. Cloudy, rained in p.m. I had proctoscope at 9:00. We volunteered at hospital. Pete & I had flu shots. I took Mabel to Garfield club at Verna Wallace's. Lucy C[atherine] took Mary. We were home in evening.

Thursday, September 18, 1986. Very foggy in morning, fair in p.m. I cleaned the kitchen & washed curtains. Cleaned the fruit room in afternoon. Jeanette here little while. Warmer, 81°.

Friday, September 19, 1986. Had thunderstorm early a.m. and another one in p.m. Warmer, 70s. We went to town early. Had hair done, then quilted at auxiliary room. We did some shopping at Eastland & got groceries. Jo took Mary to dialysis. Pete got her. I baked coffeecake & made little peach pie. Steve called. Pam is spending weekend with them. We had an electrical storm all evening. Heavy rains. We had over 5 inches rain.

Saturday, September 20, 1986. Cloudy, very humid & damp after the downpour last night. Cleared off in p.m. We cleaned recreation room. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Ron & Jo to Pheasant Run for weekend.

Sunday, September 21, 1986. Clear, nice day, 90°. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet's place. We went to Mary's for dinner. Kay Ann Fransen & Gerlof Homan had sermon, "Your Daughters Will Prophecy." Rons home at 6:45. Talked to Pauls in evening about going to see them. They suggest Thanksgiving.

Monday, September 22, 1986. Fair, breezy, 80s. I washed and ironed. We cleaned the furnace & laundry room. Pete mowed the lawn. We went to church at 6:00 to have pictures taken for church directory. Had to wait awhile. Cy [Colter]'s and we ate at Denny's.

Tuesday, September 23, 1986. Cloudy, 70s, had rain early a.m. and again in p.m., over ½ inch. I went to 3B auxiliary meeting at new Catholic Church on Rt. 9. St. Joe [Hospital] hosting. I took Dorothy Schwartz. 17 from Mennonite there. Wrote to Deb and Pam in evening. Pete home all day, read.

Wednesday, September 24, 1986. Cloudy, rained most of morning. Had 1 inch. Tornado warnings out in evening for northern counties. We volunteered at hospital. Got some groceries. Pete worked outside awhile. Were home in evening.

Thursday, September 25, 1986. Fair, windy, warm, 80s. We and Mary to Westminster rummage sale. Took Mary to Eastland. She got shoes & purse. We had lunch at Bishops. Went to K's. Got Jon First-Aid Kit for his birthday. We went to Gailey's. I had hemorrhage in my left eye. Happened about noon. Isn't much to do for it. I cleaned some of silver service. Jo here awhile.

Friday, September 26, 1986. Started to rain at noon, rained most of afternoon. Sun out awhile in evening. I went to town before 9:00. Had hair done & quilted. We finished the quilt. I baked brownies & made salad dressing. My eye slightly better.

Saturday, September 27, 1986. Fair, nice day, warm, 80s. We helped or observed Rons getting pig ready to roast for IPSI group. I helped Jo awhile in morning. We went to grocery store. I baked apples and helped Jo get ready for company. Had 60+. Was nice evening. Ron took them for hay rack ride.

Sunday, September 28, 1986. Had rain during church service. Fair in p.m. We had celebration (10 years) since the merger of Bloomington & Normal churches. Ron was worship leader. I had small part along with others. We had dinner at church & business meeting. Wilbur Nachtigalls were there as our interim pastor.

Monday, September 29, 1986. Cloudy, rainy, had tornadoes go through the area from Hopedale, Danvers & to Northeast. Blew terribly hard & heavy rain. Sticks & leaves everywhere. Big limb blew down on farrowing house, took roof in. We were without electricity from 4:10 to sometime in the night. We met Scogin, Bell, Lawson, Fultons at Bob Knapp's at noon. Mary there too. Mabel & we met Virginia Porst at bBest Western Motel. She took us to dinner. Had over inch rain.

Tuesday, September 30, 1986. Rained in morning, one half inch, mostly cloudy in p.m. I went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]s. Jeanette along. Pete did some errands. I baked rolls, polished rest of silverware & picked up sticks. Cooked squash. Pete mowed lawn. Had over 10 inches rain in September.

Wednesday, October 1, 1986. Cloudy, showered at intervals. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Seven Seas Travel Agency to see about tickets to Pauls. We went to Mabel's for supper. Virginia Porst & Cy Colters there. Cy not good.

Thursday, October 2, 1986. Cloudy, Misty. I got things ready for lunch and dinner. Virginia here for the day. Mary here for lunch. Ron & Jo came for dinner. Had tuna salad for lunch, roast beef & apple pie in evening.

Friday, October 3, 1986. Another rain storm early morning, 4 inches. Everything is saturated. Waterway running full & water in basement. Had another 1 inch in forenoon. Did cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis & took her to hospital beauty shop. We had lunch at Dairy Queen. We swept more water in basement. Kept coming in. I made pie crust. We took Spot to vet, ear infection. Had rabies shots to. Ron and Jo left at 4:30 p.m. for Manhattan Kansas.

Saturday, October 4, 1986. Cloudy, turned cooler. I washed 2 loads. We went to grocery store. I baked pumpkin pie & apples. Made chili. We were looking for Allens. He called at 9:00 a.m. They decided to wait & come in 2 weeks. Steve & Cindy came at 10:00. They were at wedding in Freeport.

Sunday, October 5, 1986. Fair, good to see the sun. Cloudy in evening, cool. We went to church. Steve, Cindy, Mary & Jon here for dinner. Jon to work at 1:00. Steves made some calls, etc. Steve worked on computer in evening. Cindy & we stapled & folded newsletter for Steve. Rons home from Kansas at 10:45.

Monday, October 6, 1986. A beautiful day, 60°. Steve to breakfast at Goodfield. Cindy & I to Mackinaw to Craft Shop. They were here for lunch, had chili. Cindy to Music Committee & to Doctor. Steve working on newsletter. Pete & I helped him label them. I washed & ironed in p.m. We took Steves to Denny's for supper. Rons along. Steves left for Chicago.

Tuesday, October 7, 1986. Another fine day, 34° in morning, 70°. I went to prayer group at Alma [Galloway]'s. Stopped at church. Women's Fellowship worked until 2:00. I washed some summer clothes & sweater & Afghan. Pete cut off some sweet potato vines. I crocheted on Afghan.

Wednesday, October 8, 1986. Fair, 70s. We volunteered at hospital. We met Laura & Francis Stamback at Lakeside at noon. We took Mary to Eastland to shop. I baked 2 apple cakes for HEA. Pete finished cutting sweet potato vines. Had ½ inch rain in evening.

Thursday, October 9, 1986. Partly cloudy, chilly, 60s, windy. I went to HDA. Took Mabel, Dorothy [Singley], Jeanette [Colter] & Louise Kinsinger. Louise joined. Mabel, Jeanette & I on committee. Had 30 – 40. Had barbecue & carrot salad. Pete mowed lawn. I done some trimming & hand mowing.

Friday, October 10, 1986. Clear, nice day. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted at auxiliary room. Merle's nurse called. Wanted to talk to us. They can't get her doctor (Peterson) to come see her. Merle is slipping a lot, confusion & also physically worse. Did some jobs in p.m. & got apples at

Birkelbaws. Mary & we ate at Grand Café. I went to visitation for Erma Stuckey. Willis Kropf died.

Saturday, October 11, 1986. Mostly fair, 70°. I finished cleaning. Pete dug few sweet potatoes (very muddy). Worked on flower seeds. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Ray combining beans at Rons. Ron got home from Evanston about 8:00.

Sunday, October 12, 1986. Rained in morning, turned colder. We went to church. Had dinner at 76 Restaurant with Earl & Ann Kaufman. Were home in PM. Watched ballgame & special report on summit meeting with Reagan & Gorbachev, disappointed. I called Donna after we heard about Willis. (Had call from Evelyn, Willis passed away on Friday.) Jo home from Indiana around 9:00. Talked to Paul.

Monday, October 13, 1986. Cloudy, gloomy day, chilly, 40s. Drizzled at times. I washed & ironed. We took Mary home from dialysis. Went to Seven Seas. Got our air tickets to go to Pauls November 18th. I put flower seeds away. Baked orange nut bread & oatmeal raisin cookies for bazaar. Gave Rons some cookies.

Tuesday, October 14, 1986. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy, 38°, chilly. I went with Dry Grove HEA to Rockville Indiana to Bridge Festival. Visited covered bridges. Left town at 7:45. Got back at 6:30. Went with Dorothy Singley to town. Mabel, Jeanette & Louise Kinsinger went. Were 5 men. Was a nice trip even though chilly. Very little color in trees.

Wednesday, October 15, 1986. Clear, 27° in morning, frosty, 60°. We volunteered at hospital. Took Mary to Dr. Knight at 1:00 (ears). We went to Garfield club at Maxine Alwes. Took Mary home. Got groceries. Went to church. Selected our picture for church directory.

Thursday, October 16, 1986. Partly cloudy, 60° plus. I baked coffeecake braid for bazaar. Put some summer clothes away. Pete moved potatoes & onions to basement and some bulbs. I put Geraniums from porch box in pots & swept the garage.

Friday, October 17, 1986. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 58°. Did weekly cleaning. Pete dug Dahlia bulbs & rest of sweet potatoes. Washed Windows & put storm Windows in. Allen called at 7:30. Said they couldn't come this weekend as planned. Need to paint house as weather is nice. Pete sold some beans, \$4.60 [per bushel].

Saturday, October 18, 1986. Clear, nice day, 60s. Pete to men's breakfast. We went to genealogical meeting at Waldo church. Good attendance. Ron to meeting at Elkhart. I was at Jo's awhile. She had supper with us. Had pancakes. Watched World Series. Boston won.

Sunday, October 19, 1986. A beautiful day, mild. We went to church. RL Hartzler preached. A remarkable man at 92+ years. Rons, Mary & we ate lunch at Golden West. We all went to Dedication of Mennonite Ropp Cemetery. Ron and committee had part, also Pete. 25 there.

Monday, October 20, 1986. Fine day, 70s. I washed & ironed. Pete worked outside awhile in morning. We picked up corn in afternoon. Lot of it down in places.

Tuesday, October 21, 1986. Another nice day, 76°. We went to town. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Mary & we met Dorothy Scogin, Hazel Fulton, Freda Bell Shinall at Bob Knapp's at 11:30. We took Mary to Gailey's at 3:00. Got out about 4:50. Were home in evening. Watched ballgame, Mets won.

Wednesday, October 22, 1986. Partly cloudy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got home after 2:00. Pete outside awhile, picked up little more corn. I got some endive in. Washed some summer suits and dress.

Thursday, October 23, 1986. Cloudy, 60s. I made salad dressing. Cooked apples. Pete sprayed thistles. We went to hospital in p.m., helped set up for bazaar. Went to Rays in evening. Unit 5 representative discussed the upcoming referendum. Rons there too.

Friday, October 24, 1986. Cloudy, drizzled and rained most of day. Mary went to dialysis but was sent home. Her arm clotted. Has to go to Peoria Sunday p.m. Sorry for her. We went to auxiliary bazaar. Had lots of baked goods. Were all sold out at noon. Went to Mary. Helped her order some cheese boxes for Christmas gifts. We went to visitation for *Elva* (sp?) Augsburg. Bake sale, \$479.65 + donations.

Saturday, October 25, 1986. A dreary rainy day, 54°. We had lunch with Earl Raiders at Perkins. Got home at 2:00. I baked peanut butter cookies & made pumpkin pie. Gave Rons some of each.

Sunday, October 26, 1986. Cloudy, some light drizzle, 50s. We went to church. Rons, Mary & we to Grand Café for dinner. Ron & we took Mary to St. Francis Hospital in afternoon. She was admitted. The graft in her arm is clogged. So sorry she had to go. We went to home builders at Bob Kaufmans.

Monday, October 27, 1986. Cleared off in morning, nice day, 62°. I washed and ironed. Call St. Francis. Mary to OR at 8:00. We went to hospital at 11:45. Mary was just leaving Recovery room & on to dialysis. She was there until 3:40. A long day for her. Had quite a lot of pain in her arm. [She] has 2 incisions in her arm. We got home about 5:00. Steve here all night.

Tuesday, October 28, 1986. Fair, nice day, 70°. I had prayer group. Alma [Galloway], Shirley [Krahn], Lucy C[atherine], Mary K[aufman], Alta [Litwiller] & Jeanette. Steve to see Mary in morning. She's nauseated. Nurse called at 12:30, said she couldn't come home. Can't eat. Steve here for dinner & supper. Had casserole at noon. Made vegetable soup & baked pumpkin pie in p.m. We went to Heritage at Ina Sutter. Steve back to Chicago.

Wednesday, October 29, 1986. Mostly cloudy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. We went to Peoria, St. Francis [Hospital] in p.m. Dr. didn't release Mary. She was still nauseated this morning but felt better in PM. Hopes to come home tomorrow. We went to Alta Litwillers for

supper. Wilbur Nachtigalls there too. Ron moved his office to Health Services Building (old Farm Bureau building). Hope he gets to stay awhile.

Thursday, October 30, 1986. Fair, nice day. I went to school of nursing at 7:00. Helped register students for next quarter. Got home at 10:00. Baked apple pie. We went to Peoria after lunch. Dr. said Mary could come home. Had to wait an hour for the surgeon to see Mary. Got to town at 4:00. Went to nurses chili supper. I took pie. Took coffeecake for bake sale. I worked, 4:30 – 5:30.

Friday, October 31, 1986. Clear, beautiful day, 60s. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted at auxiliary room. Pete did some errands. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to beauty shop. We took her home. Got groceries. I baked coffeecake braid. We washed the car. Done all of weekly cleaning. Ray finished combining corn. Pete to meeting at church [on] fundraising for Sutter barn at Mennonite Museum.

Saturday, November 1, 1986. Cloudy, colder. Little drizzle in evening. We went with Homer Parks to MMA [Mennonite Mutual Aid] meeting at Morton. Got back at 3:15, volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Mary sick all day, nauseated. Can't keep food down.

Sunday, November 2, 1986. Cleared off in morning, 32°. We went to church. Had lunch at Wendy's. Went to Mary's. [She's] still not feeling good. I made pudding for her. Pete got 7-Up for her. Deb & Randy called to thank us for birthday gifts.

Monday, November 3, 1986. Cloudy, rainy, chilly, disagreeable day. I washed & ironed. I took Mary home from dialysis. We did some errands & went to Eastland. Went to hospital at 2:00. Lucy C[atherine], Helen [Patton], Irene Davis had cake & ice cream & cider for Merle's birthday. Think she enjoyed it. Took piece [of] cake & ice cream to Mary.

Tuesday, November 4, 1986. Cloudy, chilly, 40s. We went to vote & got Mary at 10:00. She was to see Dr. Olson but he didn't [see her] until 1:00. We had lunch with Laura & Francis [Stamback]. Took Mary to see Dr. Olson. Her arm has clotted again. Feel so sorry for her. Pete & I took her to St. Francis [Hospital]. Got there at 3:15. She was admitted to [Room] 2404. We got home at 6:00. Allens called in evening.

Wednesday, November 5, 1986. Mostly cloudy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Jan *Manhart* (sp?) took Pete & I to St. Francis to see Mary. They opened up her shunt & gave her dialysis treatment. Gave her 2 pints of blood. Thought she looked better. We got home at 5:00. Home in evening.

Thursday, November 6, 1986. Mostly cloudy, 50s. I potted some violet leaves. We & Terry Stutzman to St. Francis hospital to see Mary. She had gallbladder x-rays in morning. Vomited again, but felt better later. She ate some dinner. We got home before 4:00. Were home in evening. Allens flew to Lake Tahoe. He won the trip, F[arm] B[ureau].

Friday, November 7, 1986. Mostly cloudy, 60°. Did weekly cleaning. Pete to Yuton, sold some corn, \$1.48 and beans, \$4.88. I got rest of endive in. Got dinner. Jo & we to St. Francis at 1:30. Mary had more x-rays but seemed be some better. Not as nauseated. We got home at 5:50. Cy Colter's condition worse. Ron to see him in evening.

Saturday, November 8, 1986. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., colder, 50s. Ron cleaned out eaves for Pete. We put picnic tables away. Pete put up snow fence. I made salad & finished cleaning. I went to hospital awhile to see Colters. Cy not good. Pete & I to St. Francis hospital at 1:00. Brought Mary home. Hope she'll be all right now. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, November 9, 1986. Fair, 31° in morning, 40s. We went to church. Had small group. Met at church. Had potluck. We went to Mary's awhile. She feels some better, but week, Ina [Sutter] there. Nachtigals went too. We stopped to see Cy. He seemed little better. Wrote Allens.

Monday, November 10, 1986. Mostly clear, cold, 18° here in morning, 40s. I washed & ironed. We got Mary at dialysis. Pete and I to Eastland. Got Jo a place setting to match her stainless steel. Pete mowed lawn & crushed leaves. I raked some. Cleaned off flower garden & burned it. Mary is feeling better. Harvella fixed her hair. Snowed in night. Allens home from Lake Tahoe.

Tuesday, November 11, 1986. Cloudy in morning. Partly cloudy, cold, 18°. I went to prayer group at Helen P[attons]. I took Mary to Eastland. Came home at noon. I rearranged my grape vine wreath. We got quarter of beef from Ron. We went to church at 6:30, fundraising for [Mennonite] Museum.

Wednesday, November 12, 1986. Cloudy, windy, cold. Dialysis called at 7:30, said Mary's arm clotted & [she] had to go back to Peoria. Feel so sorry for her. We went to hospital. Volunteered until 11:00. Got Mary. We had lunch at Carlock & on to St. Francis again. She was admitted at 1:30 to room 4353. We got home at 6:00.

Thursday, November 13, 1986. Clear, cold, zero, broke records. I went with Evelyn Bertsche at 8:00 to St. Francis. Mary didn't sleep much. She was scheduled for OR at 2:00 but didn't take her until nearly 4:00. Evelyn stayed an hour. Pete had car serviced. He & Jo came to hospital at 6:45. Mary got back to her room about 9:00. Dr. Wyfele (sp?) rerouted the shunt to outer side of her arm. Mary was exhausted. A long day. Sure hope this helps.

Friday, November 14, 1986. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., 32°. Did weekly cleaning. I made chili & apple crisp. Pete & I to Peoria again. Mary feeling better. She had dialysis this morning. Says she can come home tomorrow. Steve & Cindy here when we got home. Steve to Illinois conference at Hopedale. Rons went too. We got groceries.

Saturday, November 15, 1986. Fair, warmer, 45°. Pete to men's breakfast. Steve & Rons to conference at Hopedale. I made fruit cakes. Cindy here. We went to Peoria. Brought Mary home. She was here for supper. We took her home. Cindy here too. Ron ate here when he finish choring.

Sunday, November 16, 1986. Fair, nice day, 50s. We went to church. We brought Mary out. She & Steves were here for dinner. We took Mary home at 4:00. Think she felt little better. Jo & Steves here for lunch. Ron, Don Nester & Marvin Shrock to Louisville to Livestock show. Marty judging there. Did some packing.

Monday, November 17, 1986. Very foggy in morning, fair, mild, 50s. Nice day. I washed & ironed. Steve & Cindy to town in morning. I got dinner. Steve got Mary at dialysis. She got along pretty good but still vomiting some. We went to town, had some errands. Got supper. Steves left at 6:30. Finished packing.

Tuesday, November 18, 1986. Cloudy, rainy. Jo took us to ISU. Left on Peoria bus at 7:00 for O'Hare. Were to leave at 11:38 on United for Boston. Due to weather conditions our plane was delayed & were rescheduled on Delta. Left O'Hare at 1:15. Got to Boston around 3:00 our time. Marjorie met us. Lots of traffic to Worcester. Good to see Pauls. Paul to meeting.

Wednesday, November 19, 1986. Everything covered with snow, 6 inches. Beautiful scenery. Most schools closed, but Clark open. Paul & Marjorie got to school. I made cheesecake for Ben's birthday dinner. Some of his friends came in p.m. with gifts and a decorated cake. Had good birthday dinner, chicken, etc.

Thursday, November 20, 1986. Cloudy, chilly. Everyone to school. I baked cookies. Pete & I are doing some reading. Paul & Ben to choir practice in evening.

Friday, November 21, 1986. Cloudy, windy, colder in p.m. Pete & I did some of sweeping. Pauls and children to school. Amy to concert with friends. Pauls, Ben & we to Korean & Japanese restaurant as guests of John Kates & his friend Li-hua Wang. Nice evening. We called Mary. She's doing better. Arthur is to be there Sunday p.m.

Saturday, November 22, 1986. Clear, nice day, 30s. Got up late. We watched Michigan – Ohio [foot]ball game. Michigan won. Pauls & we to Worcester College track in evening for some exercise. Marjorie, Amy & I went shopping awhile. Got some handwork. Paul got supper. I finished reading Norman Cousins' book, "Anatomy of an Illness." Good book.

Sunday, November 23, 1986. Fair, fine day, 50s. Paul and Benjy to church. Benjy left after choir sang. We left with Marjorie at 10:40 to take Benjy & another boy to Boston to the rehearsal of the Junior Boston Symphony. Was interesting. Ben is good musician. Paul had a Chinese student (name unclear) here for supper. Had chili. Pauls called Andy. He's OK. Ron had open house for IPSI.

Monday, November 24, 1986. Rained early a.m. Cloudy, chilly. Pauls & children to school. We had a quiet day. Read & did some handwork. We took Paul's to dinner in evening to Seafood restaurant.

Tuesday, November 25, 1986. A beautiful day. I washed 4 loads. We went for walk in afternoon. Marjorie & we went to the Ice Capades at the Centrum. A beautiful show. Paul & Ben had choir practice. Amy home.

Wednesday, November 26, 1986. A rainy dark day. Benjy & Amy home from school at noon. I baked coffeecake braid. I worked [on] my sampler & read.

Thursday, November 27, 1986. Thanksgiving day. Clear, nice day. We all got up late. Pauls & we to Worcester College track, got some exercise. Helped Marjorie with dinner. Had Turkey & all the trimmings. Called Rons. Marty and Renée are there. Mary there for dinner. We watched "Fiddler on the Roof" in evening. A nice day. Much to be thankful for.

Friday, November 28, 1986. Clear, another nice day. Paul & we went to near Sterling to gift shop & Orchard. We got some cider & apples & few gifts. Marjorie took Ben to eye appointment. Watched last half of "Fiddler on the Roof." Amy to friend's house all night. I stirred up sugar cookies.

Saturday, November 29, 1986. Another nice day. Helped Marjorie some with cleaning. Ben to Cambridge with friend. Pauls & we to Barre Airport for brunch, then to Ware Mills. I got skirt, sweater for Mary. Pete got cap. Pauls each got sweater. Amy & I baked sugar cookies. Marjorie did laundry. Dick & Nancy Ford here in evening.

Sunday, November 30, 1986. Clear, chilly, 40s. Pauls & we to church in morning. Paul & Ben sang in choir. Were home in PM. Paul grading papers. We read. Marjorie cooked a delicious Chinese meal. We watched a film on China.

Monday, December 1, 1986. Clear, colder, 30s. Pauls and children back to school after Thanksgiving vacation. I baked apple pie. Read some. Marjorie & we went shopping in p.m. We got evergreen wreath for Marjorie. Got few things for Rons. Marjorie got some handwork for Mary.

Tuesday, December 2, 1986. Cloudy. Pauls to school. I packed. Paul came after us at 11:30. Went to Clark, saw Marjorie's office. She had meeting. We & Paul had lunch. He took us to Marriott where we got shuttle bus. Got to Logan Airport at 3:30 their time. Left Boston at 4:20. Got to Chicago at 5:45. Set on runway until 6:45. Hurried to get luggage. Got to bus at 7:00. It was ready to leave. We were lucky. Rons met us at ISU. Stopped at Denny's. Thankful for being home.

Wednesday, December 3, 1986. Cleared off, real windy, 42°. We went to hospital at 9:00. I delivered mail. Pete got Mary. Lucy C[atherine] got here some while we were gone. We got groceries. I baked ginger cookies, stirred up sugar & Crescent cookies. Did some laundry.

Thursday, December 4, 1986. Mostly cloudy, windy, cold, 30°. I baked sugar & Crescent cookies. We went to town at 1:00. Got groceries. I went to hospital beauty shop, got permanent.

Pete took Mary to get groceries. We went to Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers Christmas dinner at Farm Bureau. Mabel along too. Iced sugar cookies.

Friday, December 5, 1986. Clear, 15° in morning, 30s. Did usual cleaning. I went to town at 9:00. Quilted awhile. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to hospital. We had lunch at hospital. I baked carrot & Yummy cookies. We wrote Christmas cards in evening.

Saturday, December 6, 1986. Cloudy, rained in evening, 30s. I made white bark cookies & sugar plums. We picked out our Christmas tree. Ron cut it. They moved some furniture, etc. in our garage. We went to Paul Millers at 5:30 for Venison dinner. Very good. Earl Kaufmans & Ben Krahn there. I baked press cookies.

Sunday, December 7, 1986. A dreary day. Rained most of day. We went to church. Had dinner there & Congregational meeting at 1:00. Rons to MCC Relief Sale meeting at Peoria. Talked to Steves. They were at Bluffton for weekend. Cindy is finished at the hospital. They're coming here Tuesday. I wrote Christmas notes.

Monday, December 8, 1986. Foggy, some drizzle, 40s, very heavy fog in evening. I washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. We met Francis & Laura [Stamback] at airport restaurant. I baked pecan rolls in p.m. Allen called in evening. They're coming Friday [the] 19th.

Tuesday, December 9, 1986. Cloudy, windy, few snow flurries. Turned colder in p.m. I went to prayer group at Jeanette [Colter]s with Lucy C[atherine]. Pete & I delivered Mobile Meals. Got Mary, had lunch & took her shopping at Eastland. Got wheelchair for her. Worked well. Steve & Cindy here for supper. Cindy had meeting at church [at] 7:30. They went back to Chicago.

Wednesday, December 10, 1986. Clear, 12° in morning, in 20s, rather windy. We volunteered at hospital. I made carmels and cheese balls in PM.

Thursday, December 11, 1986. Fair, 12° in morning, 36°, windy. I took Mabel & Dorothy Singley to HEA. Got home at 1:15. Pete & I took Mary to get groceries & mailed package for her. Were home in evening. Good Christmas programs on TV. Did some packing.

Friday, December 12, 1986. Fair, cold, 12° in morning. Did usual cleaning. We got Mary at dialysis, took her to hospital beauty shop. Finished packing. Rons & we left for Manhattan Kansas at 12:30. Got hamburgers at McDonald's on way out of town. We had supper at Cameron Missouri. Nice place. Got to Manhattan at 10:15.

Saturday, December 13, 1986. Cloudy in morning, clear beautiful day. Rons & we to Marty's graduation at 9:00 a.m. Renée & her parents, Dr. Dean & Jean Stuckey were there too. We all ate at *Valenteoni's* (sp?) (Italian) very good. The Stuckeys left at 12:30 for Newton & Medicine Lodge. Marty took us on tour of University Farms & to the Tuttle Dam. We rested awhile. Rons, Marty & we went [to] Kennedy Club for dinner. Had lots of food all day.

Sunday, December 14, 1986. Clear, another beautiful day, warmer. We left our motel at 8:00. Drove to Lee's Summit exit where we met Arthur [Yoder]s at Stephenson's Apple Barn Restaurant (10:30). Had a delicious buffet & were guests of Arts. Had a good visit. Left there at 12:30 for home. Stopped at Springfield, had ice cream. Got home about 7:30. Thankful for a weekend & safe trip.

Monday, December 15, 1986. Mostly fair, 40°. I did laundry. Pete got Mary at dialysis. We put up our Christmas tree in p.m. I made hanging for front door. Jo here awhile after school. We were home in evening.

Tuesday, December 16, 1986. Cloudy, 40°, foggy in morning. Pete went with Lloyd Singleys at 8:15 to Farm Bureau to help stuff envelopes. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete & I delivered Mobile Meals. Got Mary at 12:20. Met Dorothy Scogin at Bob Knapp's. Got groceries. Jo here awhile.

Wednesday, December 17, 1986. Foggy, drizzled. Fog lifted late p.m. Cooler. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete got Mary at dialysis. I took her to Garfield club at Frieda Blairs. Pete to Eastland. I cooked squash. We were home in evening. Jo here awhile.

Thursday, December 18, 1986. Cloudy, 30s. I made chili & salad. Finished putting up decorations. Made 2 pie crusts. Steve came at 2:30. They're moving from Chicago. Their house isn't ready until May 1st so [they] will stay here. He's taking Ron's truck & a trailer back to Chicago. He had supper here and left for Chicago after 9:00.

Friday, December 19, 1986. Fair, nice day. Did usual cleaning. We went to town at 10:00. Got Mary, took her to hospital beauty shop & got her groceries. Got home at 1:30. Allens, Jeff & Pat here. Good to see them. They went to town at 3:00. Jeff & Pat had dental appointments. I made 2 pumpkin pies. Randys got here at 9:00. Steve & Cindy got here with furniture at 5:30. Allen & Jeff help them unload. They took some to Reesers. Shirley brought ham balls for supper. Marty home from Kansas.

Saturday, December 20, 1986. Another nice day. Allens & Jeffs to town. Steve & Cindy busy. I got things ready for dinner. Had roast beef. Mary brought rolls. Jo fixed a large relish plate. Had ice cream, cookies & fruitcake. Rons & Marty here. Jon working. Steve & Cindy left at 4:30 for Bluffton. Rest were here for supper. Had our gift exchange with Allens. I got iron from Allens & Randys. Also picture of Allens. Pete got slippers from Allens, book from Steves. I got soap.

Sunday, December 21, 1986. Partly cloudy. Allens, Jeffs & Randys left for home at 8:00. Glad they could come. Brittany has grown a lot. We went to church. Came home for lunch. Did some straightening up. The house rather quiet after so much activity. Jo here awhile. Mary to dialysis. Jo got her. Glad for a nice weekend. Kenneth Bauman passed away.

Monday, December 22, 1986. Cloudy, 30s. I did the laundry and ironing. Had a big one. Did some reading.

Tuesday, December 23, 1986. Very foggy all day, low 30s. I put rest of laundry away. We met Art & Helen [Sieg] at Perkins at 11:30. Nice to see them again. We stopped at College Hills [Mall]. Ron took Mary to dialysis & got her.

Wednesday, December 24, 1986. Foggy in morning, 30s. Electricity off, 5:30 a.m. to 9:30. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Merle to cafeteria for lunch. Mary came out with Ron at 5:00. We went to Christmas Eve service at church. Rons & Marty, Mabel, Carol & Karen there too. We all went to Rays afterwards.

Thursday, December 25, 1986. Foggy in cloudy most of day, 30s. We went to Rons at 9:00. Had breakfast & gift exchange. We got an ornament for our tree. Pete got book. I got stationery & we got check for \$100. I got check from Mary for \$35. Pete got belt. Mary at Rons too. We had a nice day with Rons. Much to be thankful for. Allens called in evening.

Friday, December 26, 1986. Cloudy, 33°. Jo took Mary to dialysis. We got her. Took her home. We stopped to see Cy C[olter] at hospital. [He's] not doing very well. We got groceries. Ron & Jo left at 8:30 a.m. for Ohio. Marty left at 8:10 for Kansas. He & several others were going skiing in Colorado. Kevin Reeser at Jon's. Steves to Allens. Got here from Ohio at 7:15, left at 7:30 for Nevada. Called Evelyn B[early]. Told her we couldn't come to Tucson.

Saturday, December 27, 1986. Cloudy, 30s. Finished cleaning. Did some reading. We volunteered at hospital, 3:30 – 8:30. Rons went to Kenneth Bauman's funeral at Berne Indiana. Then back to Bluffton. Mary has a cold.

Sunday, December 28, 1986. Clear, nice day, good to see the sun. We went to church. We were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Mary went to dialysis. I got her, took her home. We had lunch at Denny's. We went to Henry & Mary Jo Adams (our neighbors at Roy's place) open house at 3:30. Rons were there when they got back from Bluffton. Paul called from Chicago. He's coming tomorrow evening.

Monday, December 29, 1986. Cloudy, had some sleet, some mist & few snow flurries. I did the laundry and worked on Afghan some. Made chili and 2 pie crusts. We went to Gordon's open house in evening. We met Paul at the Sheraton [Inn] at 9:30. Good to have him.

Tuesday, December 30, 1986. Cloudy, roads rather slick in morning, little sunshine in p.m. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Jo took her home. We went to grocery store. I got things ready for supper. Mabel, Rays, Gordons, David, Rons & Mary & Steves here. They got back from Allens at 4:30. We had waffles & sausage & apple salad, ice cream, cookies etc.

Wednesday, December 31, 1986. Cloudy. I baked 2 pumpkin pies. Paul and we to town at 11:00. Took Mary to get groceries. Met Ron & Jo at his office. He took us on tour of the counselors'

new offices. We all had lunch at Grand Café. Took Mary home. I made lasagna for supper. Steve & Cindy getting ready for Youth Institute. Rons came over late evening. Had some snacks.

Thursday, January 1, 1987. Cloudy. Started to snow some at about noon. Quit before evening. Ron here a while, had coffee & rolls. We took Paul to Sheraton [Inn] at 9:30. Bus late. He was to leave Chicago at 4:10 for Boston. Glad he could come. Steves busy getting ready for Youth Institute. I washed 2 loads. Had word Morris Heiser died last night. Had over 2 inches snow. Paul got early flight to Boston. Got home at 7:45.

Friday, January 2, 1987. Cloudy, Rhodes snowy but clear by noon. Steve left at 8:30 for Youth Institute at [Camp] Menno Haven. We got Mary at dialysis. Took her to beauty shop & home. We took Christmas tree & decorations down. Did weekly cleaning. Baked cake for Morris Heiser family dinner at church. Jo here awhile late. She was at planning meeting for conference in 1989. Pauls had big snowstorm.

Saturday, January 3, 1987. Partly cloudy, 33°. We went to church at 8:45. Helped with dinner preparations. We went with Lucy C[atherine] & Phyllis to Memorial services for Morris Heiser at Eastlawn Chapel. Ron had the service. A very nice service. Lucy & I helped with dinner. Also had a dinner for conference planners. Had 64 at Heiser dinner & 18 at other one. Jo at planning meeting.

Sunday, January 4, 1987. Fair, nice day, 30°. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Lucy Catherine, Mary & we to Golden West. Were home in PM. We went to Love Feast at 6:00. Jo with us. Ron went early to set up. Cy [Colter] not so good. Jo & we to hospital. Wilbur Nachtigall there. Pete & I stayed until 10:00. Jeanette to [her daughter] Mary J[antze]. Steves home from Menno Haven. Had a good Institute.

Monday, January 5, 1987. Fair, nice day, 40s. I washed & ironed. Jo back to school. She took Mary to dialysis. Steve took her home. We met Laura & Francis Stamback at Family Restaurant for lunch. We stopped at hospital. Cy [Colter] about same. We took Mary Jantze home. Steves here.

Tuesday, January 6, 1987. Fair, 50°, cloudy in p.m. I went to Women's Fellowship at 9:00. Took Mary to see Dr. Olson at dialysis at 11:30. We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. I went back to church, worked awhile. Pete worked on historian report for annual meeting. I got supper. Had chicken. Cindy had stiff neck. Steve had several meetings.

Wednesday, January 7, 1987. Cloudy, cooler. We volunteered at hospital. I made vegetable soup for supper. Steve set up his office in basement. Cindy washed the chandelier for me.

Thursday, January 8, 1987. Cloudy, chilly, 30°. I went to HEA [Homemakers Extension Association] with Mabel. Pete home. Steve to town in p.m. Cindy had hair done at Harvey [Stutzman]'s. I made cherry dessert. We were home in evening. I worked on Afghan. Marty & Gail Bressner to Spotlight [Hog Show] in Columbia Missouri.

Friday, January 9, 1987. Cloudy, started to snow about 9:15 a.m. Kept it up all day. We did cleaning. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Took her to groceries & to beauty shop. Steve & Cindy got supper. Had pizza. Ask Rons [to come] but they were busy. We played Rook in evening. Had about 6 inches snow.

Saturday, January 10, 1987. Cloudy, some flurries. Pete & Steve to men's breakfast. Met Tom Kauffman, candidate for our minister. Pete & I to Phoenix Towers while senior citizens met Tom K. We met Earl Raiders at 11:45 at Old Firehouse. Mary with us. Had lunch together. We went to hospital at 1:30. Worked until 5:30. Snow blowing some. Steves to church to meet the Kaufmans.

Sunday, January 11, 1987. Mostly fair, windy in p.m., snow blowing some. We went to church. Had dinner there. Tom Kauffmann preached. Had a question time with Tom after lunch. We got fruit from Adventist [Church]. We were to have small group at Barels but didn't go. Steve to meeting at Joliet in p.m. Ron preached at Peoria in evening. Marty got home from Columbia Missouri at 1:00 a.m. Bad driving, Roads icy.

Monday, January 12, 1987. Fair, nice day, 30s. Some melting. I did laundry. Steve took Mary to dialysis & took her home. He did some skiing at Evergreen Lake. Cindy & I to town. I got dark blue suit, skirt, slacks & jacket & blouse. I got supper. Rons starting working on their house. Richard Mehl & 2 other men.

Tuesday, January 13, 1987. Fair, 40s, nice day. I went to prayer group at Alma G[alloway's]. Pete went to Mall. We got Mary at 11:30. Met Dorothy Scogin, Rose Girdler & Lawson Fultons at Bob Knapp's. Cindy helped me shorten my slacks. I made casserole for supper, made salad.

Wednesday, January 14, 1987. Cloudy, showers in morning. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. I made peach dessert & got things ready for supper. Wilbur & Grace Nachtigalls & Steves were here. Jo and Ron were here awhile.

Thursday, January 15, 1987. Cloudy, colder in evening. I baked coffeecake braid. Washed tablecloth, etc. & my raincoats, Pete & Steve's jackets. Steve busy working. Cindy to town awhile. She baked cookies & did laundry in PM. She shortened my blue skirt. Marty had lunch with us at noon. Steve had supper meeting.

Friday, January 16, 1987. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 32°. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted. Pete put some packets together for hospital. He got Mary, took her to hospital beauty shop & got her groceries. I deliver mail. We ate lunch at hospital. Did weekly cleaning. Steve & Cindy to Camp Friedenswald with Koinonia. Cy C[olter] isn't good.

Saturday, January 17, 1987. Cloudy, 31°, started to snow in p.m. I finished cleaning. Baked 2 pies (pumpkin). Gave Rons one, also some cookies. Cleaned. Ron & Marty working on their house. Had 3 ½ – 4 inches snow.

Sunday, January 18, 1987. Cloudy, 30°. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. We went to Mary's for dinner. Stopped at hospital to see Cy [Colter]. He's very weak. Stayed with Jeanette awhile. Steve & Cindy got home before 8:00. Jo here awhile in evening. We talked to Allens. They're alright.

Monday, January 19, 1987. Started to snow about 4 AM & very windy. Visibility nearly nil. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Very bad driving. Roads became drifted. No school, holiday (Martin Luther King day). Our drive closed. Stopped snowing about noon. Wind subsided in p.m. Snowplow came by. Steve scooped a lot. Jo, Marty & Cindy helped. Ray came down with tractor & scoop, opened our drive. I did laundry. Cindy did hers. Did some needlework. Had 6 ½ inches snow.

Tuesday, January 20, 1987. Clear, 16° in morning, 20s. Our prayer group called off. Cindy went to work at Brokaw [Hospital]. Steve had meeting at Morton in p.m. I did some mending & hemmed a card table cover. Made cherry pudding. We had rabbit for supper. Marty gave us 2. We played Rook awhile in evening.

Wednesday, January 21, 1987. Clear, windy in p.m., some drifting east – West roads. We volunteered at hospital. Met Earl & Ann Kaufman at Denny's at 12:30. We went with them to Shamel Manor. Earl, Park Hastings & Mr. Jones played. Cy Colter passed away at 3:22 PM. Steve took us to Mary & Joe J[antze]'s. Jeanette is staying there. We got home about 7:00. Cindy worked.

Thursday, January 22, 1987. Cloudy and windy, 20s, some drifting again. Snowplows out. Clear in p.m. Pete & I to Joe Jantze's at 9:00. Stayed a while family went to funeral home. I took casserole for their dinner. We left there about 4:00. Shirley & Ben Krahn came. We went to visitation which was 3 – 5 & 7 – 9. Some schools let out early. Cindy worked at hospital. Steve went to Chicago at noon to meeting, then to Camp Friedenswald tomorrow.

Friday, January 23, 1987. Clear, cold, 7° below, 4° for the day. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis, took her to beauty shop. I had my hair done at hospital beauty shop. Pete & I to Cy Colter's funeral at Metzler Froelich Funeral Home. Ron was pall bearer, also Earl Kaufman, Elmer Alsene, Junior Bartel, Dave Kinsinger, Marlin Miller & Duane Marquis. We went to church for lunch at 4:30. A long day.

Saturday, January 24, 1987. Clear, 10° below in morning, up to 10° above. Finished weekly cleaning. Baked a cake. We went to hospital at 11:30. Worked at Info Desk until 5:00. Cindy to church in morning. I made Jell-O salad for tomorrow. John Miller passed away.

Sunday, January 25, 1987. Clear, 9° below in morning. We went to church, had carry in dinner, Congregational meeting at 1:00. Voted to call Tom Kauffman as our lead pastor. Cindy to Stutzmans in p.m. Jo here awhile. Ron had workshop at North Danvers in p.m.

Monday, January 26, 1987. Clear, 3° below in morning, 22°, nice winter day. I washed & ironed. We took Mary home from dialysis. I put new material on little red rocking chair. Made tapioca & casserole for supper. Cindy worked. Wrote to Andy. Steve got home about 9:30.

Tuesday, January 27, 1987. Snowing and blowing again, 8° in morning, 20°. Stopped snowing midmorning, 1 inch. Winds subsided. Had planned to go to John Miller's funeral but was too stormy. Steve & Marty scooped out the drive again. I did some laundry. Made doughnuts. Gave Marty some for the carpenters. Gave Rons some. Steves to Stutzmans for supper. We went to Heritage at Alma G[alloway's].

Wednesday, January 28, 1987. Clear, 30° – 32°. We volunteered at hospital. I quilted at Harvella [Stutzman]'s awhile in p.m. Pete put some packets together for BroMenn [Hospital]. Cindy had day off. She baked bread & did laundry.

Thursday, January 29, 1987. Cloudy, rained some early morning, Rhodes slick. Very windy earlier, some drifting. Ron to Eureka all day, is counseling their every Thursday. Cindy to work. Steve to town over noon. I put Christmas cards away. Wrote to Elaine R[eynolds] & Lorena Wachtel. Did some hand work. Made lemon pie for supper.

Friday, January 30, 1987. Cloudy, windy, 32°. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted & Pete put some packets together & took Mary to beauty shop from dialysis. We ate lunch at Wendy's & got Mary's groceries. We took her to Eastland. She did some shopping. I went with Jo to Chenoa at 4:00 [to] see about some furniture for their house. Cindy to Ohio to see her folks. Jon quit at Waterbed.

Saturday, January 31, 1987. Mostly fair, 34°. Steve went to Chicago at 9:00 a.m. I finished cleaning. Didn't feel very good awhile in morning. I did some hand work. Wrote to Allens. Baked bars in p.m. Mary to Ina Sutters for dinner. Arts & Allens called her. We gave her money for blouse.

Sunday, February 1, 1987. Partly cloudy, 40°. Steve and we to church. Rons & boys, Steve & we took Mary to Barneys for her birthday. We stopped at her apartment awhile. Saw her cards. She got 50. I was at Rons awhile, took them some bars. Steve and we to Carlock church. Conrad Wetzel showed slides of Nicaragua. Cindy home from Ohio at 7:00. Jeanette went with us to Carlock.

Monday, February 2, 1987. A nice day, 40s. Glad the snow is melting. I washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. Took Ina Suter & Mary to Ruth Zehr's. Ruth took us to Roanoke for dinner. She bought Mary's dinner & got pie for all of us. We went back to Ruth's. Got home at 4:00. Steve worked on his car all day, bearing in the wheel. Cindy worked in morning. I got supper, casserole & rhubarb crisp. Cindy to choir practice at ISU.

Tuesday, February 3, 1987. Cloudy in morning, fair, 40°. I went to Women's Fellowship in morning. Pete & I met Laura & Francis Stamback at Carson's at 11:30. Did some shopping. Got groceries. Cindy home. She got supper. Had spaghetti. Jo here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, February 4, 1987. Nice day, 45°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I did some embroidery work in p.m. Cindy went to work at noon. Steve helping Jon tear down [corn] crib at Adams.

Thursday, February 5, 1987. Cloudy, 30s. I made vegetable soup. Sorted some recipes & put them in a book. Cleaned out drawer in China cabinet. Cindy worked in p.m. They went to Bob Stutzmans for supper. We took Jeanette to Denny's for supper. Ron to Eureka. Carpenters busy working on house.

Friday, February 6, 1987. Clear, beautiful day, 54°. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete made some packets & got Mary. Took her to beauty shop & home. We ate at hospital. Stopped at Smith's Paint Store, looked at wallpaper. Steve to Camp Friedenswald at 4:00 for weekend. Cindy to work in evening. We talked to Allens in evening.

Saturday, February 7, 1987. Clear, nice day, 54°. Pete to men's breakfast. Cindy to work, 8 – 12. I finished cleaning. We went to town at 11:00. Got wallpaper at Target for our bedroom. Had lunch at Bishops. Got Pete pair [of] slacks. I got pair [of] shoes (loafers). We worked at hospital, 2:30 – 8:30. Ron laying stone for their wood-burning stove.

Sunday, February 8, 1987. Fair, very windy from Northwest, falling temp during day. Cindy & we to church. Ate lunch at Red Lobster. We went to Rons awhile. Steve got home from Friedenswald at 6:00.

Monday, February 9, 1987. Fair, 10° in morning, 30s. I did the laundry. Got Mary at dialysis, & went to Bylers to a quilting. 10 there. Sue [Byler] had a delicious meal. Got home at 4:00. I made tapioca pudding. Took Marty some. He had all his wisdom teeth pulled. Dr. Century did the work. Cindy worked in morning. She went to choir practice at ISU.

Tuesday, February 10, 1987. Fair, nice day, 50°. I went to prayer group at Shirley K[rahn's]. I baked sugar cookies in p.m. Pete working on genealogy. Steve busy in his office. Cindy to town in p.m. She got supper, had potato quiche (good). Pete & I to visitation at 5:30 for Frieda Stahly.

Wednesday, February 11, 1987. Fair, beautiful day, 60°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I quilted at Harvella [Stutzman]'s in p.m. Pete went to Mall. Cindy to work at 1:00. We had pork chops & sauerkraut for supper. Jo came over, ate with us. Steve to Eureka with Jon. Steves called Allens & her folks to tell them the news, they're expecting a new member of the family.

Thursday, February 12, 1987. Fair in morning, cloudy and colder, 40°. I went to college of nursing at 7:30. Helped register students for next quarter. Went to HEA at 10:30. I gave the 1st Aid fact. Mabel to meeting with Louise Kinsinger & Jeanette. I took Mabel home. Pete working

on [Ropp] history. Stev & Jo had meeting at church (no school). Cindy to work in p.m. I made peach crisp and & fried chicken for supper. Steves to Eddy Stalters in evening.

Friday, February 13, 1987. Fair, 40s. Did weekly cleaning. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted. Pete got Mary at dialysis, took her to beauty shop and got her groceries. Pete brought Mary's car out here as she let her license expire. I baked coffeecake braid. Cindy to work at 3:00. Steve & Cindy are staying with Eddy Stalter's girls over the weekend. We got ½ hog from Rons.

Saturday, February 14, 1987. Cloudy, chilly, 30s. Colder in evening. I was at Rons awhile in morning. Ron working on laying stone. We went to ISU, Student International Fair at 1:30. We volunteered at hospital in evening. I got bouquet of fresh flowers from Rons.

Sunday, February 15, 1987. Mostly fair, a cold strong wind from Northeast, 30°. We went to church. Jo with us. Ron to Chicago and Elkhart. Jo, Mary, Jeanette & we to Golden West for lunch. Steves home from Stalters at 3:30. We all & Jo to YPU dinner & program at church. Paul called. They're okay, busy, they are having cold-weather & lots of snow. Ron home from Chicago.

Monday, February 16, 1987. Partly cloudy, 16° in morning, 32°, windy & cold. Cindy to work at 8:00. Steve got Mary at dialysis. I did laundry. Didn't feel good, puls irregular again. Rested awhile. Pete sorted pictures. I embroidered some. Steve to Eureka at 4:00. Cindy to ISU choir practice.

Tuesday, February 17, 1987. Mostly cloudy, 30s. I went to prayer group at Helen Pattons. Pete to hospital. We got Mary & went to Bob Knapp's. Met Dorothy Scogin, Rose Girdler & Lawson Fultons. Got paint for ceiling in our bedroom. I made meatloaf for supper. Pete & I to church at 7:00, committee meeting for program for 75th anniversary. Had sinus headache.

Wednesday, February 18, 1987. Clear, nice day, 42°, not so windy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I took Mary and Mabel to Garfield club at Kay Edgecombs. Frieda [Blair] took Mary home. Cindy to work in p.m. I got supper, had steak. Did some packing. Felt better in PM. Headache better.

Thursday, February 19, 1987. Clear, nice day, 40s. I went to hospital beauty shop at 7:30. Had permanent. Did some cleaning. We went to town at 2:00 to bank. We went to Dr. Bertsche at 3:15. He increased my Lanoxin a little. Had blood test for Digoxin. Finished packing. Made chicken casserole & apple pudding. Rons stopped in. Talked to Sherry Dunn Stontin.

Friday, February 20, 1987. Cloudy. We left with Bob Kaufmans at 8:004 Tucson Arizona. We took 55 to St. Louis, then I 44 to Tulsa. Got to Tulsa at 6:50. Drove 568 miles. Pretty scenery through Ozarks. Got a Drury Inn at Tulsa.

Saturday, February 21, 1987. Partly cloudy. We left Tulsa at 8:30. Had free breakfast at motel. Had lunch at Ardmore Oklahoma. Saw numerous oil wells & lots of cattle & wheat. Got to

Coppell, Larry Jantze's, at 2:40. Good to see them. June took us to shopping center. I got a cross stitch baby quilt. June had dinner for us. Cindy & Marvin Kym there too. Jeff & Pat were invited but Jeff has cold and cough. Talked to them on telephone.

Sunday, February 22, 1987. Mostly fair. We left Larry's at 8:15. Saw many many oil wells. Took I 20 from Dallas & I 10. Lots of wasteland. Cross mountain range. Got motel at Fort Hancock, small place. Set clocks back one hour.

Monday, February 23, 1987. Left motel at 7:00. Fair, chilly. Drove awhile, had breakfast near El Paso, a huge truck stop, "The Kettle." Crossed into New Mexico at 9:15. Lots of dairies & pecan orchards. Snow on mountains. Miles & miles of cactus & Yuma plants. Crossed into Arizona at 12:25. Got to Bill [Bearly]s at 3:40. Good to see the folks. Bobs & Lori & David here for dinner. Talked to Rons. Irene Petty passed away Saturday. Marty left for hog show in Oklahoma.

Tuesday, February 24, 1987. Partly cloudy, chilly. Bill & James to work. Arthur & Georgia [Yoder] came at 12:30. We had a good visit with them. They're staying at Tempe. We looked at pictures & the "Garden City Book." Started to rain in late p.m., snow in northern part of state. Had 1 ¼ inches snow.

Wednesday, February 25, 1987. Cloudy, rained most of day, 40s. Evelyn and we to Air Museum and [to] Bill's store in morning. Went to Cactus Place in p.m. Sent some cactus home to Rons, Allens & Pauls. Lots of snow on mountains.

Thursday, February 26, 1987. Mostly cloudy, some showers, had little hail in p.m. & some sunshine, 40s. Evelyn did laundry. She & I to one of the malls. Pete and I went for walk in p.m. We looked at pictures, etc. Bill & James to work.

Friday, February 27, 1987. Fair, nice day, lots of snow on mountains. We took Orvie & Bills to King's Table for dinner. Bill took us for ride. We & Bobs left Tucson at 2:45 for Phoenix. Lori & David went too. We all stayed at Dr. Jerry Yost (David's parents).

Saturday, February 28, 1987. Clear, nice day. We left Phoenix at 8:10. Beautiful scenery through Flagstaff. Lots of snow. Flagstaff had 26 inches. Had lunch at Winslow. Crossed into New Mexico at 2:40. Got to Santa Rosa at 7:30 where we got motel. Drove 590+ miles.

Sunday, March 1, 1987. Clear, beautiful day. Left Santa Rosa at 6:50. Stopped at large truck stop for breakfast at Tucumcari. Crossed into Texas at 9:30. Had lunch at Shamrock Texas at Dairy Queen. Crossed into Oklahoma at 2:45. Saw lots of wheat & cattle. Had supper at 7:00 at Tulsa. Drove until 9:00. Got motel at Afton Oklahoma. Drove 600 miles.

Monday, March 2, 1987. Clear, nice day. We left Afton at 7:20. We stopped at Walnut wood place. Did little shopping. Had lunch at Holiday Inn at Sullivan Missouri. Got home at 5:30. Steves papered our bedroom while we were gone. Looks nice. Cindy not feeling well. Drove 3750 miles on our trip. Good to be home. Thankful for safe trip.

Tuesday, March 3, 1987. Clear, nice day, 25° in morning, 50°. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. Took Mary to see Dr. Olson at dialysis at 10:30. Got groceries. I washed & ironed in p.m. Pete raked some yard. Steve to meeting at Morton. Worked some at their house. Cindy to hospital for sonogram. I went to Women's Meeting with Jeanette.

Wednesday, March 4, 1987. Fair, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. I got Mary at dialysis & took her to visitation for Rachel Fuller. I helped Mary put dishes back in her cupboards (they sprayed them). I cleaned closets in our bedroom. Got supper. Pete was dizzy in p.m., better in evening. Steve working on house. Marty home from Oklahoma & Kansas at 7:30.

Thursday, March 5, 1987. Clear, nice day, 60s. I cleaned our bedroom. We went to town in p.m. Got our pictures we took on trip. That bedroom drapes at cleaners. Went to see Steve's house. He worked there all day, painting. Larry Reeser putting in bathroom fixtures. Cindy worked awhile. She had Jr. choir practice at 6:00. Marty to Indianapolis for the day.

Friday, March 6, 1987. Clear, beautiful day, 60s. Did cleaning. Lavatory clogged. Pete worked on it. Worked outside awhile. Pete had dizzy spell again. Went to town. Stopped at ER. Pete's blood pressure, 178/108. Bertsche's office busy. Saw ER doctor. Did EKG & blood work. Test normal. [He] felt better. Got parts for lavatory. Ron put them in. He took day off to work on house. Steve worked on house. I was going to help clean cupboards but got too late. Marty got home at 2 AM.

Saturday, March 7, 1987. Beautiful day, 70°. Cindy and I to their house in morning. Cleaned cupboards in kitchen (MS). Steve to meeting at Meadows. Pete some better. We went to town at 1:30. Pete to Mary's while she & I went to Paul Brown & Sue Collins wedding at our church. Mary got groceries. Pete & I volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Steve groomsman & Cindy sang at Paul's wedding. Steves did some cleaning at their house in evening.

Sunday, March 8, 1987. Another nice day. We went to church. Had small group at Marilyn Reeser. Were 22 there. Came home at 2:30. Went to Steve's house. Helped clean. They moved things from here & Mary Dicks & Bob Reesers. Carolyn (unclear), Mary Ann & Carrie Watkins & Don Nester helped wash woodwork. Steve Stinger, Al Dick, Bob King, Paul Watkins helped. Jon Ropp helped with one load. Marjorie Baum had supper for all who could stay. Steves here all night. Pete feels better & we're thankful.

Monday, March 9, 1987. Cloudy, windy and cold. I washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. We had lunch with Laura & Francis Stamback at Holiday Inn. Cindy to work in morning. Steve working at their house. We went out in PM. Pete helped Steve. I went with Cindy to shop for curtains. Came home after 5:00. Got supper for Steves & Gary Guthrie & his wife who came to visit Steves. They all went back to Steve's house.

Tuesday, March 10, 1987. Fair, 15° in morning, 30s. I got ready for prayer group. Shirley [Krahn], Lucy C[atherine], Jeanette [Colter], Mary K[aufman] & Alma [Galloway] & Helen

[Patton] here. Pete & I to Steve's. Helped unpack. Washed dishes, etc. Gary Guthries to Eureka in p.m., back to Steves this evening. I washed some curtains for Cindy.

Wednesday, March 11, 1987. Fair, 17°, 40s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I washed bedding from guest bed. Hung some outside. Made 4 pie crusts for MCC [relief] sale. Steve here in p.m. Got more of their things. We went to Myrna Parks in evening, worked on program for the church's 75th anniversary.

Thursday, March 12, 1987. Partly cloudy. I went to HEA with Dorothy Singley. Mabel & Jeanette along. I cleaned the kitchen cupboards in p.m. Jo here awhile after school. Jeanette & we to Denny's for supper, then to choir practice. We're singing for the 75th anniversary. We went to Rons awhile. He was finishing laying stone for the hearth. Marty to Champaign to look about job & school.

Friday, March 13, 1987. Partly cloudy, 69°. Went to town at 9:00. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis and took her to Norma's Beauty Shop & got her groceries. We had lunch at Grand Café. I washed curtains & cleaned kitchen in PM. Ron left at noon for New Orleans, Hospital & Chaplaincy Meeting. Marty home from Champaign. Job looked promising. Steve here in p.m. Got more of their things.

Saturday, March 14, 1987. Mostly fair, 61°, nice day. We cleaned the boys' room upstairs. I washed rugs, curtains & spread. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Steve left at noon for Washington DC (flew). Rained some in evening.

Sunday, March 15, 1987. Cloudy, rained most of afternoon, windy and chilly. We went to church. Went to Edith & Rachel Zehr's. They were hosts. A young couple there, also Jeanette [Colter] & Tom Yoder. Hazel at health meeting at New Orleans. We came home before 3:00. Jo here awhile in evening. Talked to Paul. They're okay & busy.

Monday, March 16, 1987. Fair, 50°, chilly Northeast wind. I did laundry. Cleaned West room upstairs. Dialysis unit didn't have any water in morning. Mary went at 11:30. We got her at 3:00. Took her home. I worked some on baby quilt. Didn't feel good. Dennis Rempels got to Rons. [They] have trailer.

Tuesday, March 17, 1987. Fair, 50s. I went to prayer group with Jeanette. Pete got me & Mary. We met [Dorothy] Scogin, Frieda B[lair] Shinall, Lawson Fultons & Rose Girdler at Bob Knapp's. Had a good time. We stopped at Mall. Took Mary home. Got some garden seeds. I made 2 batches of chili for Saturday evening at Steves. Steve home from Washington DC.

Wednesday, March 18, 1987. Mostly cloudy, 50°, showered some in morning. We took Mary to dialysis at 6:30. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Mary home with us. I took she & Mabel to Garfield meeting at Jeanette's. Cindy Ropp told about music therapy. Mary & I on

committee. It was interesting. Cindy to work at 3:00. Steve here awhile in p.m. Ron home at 10:30. I have cold & sinus.

Thursday, March 19, 1987. Cloudy, fair in evening. I washed bedding from our bedroom. Did all of cleaning. We took Mary to beauty shop & got her groceries. We got our cured meat at Bills. I made cherry dessert & baked some ham. Jeanette with us to Avanti's for supper, then to choir practice. I feel better.

Friday, March 20, 1987. Fair, nice day, 50s. We went to church at 7:00. Esther Brown, Aldine Combs [& I] made 86 shoofly pies. Put 1st one in oven at 7:40 and took last one out at 12:15. Pete busy folding boxes with labeling. Others came to help. We got home at 2:15. Mary to MCC [relief] sale with Reesers. Allen & Shirley got here at 4:00. Glad to see them. Had ham & scalloped potatoes. Marty here for supper. Rons, Jon & Kevin [Reeser] & Rempel' to sale. Bill Ramseyers at Steves.

Saturday, March 21, 1987. Fair, 60°, fine day. Allens took Mary to Perkins for brunch. We went to. Allens to see Fern Wick. We worked outside awhile. Raked. Shirley baked German chocolate cake for Steve's birthday. Allens, we & Mary to Steve's at 5:00. Took chili & relishes. Cindy had surprise for him. 40 there. Serve chili & barbecue, relishes, cake & bars. Dick Pilgrims came too. Rons got there late as Ron was at sale until late. We came home with Rons. Allens came later. (Allens & we to Ropp Cemetery in p.m.)

Sunday, March 22, 1987. Another fine day, 60s. We all went to church. Dick [Pilgrim]s were there too. They stayed at Howard Johnson's. Allens, Dicks, Steves, Bill R[amseyers], Ron & we went to Denny's after church. (Joe taught Sunday school.) Allens & Dicks left from there. We miss them. Mary to Passion Play with Mrs. Fuller's daughter.

Monday, March 23, 1987. Mostly fair, 76°, nice day. I did laundry. Pete worked up some ground in truck patch. We planted 2 short rows of potatoes. Put up peas, onions, radishes, lettuce & spinach. Pete burned some grass & weeds along the fences. I made 2 batches of bars for Jo. Made salad for tomorrow.

Tuesday, March 24, 1987. Cloudy, rained most of morning & part of afternoon. Jeanette & I to prayer group at Mary K[aufmans]. We went to Auxiliary Style Show at our church at 11:00. Salad luncheon. Jeanette went as my guests. I went to Nurses Home at 5:30. Helped with phonathon until 9:00. Pete with Homer Park to [Mennonite] Mutual Aid meeting at Washington.

Wednesday, March 25, 1987. Cloudy, showered in p.m., cooler, 40s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Mary & we took some things to Thrift Shop & [went] to Seth Swift's. Had income tax done. We went with Jeanette to church, practice for Sunday p.m. program. Talked to Paul for his birthday. They're okay.

Thursday, March 26, 1987. Cloudy & chilly, some drizzle in evening. I cleaned the West bedroom & covered Jon's quilt with plastic. We went to Bishops at 5:30. Met with Prime Timers. Pete with Singleys to meeting at Farm Bureau. I went to alumni meeting at hospital. Dr. *Trefgger* (sp?) & Phyllis Jacobson [talked] about their trip to Haiti.

Friday, March 27, 1987. Cloudy, 40s. Did cleaning. Covered our anniversary quilt with plastic. Took it & Jon's [quilt] & my flower garden to church for display for weekend. Pete got Mary at dialysis & took her to hospital & got her groceries. I helped put quilt in frame for auxiliary. Had my hair done. We stopped at church. I cleaned some of choir robes.

Saturday, March 28, 1987. Mostly fair, 40s. I finished cleaning. Baked cherry pie for church supper. Jeanette & we to town at 2:00. Got Mary & went to church for the 75th anniversary celebration. Had a lot of picture displays & quilts. Had storytelling time. Jo in charge of it. Pete shared, also Earl Kaufman. Had supper, sandwiches & pie. History books were on sale. Rachel Waltner Goossen spoke about writing the book. Had picture slide presentation. Cheryl Rempel at Rons. She slept here.

Sunday, March 29, 1987. Cloudy, colder in p.m. Cheryl Rempel here for breakfast. We went to church. Ron had the message, "Roots and Wings." Very good. We sang with choir. Large crowd. Over 200 for noon meal. At 1 PM, pieces of our history, a parade of vignettes telling our church history, written by Myrna [Parks]. Pete & I were one of the older couples. It was fun. A big weekend. I was at Rons awhile. Jo here later. Cheryl to Fransens. Cheryl Rempel here again all night.

Monday, March 30, 1987. Cloudy, windy, cold, 20°, into 30s. Cheryl here most of morning. I washed & ironed. Wrote to Pauls. Cleaned the bathroom. Worked on quilt in evening. Rempels & Cheryl left for Chicago at 1:30. Marty home from Kansas at 8:30. Jo has vacation this week.

Tuesday, March 31, 1987. Fair, 19° in morning, 42°. I went to prayer group with Jeanette. Pete was to take Mary to see Dr. Olson but he canceled. We & Mary to Bishops for lunch. Mary got a dress at Bergners. Took her to dentist at 1:00. We stopped at church. Helped Jo with some pictures left from weekend. I baked shoofly pie. Gave most of it to Rons.

Wednesday, April 1, 1987. Mostly fair, showered some in p.m., colder in evening, windy. We volunteered at hospital. I made salad in p.m. Louise Reeser papering at Rons. Boys are painting. We went to Mary's at 6:00. Jean, Shirley & Carolyn from Ohio came. We took them to Grand Café. Rons to Bluffton alumni dinner at our church.

Thursday, April 2, 1987. Partly cloudy, windy, cold, 30s. Cooked chicken casserole. Went with Jeanette to district HEA meeting at Farm Bureau. Jeanette made salad. I furnished peas. Pete worked outside some. Boys loaded up junk to take to landfill. I got supper. Mary, Jean, Shirley & Carolyn here for supper. Had chicken casserole. Mary brought pies. They went over to see Ron's house.

Friday, April 3, 1987. 17° in morning, 44°, fair. Went to town at 8:30. I quilted at auxiliary room. Pete made some packets & got Mary. Took her to beauty shop & got groceries. Jeanette, Mary & we to Kiwanis pancake & sausage dinner at consistory. We cleaned bookshelves. I was at Rons awhile. Worked on quilt. Mary's company left this morning.

Saturday, April 4, 1987. Clear, 20°, windy, cold, 40. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished weekly cleaning. Cleaned the Cedar closet & hallway. I worked on baby quilt. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, April 5, 1987. Clear, windy, chilly, 50s. We went to church. I didn't feel good again but better in PM. Jeanette & we ate at Dairy Queen. Went to quilt show at Miller Park. I rested. We went with Rons to Music Festival at our church. Large crowd. Earl Lehman director, very good.

Monday, April 6, 1987. Cloudy, warmer, 60s. I washed & ironed. We went to grocery store. I cleaned living room furniture and polished the silverware. Steve got Mary at dialysis. Paul Millers here planting garden.

Tuesday, April 7, 1987. Fair, nice day, 59°. I went to auxiliary bazaar meeting at 9:00, then to Women's Fellowship meeting at church. Jeanette took relishes and I took dip for lunch. Came home at 1:00. I washed woodwork in dining & living room. We went to M[ennonite] M[utual] A[id] meeting at church. Jeanette drove. I didn't feel good again.

Wednesday, April 8, 1987. Clear, fine day, 66°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I worked on baby quilt awhile. Pete took snow fence down & worked up some ground. We set out cabbage, broccoli & cauliflower plants. Walter Dycks made some garden. Wrote to Evelyn [Bearly]. Uncovered roses.

Thursday, April 9, 1987. A beautiful day, 34° in morning, 72°. We met Laura & Francis S[tamback] at Lakeside for lunch we got shampooer at Millers. Cleaned the living room & bathroom rug. Pete worked outside awhile. I stirred up cookies. Went to Rons in evening. Helped clean & wash woodwork in Rons bedroom.

Friday, April 10, 1987. Fair in morning. Cloudy, showered some in p.m., cooler in p.m. We shampooed dining room rug. Went to town. Pete returned shampooer. I quilted at auxiliary room. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Got her groceries. I baked cookies in p.m.

Saturday, April 11, 1987. Partly cloudy, 60°, few light showers. Windy & turned colder late p.m. Some tornadoes sighted Southeast of our area. We turned living room rug. I made rhubarb crisp & got dinner for Rons & Steve. They moved upstairs to their bedroom. Looks nice. They laid carpet yesterday.

Sunday, April 12, 1987. Fair, 60°, nice day. We went to church. I took Alma Galloway some vegetable soup. She injured her leg. We ate at International House. I was at Rons in p.m. helping

Jo some. Steve & Cindy were here awhile, got remainder of their clothes. I wrote to Allens. Elsie Miller passed away.

Monday, April 13, 1987. Cloudy, rained most of morning. I washed & ironed. We cleaned the fruit room. I baked coffeecake braid. Pete worked some in garage. I was at Jo's awhile. Put oil on some of refinished furniture. Rained in evening.

Tuesday, April 14, 1987. Cloudy in morning, rained early, fair in p.m. Had 1 ¼ inches rain since yesterday. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. We & Mary met Dorothy Scogin & Rose Girdler at Bob Knapp's for lunch. Mabel & we to visitation for Elsie Miller. I made peanut butter Rice Krispy bars for auxiliary bake sale. Gave Rons some.

Wednesday, April 15, 1987. Mostly cloudy. Showered in evening. We volunteered at hospital in morning. We cleaned the recreation room in PM. I helped Jo awhile in evening.

Thursday, April 16, 1987. Cloudy, showered some in morning. We went to hospital at 8:00 for auxiliary bake sale. Sold out by 10:30. Made \$175. I didn't feel good, had palpitations again. Went to ER. Put me on monitor. Was admitted to [Room] 380 at 12:30. Sorry I have to be admitted. Dr. John B[ertsche] in to see me. Pete to services with Rons. They came after church. Rons brought a beautiful Lily, Harold & Helen some carnations. Steves here in evening.

Friday, April 17, 1987. Clear, beautiful day, 70s. I had an echocardiography in morning. Dr. Weir to see me, he has weekend off so Dr. Dahn ? saw me in evening. Is changing medication to Quinidine. Had some company & flowers, little basket from Sheila & carnations from Nursing Service & Mary. Pete here until 4:00. Rons here short time. Paul Millers here in evening. Steve here in a.m. Allens called Pete last night. Mike Emericks at Rons.

Saturday, April 18, 1987. Another beautiful day, 70s. Drs. Bertsche & Dan here in morning. I'm up most of time. Pete came at noon. He called Pauls in morning. Lucy C[atherine] here in p.m. Steve & Cindy here short time in evening. Jon & his cousin here awhile. Rons to hog sale at ISU. Allens called me in evening.

Sunday, April 19, 1987. Easter Sunday. Beautiful day, 70s. Pete to church. He brought me home after church. Glad to get home again. Steves, Mary, Mike Emericks, Sheila & her brother and we were at Rons for dinner. We ate in the new family room. They have the guest bedroom finished too. Emericks left at 4:30 for home. Wilbur Nachtigalls here in evening. Pauls called. Ben flew to California [to] see Andy.

Monday, April 20, 1987. Clear, warm, 89°, broke records. Pete worked outside. I rested quite a lot. Helped sow beets & carrots. I did 2 rows beans & 2 rows corn. Marty helped some. Pete helped him plant 3 rows potatoes. Jon cut down some dead lilac bushes. Jeanette here awhile in evening.

Tuesday, April 21, 1987. Mostly fair, 77°, turned cooler and windy in p.m. We did the laundry & Pete worked outside awhile. I rested in p.m. Earl Kaufman & Paul Miller stopped in. Helen [Patton] & Lucy C[atherine] here awhile too. Pete went to visitation for Marlin Miller's wife, she passed away Sunday. Deb called in evening. Randy gone.

Wednesday, April 22, 1987. 50°, had nearly an inch rain early hours. Cloudy & some drizzle. Sunshine in evening. We volunteered at hospital. I sorted mail, Pete delivered it. He got Mary at dialysis & took her to bank. We were home in PM. I worked on baby quilt. Jo had trouble with their car. Steve to Indiana.

Thursday, April 23, 1987. Mostly cloudy, chilly wind, 50s. Pete trimmed around raspberries in p.m. I rested some. Took little walk. Didn't feel as well as yesterday p.m. I went to Rons little in evening. Carpenters are still working.

Friday, April 24, 1987. A beautiful day, chilly in morning, up to 64°. We did some cleaning. Went to town at 11:30, to beauty shop. Pete took Mary to get groceries. She & we had lunch at Dairy Queen. I went to Dr. Bertsche's office. Had blood taken, Lanoxin level. Pete mowed lawn. I didn't feel good again in morning, better in PM. Rons to Goshen [Indiana] to conference.

Saturday, April 25, 1987. Another fine day, 71°. Pete worked in the raspberries. I rested most of day, didn't feel very good. Pain in back between shoulders. I didn't go to alumni homecoming. Sorry to miss it. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Felt better.

Sunday, April 26, 1987. Beautiful day. We went to church. Came home before Sunday School. Was going to eat out but I didn't feel good. Felt better in PM. Was outside quite awhile. Steven Jo got back from conference at Goshen at 11:30. Ron comes tomorrow. Had thunderstorm & some rain in night.

Monday, April 27, 1987. Mostly fair, windy, 80°. We washed some. I didn't feel good. Had pain in back & shoulders. Went to see Dr. Bertsche in p.m. Gave me antibiotics. Have some respiratory infection. I had diarrhea & some nausea. Think it's medicine. Pete worked with raspberries. Ron home from conference. Marty home from Kansas.

Tuesday, April 28, 1987. Clear, nice day. Pete worked outside some. I'm having diarrhea & nausea. Feel miserable. Running temp. Didn't do anything. Didn't sleep much at night.

Wednesday, April 29, 1987. Clear, 90°. I called Dr. Bertsche at 6:00. Went to hospital at 8:00. Admitted to room 379. Started on IVs & put on the monitor. Can't eat. Pete with me most of day. Had some visitors to. Lucy C[atherine] brought me little basket of flowers. Dr. John B[ertsche] & Dr. Dahn in, changed medication. Jo here after school. Ron here earlier.

Thursday, April 30, 1987. Another nice day, much cooler, 70s. I still don't feel good, nauseated, no appetite. Pete came in afternoon. Had other company too. Cindy brought Mary in evening for short time. Jo here too. I didn't have very good night. Some diarrhea again.

Friday, May 1, 1987. Clear, cool in morning. I feel some better, still on IVs. Pete came in morning, brought some pretty tulips. Mabel came, brought carnations. Had other visitors. I'm able to eat better, thankful for. Jo to meeting at [Camp] Menno Haven.

Saturday, May 2, 1987. Fair, had little shower late p.m. Pete to men's breakfast & mowed lawn. I got the IVs out, a relief. Drs. came in morning and dismissed me. We got home about 2:30. Ron working on house all day. Cindy had trouble with Steve's car. Jon went to help & got it fixed.

Sunday, May 3, 1987. Cloudy, strong Northeast wind, 60s. We were home all day. Listened to Dr. Schuller on TV. Listened to tape of our 75th anniversary of our church. Jo here several times. Marty & Kevin [Reeser] here awhile in evening. Evelyn & Orvie called in p.m. Georgia & Allens called in evening. Steve home from Winnipeg Canada.

Monday, May 4, 1987. Clear, 40s in morning, 60s. Pete got Mary at dialysis and got some groceries. He cleaned strawberry patch in p.m. I rested and worked some on baby quilt. Shampooed my hair. Jo pinned it [up] for me. Steve here little while. Got their bikes & some tools from Pete. Rons got living room rug put down.

Tuesday, May 5, 1987. Fair, 70°, 37° in morning. We did the laundry. Pete did some trimming. I rested some. We went to Jo's in evening. Things are coming along in the house. Have the appliances in the kitchen. Didn't go to mother – daughter dinner.

Wednesday, May 6, 1987. Beautiful day, 68°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete set out geraniums & we planted cucumbers. I helped some. Worked some on baby quilt. Jeanette here in p.m. Mabel stopped in evening.

Thursday, May 7, 1987. Nice day, 76°. Pete worked outside some. I dusted bedrooms. We set out Amaryllis & Lily bulbs. Fed the roses & watered them. I rested. Worked some on quilt.

Friday, May 8, 1987. Another lovely day, 70s. We did some weekly cleaning. Went to Niepagens, got plants, tomatoes, eggplant & peppers, also petunias & pansies. Jo took Mary shopping for a chair. We took her grocery shopping & to bank at noon. Had lunch at Grand Café. I didn't feel too good.

Saturday, May 9, 1987. Fair, warm, 84°. I finished cleaning. Steve came in morning. Helped sow flower seeds. We washed Windows in p.m. Pete put screens in. Glad it's done. We set out petunias in evening, and tuberous begonias. Shampooed my hair. Jo pinned it up. Cindy here little in p.m. I feel better today.

Sunday, May 10, 1987. Fair, warm, 80s. We went to church. Didn't stay for Sunday school. Mary & we went to her apartment. Met Rons, Steve & Cindy at Bishops for dinner. Mary took Rons & us. Ron paid [for] boys & we got Steves. Came home at 1:30. Steves here awhile. Brought an Azalea from Allens & them. Allens & Paul called in p.m. Good to talk to them. We

were at Rons awhile. Rons gave me a bone China Mother's cup & carnation plants. A nice Mother's Day.

Monday, May 11, 1987. Partly cloudy, 80s. Windy & dusty. We did the laundry. Pete busy some outside. I rested some. We met Laura & Francis S[tamback] at Denny's. Had lunch. Rested until time to go to Dr. Bertsche. I'm doing pretty good. We fixed the porch box in evening. Had a thunderstorm watch out in evening. Had shower, lots of lightning, windy.

Tuesday, May 12, 1987. Fair, cooler, 70s. I went to prayer group at Myrna parks. We & Mary met [Dorothy] Scogin, Frieda Bell Shinall, Rose Girdler & Lawson Fultons at Bob Knapp's. Rested some in p.m. Pete mowed lawn. We planted the Azalea & some petunias.

Wednesday, May 13, 1987. Fair, 47° in morning, 83°. We volunteered at hospital. Rested in p.m. Baked quick coffeecake. Pete hoed some in truck patch. He did some watering plants. We need rain. Steve here few minutes in evening, got his mail & canoe.

Thursday, May 14, 1987. Partly cloudy, thunderstorm in p.m., didn't get any rain here. Went South of us. Rained in town. Didn't do much except got meals. Worked on baby quilt awhile. Didn't go to HEA, didn't feel very well in morning. Pete watered strawberries. 92°, broke records.

Friday, May 15, 1987. Fair, cooler, 76°. Did weekly cleaning. Went to auxiliary quarterly meeting at 10:30. Mary there. We had lunch at auxiliary. Salads. Took Mary to get groceries & to get her hair done at Norma's. Jan gone. I rested awhile. Pete sprayed apple tree & watered plants.

Saturday, May 16, 1987. Fair, 84°, nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. We took papers to paper drives & had car washed (MYF) at church. We volunteered at hospital, 3:30 – 8:00.

Sunday, May 17, 1987. Fair, 80s, more humid. Had shower in evening. We went to church. Ate at Denny's. Came home & rested awhile. We went to the Roanoke Cemetery to check on Ed's tombstone. The date was put on. We took a geraniums [to] put on grave. Orvie & Evelyn called. Jeanette here awhile in evening. Marty's friend from Kansas came.

Monday, May 18, 1987. Cloudy to partly cloudy, 81°, more humid, good breeze. We did the laundry. Rested. I worked some on baby quilt. Pete worked outside awhile.

Tuesday, May 19, 1987. Fair, hot, 80s and humid. I went to prayer group with Jeanette. Pete got me. We went to College Hills [Mall]. I got pink blouse. Got home at 1:30, rested. Pete pulled weeds in raspberries. We went to church in evening. Granger Westberg spoke on nurses in the church. Ron head of meeting.

Wednesday, May 20, 1987. Mostly fair, hot, 91°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went to Garfield club at Marie Hastings. Mabel drove in her new car, '85 Buick. I worked some on baby quilt. Were under thunderstorm watch in evening.

Thursday, May 21, 1987. Fair, hot, 93°. Thunder storm warnings in evening. Tornado warning in counties north. Pete worked in truck patch in morning. I put some winter clothes away and worked some on quilt. We took Marty to Denny's for supper. Rons & Jon busy. IPSI graduation. Allens called in evening. Had thunder storms & wind at 9:30. Tornadoes sighted in the area. .12 [inch] rain. Dropped.

Friday, May 22, 1987. Cloudy in morning, 60s. A relief from the past days. We did cleaning. Went to town at 10:00. I quilted awhile. Pete took Mary to get her groceries. We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. I got a permanent at 1:00 at hospital beauty shop. Cindy here awhile after work.

Saturday, May 23, 1987. Mostly cloudy, rather chilly, 60s. Pete & I took flowers to cemeteries in morning. I worked on baby quilt. Pete sprayed thistles. Jo here awhile in evening. Marty left for Kansas at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 24, 1987. Fair, cool, 70s. We went to church. Rons, Joanne Waltner, Mary & we to the Country Kitchen Buffet at College Hills [Mall]. We paid Mary's. Crowd there. Went to Eastland. Did a little shopping. Came home at 3:00. We & Mary to Steve & Cindy's for supper. Nice evening.

Monday, May 25, 1987. Mostly cloudy, few sprinkles, warmer. We washed & ironed. Pete plowed truck [patch]. We planted more glads and planted 3 rows sweetcorn. We picked nearly 2 quarts strawberries.

Tuesday, May 26, 1987. Fair, 88°, more humid. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete did some shopping. He trimmed some shrubbery in PM. I rested & worked on baby quilt. We went to Heritage meeting at Alta L[itwillers]. Rosalee Kennedy at Rons.

Wednesday, May 27, 1987. Fair, 90°, windy. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete picked strawberries. I helped some, got 4 – 5 quarts. Put quart & pint in freezer. Gave Rons & Mary some. Kept some to eat. Pete mowed yard. I did some packing.

Thursday, May 28, 1987. Fair, 92°, very windy. We went to town at 7:30. Had my hair done. Pete took Jo to school. Took Mary some strawberries. Pete picked peas. Had for lunch. We went to church. Got tablecloth for Jo. Finished packing. Rons, Rosalee & we left for Medicine Lodge Kansas. Drove to Columbia Missouri for the night. Got into hard rain east of Columbia.

Friday, May 29, 1987. Partly cloudy, pleasant. As we were leaving our motel at 6:30, we saw Steve's car parked near our motel. Couldn't believe [it] (we woke them up). Stopped at Wichita for lunch & here came Steves. Got to Stuckeys at 3:30. Was pretty tired. I rested some. Rons busy setting up for rehearsal dinner. We all went to rehearsal at 6:30, then to dinner about 9:00.

Allens got here at 7:30 but missed the dinner. Rons & we staying at Renée's folks. Allens, Steve & Rosalee at motel. Everyone to Renée's sisters after dinner. Pete and I to bed.

Saturday, May 30, 1987. Fair, pleasant day. Renée and her family getting ready for the big day. We had brunch at Dr. Stuckey's. Allens & Steves came in morning. We went down town awhile with them. Mrs. Stuckey served lunch, 1 – 3. I rested awhile in p.m. We all went to church at 5:30 for picture taking. Marty & Renée were married at 7:00 p.m. Jon best man. Ron had part in ceremony. Steve & Cindy sang. It was a beautiful wedding. Flowers were lovely. Had buffet after wedding. Marty & Renée left church on horse driven buggy. Went to K[ansas] C[ity].

Sunday, May 31, 1987. Another nice day, little warmer. Everyone busy packing trailer with gifts & Renée's things. Ron hauling trailer with his truck. Jon & Kevin [Reeser] driving Renée's car. Jo, Rosalee & we left at 12:15 for home. Stayed all night at Higginsville Missouri. Talked to Arthurs. Tried to call them from Wichita, but no answer. Ron & boys had some trouble with truck. Said it thundered & lightninged all night, some rain, but no rain at home.

Monday, June 1, 1987. Fair. Ron and boys got home at 5:00 a.m. A long night. We left motel at 6:45. Drove awhile before eating. Ate at Shoney's at Columbia. Got home at 4:30. Had lunch at Springfield & stopped at Beichs for candy for Rosalee. Pete picked berries, 2 ½ quarts. Gave Rons some. Rosalee picked some peas. I put 2 ½ pints in freezer & gave Rons [some] for supper. Glad to be home & thankful could go to the wedding and for safe trip.

Tuesday, June 2, 1987. Posted cloudy. I washed. Pete picked rest of peas. Put 3 pints in freezer. Did ironing. Had electrical storm about 1:30. Little shower. Under severe thunderstorm watch, then under tornado warning. Had heavy rain at 2:45. Rained & showered most of afternoon. Had 1.8 inches rain. Thankful for rain.

Wednesday, June 3, 1987. Fair, cooler, 74°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital. Took car to Al Dick to have work done. We used Rons car. Went to Eastland. Had pictures developed. Some of wedding are pretty good. Jo here awhile in evening. Also Jon & Sheila. Jo's school is out.

Thursday, June 4, 1987. Beautiful cool day, 74°, clear. Pete picked 1 ½ quarts strawberries. Put jar in freezer and kept [some] to eat. We picked peas. Put 3 pints in freezer. Pete sprayed apple trees. I washed bedspread & winter pantsuits. We transplanted some flowers. Jo worked at school.

Friday, June 5, 1987. Fair, warmer, 86°. We took Jeanette to hospital at 6:30 for breast biopsy. I stayed with her. Mary J[antze] came at 12:00. Took Jeanette to her house. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Took her to get groceries. Ina [Sutter] took her to Norma's to get their hair done. Jan quit at hospital beauty shop. Did some cleaning in p.m. I cleaned flower bed in evening. Jo here awhile. Ron to Elkhart Indiana after work.

Saturday, June 6, 1987. Fair, 80s. We picked peas, enough for dinner. Picked 2 ½ quarts strawberries. Put a quart in freezer. Pete plowed truck patch and flower garden. We replanted some sweet corn. Jo & we to my near to visitation for Jackie Walker who passed away Wednesday morning. Got to see Leslie. We stopped at Gils Country Inn Restaurant out in *county* (sp?).

Sunday, June 7, 1987. Fair, windy, warmer. We went to church. Had dinner at Denny's with Homer Parks to talk about Myrna [Park]'s trip with Delbert Gratz to Europe. We were home in PM. Wrote Allens. Went to picnic at Werner Fransen's for Scholarship Fund drive. David and Lori Yost from Tucson were at church. They brought 3 pillows Orvie made. One for Marty & Renée, one for Rons & one for Paul. Also sent grapefruits.

Monday, June 8, 1987. Hot, 93°, windy. We washed & I ironed. Pete pulled the peas. We sowed some lettuce & radishes. I worked some on quilt. Marty & Renée got home at 5:30. They & Rons to ballgame. Had little sprinkle. We went to Rons after church ballgame. Marty & Renée unwrapped their gifts. I took strawberries & ice cream.

Tuesday, June 9, 1987. Partly cloudy in morning, cooler, 70s. I went to hospital at 9:00. Jeanette Colter had mastectomy. Stayed with Mary & David. She got along alright. I came home at 2:30. Pete hoed in truck patch, cut some weeds. I got supper. Cindy here. She had meeting in Metamora. Took our car. Steve at [Camp] Friedenswald.

Wednesday, June 10, 1987. Fair, 78°, pleasant day. We volunteered at hospital. Jeanette doing all right. We met Dorothy [Scogin] & Rose Girdler at Bob Knapp's. Mary along too. We got groceries. Marty & Renée here awhile in p.m. Looked at wedding pictures. Gave them their quilt. Jo & we picked Paul Miller's peas (they're gone). I put 5 pints in freezer. Jo had more. I picked quart strawberries. Talked to Pauls in evening. They're okay.

Thursday, June 11, 1987. Partly cloudy, windy, 80s. I baked cookies. Gave Rons some. Pete worked outside some. I worked in flower garden. Rested in p.m. & worked on quilt. Jon to Danville [to] work for Joe Haney.

Friday, June 12, 1987. Fair, hot, 91°. Did some cleaning. We went to town. I quilted at auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We stopped to see Jeanette. She's doing okay. We rested in p.m. I helped Jo awhile. She's unpacking her dishes, moving into her new kitchen. Marty & Renée to Werner Fransens to housesit while they are gone. Ron & Marty put in our air conditioner. Glad for it.

Saturday, June 13, 1987. Fair, hot, 94°. I made lemon dessert & finished cleaning. Pete to men's breakfast. Rested some. We went to town at 3:00. Stopped at McLean County Nursing Home to see Jeanette's mother. Jeanette went home this evening. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Allen called in evening.

Sunday, June 14, 1987. Sunny and hot, 101°. We went to church and to Woizeski reunion at Gordon's. 31 there. Henrietta [Thietje] & family from St. Louis there. Bob Woizeski, Bill Walters, Art & Clarence Siegs, Steves. Rons a& Jon, Marty & Renée, Mabel & her family. Had a nice time. Is to be at Gordon's again next year. Same officers, Art Sieg Pres, Gordon Sec.

Monday, June 15, 1987. Fair, hot, high 90s. Wind [from] Northeast, little cooler in evening. Washed & ironed. We went to Dr. Bertsche at 2:30. Am doing pretty good. Am to go back in 2 months. Ron took day off, is working at home. Jo sick in p.m., diarrhea. Marty & Renée to Champaign. Marty registered for school.

Tuesday, June 16, 1987. Fair, hot, 93°. I baked bars in morning & helped Jo awhile. Washed dishes. Pete hoed some in truck patch & watered the raspberries. We defrosted the freezer in p.m. We went to see Wilbur Nachtigalls after supper.

Wednesday, June 17, 1987. Fair, hot, 90s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Got things ready for Garfield picnic at Underwood Park. Went with Mabel. 13 there.

Thursday, June 18, 1987. Fair, another hot day and dry day, 94°. I worked in garden awhile in morning. Pete picked beans for dinner. I worked on baby quilt & rested some. Pete repaired a chair in basement. Jo at meeting all day (conference).

Friday, June 19, 1987. Mostly cloudy, not so hot, 82°. We went to town at 9:00. I quilted for auxiliary. Mary helped awhile after her treatment. Pete did some errands. We had lunch at Grand Café. Pete watered trees. I worked on quilt. Jo had conference committee meeting in p.m. & evening.

Saturday, June 20, 1987. Had a shower in morning. Mostly cloudy, 82°. We went to hospital at 10:15. Volunteered at Info Desk until 4:00. Jo at conference meeting all day. She was here awhile in evening.

Sunday, June 21, 1987. Partly cloudy, 80s, rained in p.m., had nearly an inch over weekend. We went to church. Rons, Marty & Renée, Mary & Alta L[itwiller] & we had lunch at Denny's. Allen called in morning. Paul called in evening. We & Rons to meeting at Fransens. Had fish fry. I took 2 strawberry pies. Was a nice evening & big meal. We gave Martys some green beans.

Monday, June 22, 1987. Fair, 80s, nice breeze. Washed & ironed. Picked beans. Gave Jo some. Pete mowed lawn. I cleaned Jo's silver service & baked 2 kinds of bars. We went to grocery store in evening. Ate at Arby's.

Tuesday, June 23, 1987. Mostly fair, warmer, 86°. I did ironing for Jo, linens. Helped her awhile in p.m. and again in evening. Pete worked in truck patch in morning.

Wednesday, June 24, 1987. Fair, hot, 89°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Picked beans. Canned 9 pints. Ironed some for Jo.

Thursday, June 25, 1987. Had nearly ½ inch rain in forenoon. Turned cooler, partly cloudy. We were at Jo's all morning. She had a meeting at Metamora in PM. Renée at Jo's too. I finished Jo's ironing in morning. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Prime Timers.

Friday, June 26, 1987. Clear, fine day, cool. We picked beans. Canned 3 pints. Had meal for us & Mary. Did cleaning. We went to Jo's. Helped until noon. Had lunch there. We went with Jo at 5:30 to get groceries at Cubs. Mary along.

Saturday, June 27, 1987. Clear, lovely day, 70s. Pete to men's breakfast. We put out 2 rows sweetcorn & endive. Got quart of raspberries. We were at Rons most of day helping get ready for pig roast for Marty & Renée. Had scalloped potatoes, baked beans, layered lettuce salad & fresh fruit & bars. I took 3 kinds. Marilyn Reeser helped most of day. Had 95 guests. Was nice evening. Had ice cream. Mark Emericks & Mike [Emerick]s came in PM.

Sunday, June 28, 1987. Another nice day, warmer. We went to church. Had dinner as was Wilbur Nachtigalls last Sunday. Sorry to see them leave. Went to Ron's at 2:00 to help get ready for reception & open house for Marty & Renée. Had over 50. Served meet, cheese, relishes, salad & fruit. Kay Reimer helped. Jo's folks left at 2:30. Was a big weekend & very nice.

Monday, June 29, 1987. Mostly cloudy, 80s. We had shower early p.m. & another one later, nearly ½ inch all together. We did laundry & ironing. Met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Denny's at Oakland. We picked beans. Not many. Gave them to Jo. Picked few raspberries. I worked on quilt. Martys moved back to Rons. Franzens [are] home.

Tuesday, June 30, 1987. Cloudy, 72°, showered and drizzled most of day. Have had an inch of rain since yesterday noon. We got bushel of apples at Birkelbaws. Gave [Rons] & Mary some. I cooked kettle of apples. Canned 5 ½ quarts beets in PM. Finished baby quilt.

Wednesday, July 1, 1987. Cloudy, 76°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Colonial Plaza. Got material for baby quilt. I cooked some applesauce. Picked a few raspberries & pulled some weeds.

Thursday, July 2, 1987. Fair, little warmer. I baked coffeecake braid. Pete sprayed thistles. I worked some on setting the baby quilt together. We & Jeanette to Danvers for supper. She paid for our meal. Emil Klooz called. He & Louella De Poe are coming Monday. We picked beans for Jo. She was busy. Steve here in evening.

Friday, July 3, 1987. Fair, 86°. We did usual cleaning. Went to groceries & got Mary her grocery shopping. We worked in flower garden in p.m. Pete plowed it. Rons helped Martys move some of their things to Mahomet. We had sweet corn & fresh tomatoes for supper. Marty & Renée dug some potatoes & got corn for their supper.

Saturday, July 4, 1987. Fair, 88°. Showered some in evening. Pete mowed lawn. I made bars for tomorrow. Baked apples & fixed things for supper. We picked beans. I canned 3 pints. Gave rest

to Rons. I put 2 containers of broccoli in freezer. We & Rons & Steve to Mabel's for picnic. Martys there too.

Sunday, July 5, 1987. Cloudy, 70s. We went to church. Jo worship leader. Ron had service. 25 years since his ordination. How well I remember that day. Cindy, Steve & Marty sang. Renée read the Scripture. We had reception for Ron after Sunday school & I made bars. Had punch, tea & coffee. Boys, Renée, Cindy & I served. We took Rons family to Bishops for dinner. Was nice day.

Monday, July 6, 1987. Partly cloudy, 80s. Washed & ironed. Got things ready for company. Made pasta salad. Emil Klooz and Loella De Poe came at 3:15. Hadn't seen them for a long time. Rons came over a few minutes in evening.

Tuesday, July 7, 1987. Fair, 88°. We picked beans, gave them to Mary. Emil & Louella to Mary's for dinner and we [too]. I took them to Eastland awhile in p.m. Mary came along home. Took them over to see Ron's house. Emil took us to Denny's for supper. Jo left at 6:00 a.m. for conference at Purdue University.

Wednesday, July 8, 1987. Had shower in morning, fair in p.m. Emil and Louella left at 5:40 for home. Was nice to have them. We volunteered at hospital. We went to Alta Litwillers at 5:00. Mel & Dorothy Clemens there. Alta took us to country buffet for supper & back to Alta's. Had good visit with Mels. I picked few raspberries. Renée to Kansas with Franzie Loepp.

Thursday, July 9, 1987. Fair, hot, 80s. I washed sheets, towels, etc. Ironed. Put 2 containers broccoli in freezer. Pete plowed truck patch. I baked apple pie. Got supper. Cindy, Jon & Ron here for supper. Had spaghetti. Vernon Woizeski here in p.m. He lives in North Dakota. Jeanette stopped in evening. Her mother is in hospital, doesn't respond.

Friday, July 10, 1987. Fair, hot, 91°. Did cleaning. We went to town in morning. I quilted. Pete took Mary to get her hair done. Had lunch together. We went to Dr. Bertsche at 2:00. Have swelling in hands & painful. Took some blood for tests. My arms & shoulder very painful in evening. Earl Kaufmans & we to Arvello (sp?) Beetzel in evening. Had dinner at Tuxedo Junction. John Springer passed away.

Saturday, July 11, 1987. Fair, hot, 93°. Pete to men's breakfast. I feel better than I did last night. Canned 4 pints of dill pickles. Pete picked beans. Gave them to Rons & Marty. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Marty at Rons.

Sunday, July 12, 1987. Partly cloudy, humid. We went to church. Lucy C[atherine], Mary & we to Perkins for dinner. Were home in PM. Marty, Pete & I took drive to west fields layout acres. Never saw so many weeds. Our tenant doesn't do a very good job. Jo home from conference at 5:00. We went to visitation for John Springer. Wrote to Orvie & Evelyn.

Monday, July 13, 1987. Cloudy most of day, 70s, had light shower in morning. Washed and ironed. Met Laura and Francis Stamback at 11:30 at Denny's. Pete swept out garage. Jon started scraping paint on our garage. I canned 2 quarts dill pickles. Set quilt together. Earl Raders here awhile in evening. My hands bothered me all night.

Tuesday, July 14, 1987. Fair, 76°, fine day. I washed Pete's sweaters. Got some beets for Mary. She & we met Dorothy Scogin & Freida Bell Shinall at Bob Knapp's. Hazel Fulton is in hospital at Mennonite. Jon is painting our garage. Jo & Renée here few minutes. Renée got some meat. Pete puttied garage Windows.

Wednesday, July 15, 1987. Had 1/3 inch rain in morning, fair in p.m., 79°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Provident [Book Store], got book for Paul Millers. Were home in PM. Cooked some applesauce. We went to church in evening. Bluffton group, "Diakonia," gave program. Jo along. She met Ron at church. Jon finished painting the garage. Steve to Fortuna Missouri.

Thursday, July 16, 1987. Fair, nice day, 82°. Pete dug onions & worked outside some. I baked rolls. Made lasagna, put in freezer. Allen called in evening to tell us Pam is getting married tomorrow evening. Kinda shocked but we wish her the best.

Friday, July 17, 1987. Fair, hot, 92°. We went to town at 9:30. I quilted. Finished the quilt. Clara & I. Mary helped awhile. Jon put new muffler on our car. Ron & Jo to Elkhart Indiana early a.m. Got home at 5:30. Pam & Mick Quigley were married this evening. Allen, Shirley, Deb & Brittany to wedding at Clear Lake. Our thoughts & prayers etc. are with them.

Saturday, July 18, 1987. Fair, windy, 91°. Finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Jo pinned it up. My hands & fingers are swollen & very painful. Ron helped unload the truck for our new minister Tom Kauffmann. We went to *Conlers* (sp?) Park at 5:00 for Paul Millers' 40th wedding anniversary. Had picnic supper. Large crowd. Ron there late as had some [pigs] farrowing & other interruptions.

Sunday, July 19, 1987. Fair, hot, 92°. We went to church. Took Steve & Cindy to Golden West for dinner. Were home in PM. Emerson Millers here awhile in p.m. Took them over to Rons to see their house. I talked to Pauls. They are coming next Sunday. Also talked to Allens. Hazel Fulton passed away at 8:30 p.m. One by one our friends are passing on.

Monday, July 20, 1987. Fair, hot, humid. Washed and ironed. Picked broccoli. Put 3 containers in freezer. Put up ½ gallon dills & made 2 quarts sliced dills. Mary & we to visitation at 5:00 for Frank Bertram. Jo to Champaign with Renée. My hands are better but didn't feel so good today. It's too hot.

Tuesday, July 21, 1987. Fair, hot, 94°. We went to Frank Bertram's funeral at 10:00. Wilbur Nachtigall had service. Cindy sang. Jo & we did sweet corn in p.m. Jon helped too. I got 12 packages, Jo got 17. We had supper at Rons. I took hamburgers & buns. We had sweet corn.

Wednesday, July 22, 1987. Fair, hot, 93°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Were home in PM. Rested awhile. Was outside in evening. Watered flowers, etc.

Thursday, July 23, 1987. Fair, 94°. Getting very dry. We left at 8:30. Went to Dorothy Scogins. She, Rose Girdler & we to Hazel Fulton's funeral at 10:00 at Funks Grove Church. Nice service. We'll miss Hazel. We got peaches, also some for Mary. I put 7 jars in freezer & made 2 pints preserves. Jo at Mary's, [to] help get some of her bills straightened out.

Friday, July 24, 1987. Fair, hot, 90s. Jo and we to town at 10:00. Took Mary home from dialysis. We took our needle point picture to have it framed. I made ½ gallon dills & finished cleaning. I hemmed some tea towels for Jo. Pete watered little trees. Wrote to Jeffs.

Saturday, July 25, 1987. Fair, hot day, 99°, very little breeze. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked ham. Washed & ironed. Didn't feel good in morning. Pulse slow & skipped some beets. Talked to Dr., am to decrease medicine. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:00. Got groceries.

Sunday, July 26, 1987. Fair, hot, but little more breeze. We went to church. Had dinner at Denny's. Paul, Marjorie & Amy got here at 2:15. Good to see them. Rons were here too for supper.

Monday, July 27, 1987. Partly cloudy, had 1/3 inch rain in forenoon. Pete and Paul to town. They got Mary at dialysis, brought her out here for dinner. I made potato salad. Roger Biles, friends of Pauls from Stillwater Oklahoma came for lunch. Left at 4:30. I went to Jo's, rested awhile. Jo & Pete took Mary home. We got sweet corn from Wayne Mohr.

Tuesday, July 28, 1987. Partly cloudy. Had shower in morning. Steves had 1 ½ inches. I washed 2 loads. Pauls & we to Mary's at 11:00. She took us to Country Kitchen. Paul left for St. Louis at 2:30. Will meet Andy & Ben there who have been in Memphis. They went to ballgame. Marjorie & I canned 9 quarts tomato juice. Jo here awhile.

Wednesday, July 29, 1987. Partly cloudy, 90s. Marjorie did some laundry. Pete picked 2 buckets tomatoes. Jon took Marjorie, Amy, Andy & Ben to 4-H fair awhile. We all, Mary, Mabel & Marty & Renée were at Rons for supper. Had homemade ice cream & birthday cake for me. Watched videotape of Marty's wedding.

Thursday, July 30, 1987. Had shower in morning. Pauls, we & Mary left at 8:00 for El Claire Iowa to meet Allens & Deb & Britney. We went to Iowa Machine Shed at Davenport for dinner. Went to little Park awhile but was hot. Paul drove our car going & Marj coming home. Was nice to be together. Allens gave me rugs for our bedroom, Mary \$5, Pauls thermometer.

Friday, July 31, 1987. Partly cloudy, 90°, hot and humid, 96°. Pauls left at 10:15 for Marj's family reunion in Michigan. We miss them. Enjoyed having them. I canned 10 quarts tomato juice. Washed in p.m., bedding, towels. Pete took Mary to beauty shop at 11:30 & got her groceries. He helped me with the laundry. Rons all to 4-H fair.

Saturday, August 1, 1987. Fair, hot, not much breeze, 100°. We did all of weekly cleaning. I ironed in p.m. Pete picked nearly 3 big buckets tomatoes. We went to grocery store after supper.

Sunday, August 2, 1987. Another hot day, 99.7°. We went to church. Had dinner for our new pastor, Tom Kauffmann family. Rons took us to Shakespeare play at Ewing Manor. Marty, Renée, Jon & his friend Miss Reitan. We had supper on lawn, pizza. Saw Twelfth Night.

Monday, August 3, 1987. Fair, hot, 97°. We did laundry. I made 9 pints chili sauce. Pete took Mary home from dialysis. Took her some tomatoes. I ironed in p.m. We had thunderstorm & rain at 6:00 p.m. Had nearly ½ inch rain. Thankful for it.

Tuesday, August 4, 1987. Mostly cloudy, fair in evening, cooler, 82°. A relief from the heat. We had lunch with [Dorothy] Scogin, Rose Girdler & her daughter & son & Lawson Fulton & Mary. We missed Hazel. Met at Knapps. I helped Pete picked most of the potatoes & baked cookies.

Wednesday, August 5, 1987. Fair, nice day, 82°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Mary's in p.m. Jo there too. Met with Mr. Percy, Senior care program. They help Mary with her bills. Went through a lot of her papers & bills. Clara Brodbeck fell, broke her hip.

Thursday, August 6, 1987. Nice day, 80s. I baked coffeecake braid. We finished digging potatoes. Didn't get many. Jo here most of day, working on insurance papers for Mary. Trying to get things straightened out. We, Lucy C[atherine], Mary & Jeanette went to Barney's for our birthdays. Went to Lucy C[atherine's] awhile. Deb called. They are coming tomorrow evening.

Friday, August 7, 1987. Fair, warmer, 80s. Did all of weekly cleaning. Went to town at 9:30. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We took her to beauty shop. We got groceries. I made lasagna & got things ready for supper. Deb, Randy & Brittany got here at 6:00. Glad to see them.

Saturday, August 8, 1987. Cloudy, had rain, thunderstorm at 8: zeros p.m. .6 inches rain. Randys & we to Steves awhile in morning. Had lunch at McDonald's. Went to Mary's apartment awhile. Came home. Everyone had a rest. We all, Steve, Cindy, Mary & Marty & Renée were at Rons for supper.

Sunday, August 9, 1987. Mostly cloudy, cool, rather windy. We all went to church. Tom Kauffmann, our new minister, preached. We took Randy's to Denny's for lunch. They left here at 11:50 for home. Glad they could be here. Mary took Rons, Jon & we to Bishops for our birthdays. Rons took us out on east side to see all the new homes. Was nice evening.

Monday, August 10, 1987. Clear, 80s, nice day. We washed. I ironed in p.m. I gathered flower seeds. Luella Mishler had heart surgery at St. Francis. Had letter from Carol Farran. She's having mastectomy the 15th.

Tuesday, August 11, 1987. Fair, 84°, nice day. We went to town at 10:00. Did some shopping. We met Laura and Francis [Stamback] at Lakeside at 11:30. Met Jo at 1:00 at Carson's. Got gifts for Cindy's baby shower. Saturday I got Harvella's baby quilt frames. Put Cindy's baby quilt in frame. Wrote to Carol Farran. Quilted awhile.

Wednesday, August 12, 1987. Fair, 85°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. We went to Harvella S[tutzman's] at 11:30. She gave [me] a permanent. We went to mall until 3:00. Took car to Bairds to have [it] work done. Have trouble starting it. Jo brought us home. I quilted awhile in evening.

Thursday, August 13, 1987. Mostly cloudy, had shower in evening, 86°. Jo here for dinner. I quilted on baby quilt. Ron to State Fair in evening. Pete to town with Jo to get our car.

Friday, August 14, 1987. Mostly cloudy, 86°, humid. Did cleaning. We went to hospital at 9:00. I quilted awhile. Went to auxiliary quarterly meeting at 10:30. Had luncheon at noon. Pete took Mary to get groceries & to beauty shop. I quilted on baby quilt. Jo to State Fair.

Saturday, August 15, 1987. Fair, hot, 91°. I went to brunch & baby shower at Mary Ann Watkins for Cindy. Mary with me. Jo & Renée to State Fair. Jo went to Ohio after the barrows showed. I finished baby quilt. Ron & Martys got home about 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 16, 1987. Fair, hot, 90s, breezy. We went to church. Mary & we had lunch at Grand Café. I fixed things for supper. We went to church picnic at Underwood Park. Ron went with us. Allen called in evening. Pat & Jeff got there this p.m. Had thunder shower in evening. Had wind storm at State Fair.

Monday, August 17, 1987. Clear, 86°, a nice day & relief. We washed. I ironed. Rested some. I didn't feel very good part of the day.

Tuesday, August 18, 1987. Cloudy in morning, 84°. We got some apples at Birkelbaws. Went to town at 10:30. Did some errands. Mary & we met Earl Raders at Perkins at 11:45. Had nice visit. We took Mary to Gailey's at 1:15. I sewed binding on baby quilt. Jo home from Ohio at 8:00. Ron had trailer ready to go to Springfield with hogs & lights didn't work. He left here at 9:15.

Wednesday, August 19, 1987. Fair, nice day, 82°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Eastland. Got Ron a shirt & tie for his birthday. I finished putting the binding on baby quilt. Steve here, got his mail. Jo worked at school all day.

Thursday, August 20, 1987. Fair, hot, 87°. We left with Jo at 7:30 for State Fair. Marty & Ron showed gilts. They got 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th. Lots of competition. We didn't look around much,

too hot. Marty back home in evening. Ron brought hogs home, but late, 2:00 a.m. Allens, Randys & Jeffs on canoe trip to Ely Minnesota.

Friday, August 21, 1987. We had thunderstorm at 4:30 a.m. and rained again in forenoon, .7 [inch]. We went to town at 9:30. I quilted for auxiliary. Pete got Mary at dialysis. She helped quilt awhile. We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Got Mary's groceries. Jo had teachers meeting.

Saturday, August 22, 1987. Cloudy in morning & in evening, cooler in evening. I finished cleaning. Made 2 pie crusts. Cleaned out drawer in bathroom. We went to laundromat, washed bedroom & bathroom rugs. Volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:00.

Sunday, August 23, 1987. Beautiful day, cool, 50s in morning. Baked 2 Apple pies for Danvers Days. We went to church. Had lunch at University Inn. Were home in PM. Marty & Renée at church, at Rons in p.m. Ron got sick after church, dizziness. Paul called in evening.

Monday, August 24, 1987. Clear in morning, 49°, high 68°, cloudy in p.m. We washed. I ironed. Gathered some flower seeds. I did some hand work in p.m. Ron feeling better. Jo to school. Renée here, brought wedding pictures. Marty playing ball.

Tuesday, August 25, 1987. Cloudy, chilly, 59°. Rained & showered most of day. First rainy day all summer. We took Mary to bank & Eastland. She got towels for Pam. She & I quilted for auxiliary awhile. Pete made some charts. We took Rons to Grand Hotel for dinner. Jo along too. Had 1.4 inches rain.

Wednesday, August 26, 1987. Partly cloudy in morning, cloudy in p.m., showered, a little warmer. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Worked outside awhile in p.m. Ron & Jon left at 4:30, going to Emericks. Jo here for supper.

Thursday, August 27, 1987. Cloudy, misted most of day, 60s. We did weekly cleaning. Baked coffeecake. Pete read some. We met Dick Baum in town. [He] brought our car back. Done some packing.

Friday, August 28, 1987. Partly cloudy. Finished packing. Steve, Cindy and we left at 9:30 for Allens. Had few light showers. We had lunch at Amana. Got to Nevada at 3:40. Allens, Jeff and Pat here, also Deb & Brittany, Randy, Pam & Mick Quigley & Amber, his daughter & his mother Jean Quigley. We all had dinner here. Randy's to Karns for night. Pam & Mick opened gifts from families. We gave them \$50 & Pam's quilt.

Saturday, August 29, 1987. Clear, cool, beautiful day. Allens had open house for Pam & her husband Mick Quigley from 9 – 12. Around 1:00 people [still] here. Shirley had fruit, breads, rolls, dips, chips, juice, etc., also meat & cheese tray. Ron & Jo got here at 10:00 a.m. Glad they could come. Pam & family left at 3:00 for Clear Lake. We all went to church after supper to ice cream supper. Ropps all sang several songs. A full day.

Sunday, August 30, 1987. Had thunderstorm at 4:00 a.m. Clear, nice day, cool. Jeff & Pat & Rons left at 10:00 a.m. Rest of us to church. Dick Pilgrims & Melody & little boys here for dinner. Had grilled chicken. Ate on deck. Allens added to the deck, is nice. Randys left at 4:00 for home. We played Rook in evening. Scott Necessary passed away.

Monday, August 31, 1987. Clear, beautiful day, cool. Allen and Shirley to work. Deb & Brittany came at 10:30. Steves & I to Ames with her. They did some baby shopping. They went to Des Moines in PM. Pete & I with Allen. He stopped on way to Des Moines to see someone, then went to Botanical Garden. We took everyone to Pizza Hut for supper. Steves took us all to Hickory Park for ice cream.

Tuesday, September 1, 1987. Another nice day, 40s in morning. Allens to work. Steves & we left at 8:30 for home. Got here before 3:00. Deb & Brittany went home too. Was a nice weekend and thankful we could be there & had a safe trip. We went to annual Service Company meeting & supper at Fairgrounds. We had lunch at Machine Shed.

Wednesday, September 2, 1987. Fair, 74°, nice day. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Went to Eastland & got groceries. Rested awhile in p.m.

Thursday, September 3, 1987. Another beautiful day, 70s. Washed and ironed. Mary & we met Dorothy Scogin, Rose Girdler & Lawson Fulton at Bob Knapp's. Took Mary to get groceries. I made coffee cake. Were home in evening.

Friday, September 4, 1987. Fair, warmer, 85°. Did cleaning. I quilted for auxiliary in morning. I baked coffeecake braid. Rested awhile.

Saturday, September 5, 1987. Fair, warmer, 89°. More humid. Finished cleaning. We went to church at 9:00. Helped clean. We all went to doughnut shop afterwards. Went to groceries. We volunteered at hospital, 3 – 8:30.

Sunday, September 6, 1987. Fair, partly cloudy. We went to church. Home in PM. Wrote Allens. We were at Rons awhile. Renée at Rons. She went home in evening. Marty to Minnesota with judging team.

Monday, September 7, 1987. Cloudy in morning, fair, 80s. Washed & ironed. Baked 2 apple pies. Made potato salad. Went to town at 4:00 to groceries. Got Mary. She, Rons & Steves here. We ate outside, had hamburgers & wieners, cabbage slaw. Jo brought fruit.

Tuesday, September 8, 1987. Had rain at noon, one half inch, fair in p.m., 80s. I cleaned oven. We had lunch at Denny's with Laura & Francis S[tamback]. I cleaned closets in our bedroom. We went to Steves for supper. Franklin Basingers there. Had good visit. Franks on their way west.

Wednesday, September 9, 1987. Fair, nice day, 80°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I washed some blouses. Cleaned closet in west bedroom. I didn't feel good in evening. Pulse irregular awhile & slow.

Thursday, September 10, 1987. Fair, nice day, 80s, cloudy in late p.m. I went to HEA in morning. Came home at noon. We went to Dr. Bertsche's office, had blood test for Digoxin. Had lunch at Wendy's & [went] to Gailey's at 1:30. Had eyes checked. Have to get new lenses.

Friday, September 11, 1987. Foggy in morning, fair, 80s. We did weekly cleaning. I baked Bundt cake. Cooked chicken. Made layered lettuce salad in evening. Pete swept rugs for Jo.

Saturday, September 12, 1987. Fair, pleasant day. Pete to men's breakfast. I made casserole. Went to Rons to Ropp reunion, 28 there. Lehmans from Goshen here, also Roy Jiles. Next reunion is to be at Bob Knapp's. Gordon Pres., Jane Bell Sec., Pete Corresponding Sec. We & Renée at Rons for lunch. Marty in Iowa. Mary at Rons for the day. Talked to Allen.

Sunday, September 13, 1987. Clear, another nice day. We went to church. Tom Kauffman, our new minister, was installed. Conrad Wetzel gave the message & installation. Had carry in dinner, but we didn't stay. We were home in PM. I called Orvie. He's doing pretty good. I wrote to Donna.

Monday, September 14, 1987. Nice day, warmer, 85°. We washed & ironed. Also washed bedding from our bedroom. Raked up the fallen apples in the flower garden.

Tuesday, September 15, 1987. Cloudy, looked rainy at times, 70s. Had few sprinkles. I cleaned our bedroom in morning. I cleaned some kitchen cupboards & made 2 pie crusts for Jo for Bressner hog sale. Jon fixed the tailpipe on our car. Cleaned broom closet.

Wednesday, September 16, 1987. Had light shower in morning, partly cloudy, 80s. We volunteered at hospital. We went to College Hills [Mall] at noon. I met with Garfield club ladies at Country Kitchens. Mary along. Alta L[itwiller] was hostess. I finished cleaning kitchen cupboards. Marty & Renée here awhile, got some apples, carrots & cabbage. Had ½ inch rain in evening.

Thursday, September 17, 1987. Cloudy, misted some, fair late PM. Did some cleaning upstairs in morning. Cleaned the bathroom in p.m. Pam called in evening. They are coming Sunday evening.

Friday, September 18, 1987. Partly cloudy, cool, sprinkles in evening. Went to town at 9:30. I quilted. Mary came from dialysis, helped a while. Had lunch in town. Went to Harvella [Stutzman]'s at 12:30. She did my hair. I baked 2 apple pies for sale. We went with Jo to Bressners sale. We helped with pies. Jon & Marty helping. Ron had his Staff Retreat at Lake Bloomington. He & Don Nester at sale [a] short time. Rons sold some hogs. We got home at 11:30.

Saturday, September 19, 1987. Fair, cool. We helped clean church at 9:00. Mary & we to Steves. We helped Cindi quilt on baby quilt. Steve at meeting at Meadows. Ron home in PM. Jo left early for [Camp] Friedenswald, workshop for Women's Retreat. We worked at hospital, 4 – 8:00. Jo got home about 11:00.

Sunday, September 20, 1987. Partly cloudy, cool. We went to church. Home for lunch. Got things ready for supper. Pam, Mick and Amber got here at 7:30. Rons, Jon, Steves & Mary here for supper. Had chicken casserole & apple pie. Marty & Renée couldn't come.

Monday, September 21, 1987. Mostly cloudy, 47° in morning, 65°, windy. I got things ready for lunch. Made vegetable soup. Pam & Mick left at 12:30 for Lafayette Indiana to visit Mick's sister. We washed & ironed in p.m.

Tuesday, September 22, 1987. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., 65°. I went to prayer group at Alma G[alloway's]. Pete did some errands. I went to auxiliary room, finished the baby quilt. Went to Gailey's, got new lenses for my glasses. Went to Farm & Fleet. Got seek cover for Jon's truck, birthday gift. I made some brownies.

Wednesday, September 23, 1987. A beautiful day, 70s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. I went to nurses dinner at Country Buffet. Were 27 there. We got new bathroom set (Burgundy). Sharon Woizeski Gardner from Colorado Springs here awhile in p.m. Her husband with her.

Thursday, September 24, 1987. Fair, nice day. I baked coffeecake braid. Didn't raise well. I didn't feel good most of day. Got things ready for supper. Pam, Mick & Amber came from Lafayette. Got here at 6:00. Jon ate with us. Rons at BroMenn dinner. Cindy came awhile after work. Steve in Chicago.

Friday, September 25, 1987. A beautiful day, 47°, 75°. Pam & Mick left at 8:20 for home. Going to Randy's for birthday party. We went to town before 9:00. I had Bazaar meeting. We took Mary to get groceries. I cleaned guest room & washed bedding. Shampoed my hair. Jo left after school for meeting in Chicago. Paul called to invite us out. He & Marj are going to Cape Cod for weekend. He's speaking.

Saturday, September 26, 1987. A nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. We helped clean church at 9:00. We went to Bertha Linneman's funeral at 1:30. Ron had the eulogy. I helped Ron some at his house, getting ready for surprise for Jon. Ron & Marty took Jon to dinner. Jo home from Chicago at 7:40 so she joined them. We went to Rons, greeted guests until Rons got home. The Ropps, Cindy & Mary, several others there. Had ice cream & cake. We gave Jon seek cover for his truck.

Sunday, September 27, 1987. Another nice day, warmer, 80s. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]'s place. Were home in PM. I baked apples. Helped Jo get ready for Ron's staff.

Not quite as many as last year but good crowd. Allen called to tell us Ashley Jean Quigley was born at 6:50 p.m. We were surprised as didn't expect it yet. Everything seems okay.

Monday, September 28, 1987. Partly cloudy, 83°. We went to Gailey's at 8:15 for Pete's appointment. Got home at 9:40. Did the laundry. We went to Helen Schad's funeral at 1:30. We picked some apples. Had ½ inch rain.

Tuesday, September 29, 1987. Partly cloudy, 60s. I went to prayer group with Jeanette at Shirley K[rahn's]. Pete went to elevator & went to ASCS. Sold corn, \$1.50. I cleaned the Cedar closet & hallway. We went to Heritage meeting at Homer Parks. Myrna showed slides & told of her trip to Europe.

Wednesday, September 30, 1987. Fair, cool, 60s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Mary shopping. Went to Eastland in College Hills [Mall]. She got shoes. I went to Parish nurse meeting at church in evening.

Thursday, October 1, 1987. Fair, 37° in morning, 72°, windy. I baked coffeecake braid & apple nut bread for auxiliary bake sale. Cleaned the kitchen & washed curtains. Pete dug the glads.

Friday, October 2, 1987. Cloudy, windy, cold, in 40s. Did the usual cleaning. Dug the Amaryllis and begonias. We cleaned the fruit room.

Saturday, October 3, 1987. Clear, 29° in morning, 55°. Finished cleaning. Pete & Ron to Mabel's, got some books. We went to Harold & Eunice Hoovers 50th anniversary at East White Oak Church. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:00.

Sunday, October 4, 1987. Dutiful day, warmer. We went to church, had Communion. Mary & we met Arthur [Yoder]s & Cathy at Sheridan at 12:30. Had brunch there. We came home. They went to Mary's. Steve & Cindy here awhile. Steve & Jon took our air-conditioner out. Arthurs, Mary & we to Rons for evening supper.

Monday, October 5, 1987. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., chilly wind. We washed and ironed. Arthurs, Cathy & Mary here for lunch and afternoon. Pete picked some apples for Arthurs. We all went to Bishops at 5:30. We went to Mary's apartment awhile after dinner.

Tuesday, October 6, 1987. Cloudy, cold, 56°. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete took Mary to see Dr. Olson, had a good report. We met Dorothy Scoggin, Rose Girdler, Dr. Shinall & Freida & Lawson F[ultons] at Knapp's. Got Mary's groceries. I went to Women's Fellowship. Jeanette with me.

Wednesday, October 7, 1987. Posted cloudy, chilly, in 50s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete got Mary at dialysis. Ron took her in morning. I cooked chicken & made casserole for Home Extension tomorrow.

Thursday, October 8, 1987. Fair, 24° in morning, 60°. I went to HDA. Took Jeanette & Louise Kinsinger. We were on hostess committee. Mabel & Dorothy [Singley] & Mrs. Martin also on. 29 there. Jeanette & I to hospital awhile to set up for bazaar, but couldn't do anything in my room. Having a meeting tonight.

Friday, October 9, 1987. Had light shower early a.m. Fair, nice day. We went to hospital auxiliary bazaar at 7:30. I was in charge of bake sale. Had lot of baked goods, lots of bread thanks to Morton church. We sold out by noon. Had lunch there. Rested awhile in p.m. Rons & Marty, Renée, Jon, Mary & we to *Tun Sen* (sp?) For Marty's birthday. Pete & I to Rons afterwards for cake & ice cream. Bazaar bake sale, \$554.80 with \$100 donation from Marie Yoder.

Saturday, October 10, 1987. Cloudy, drizzled, chilly, 40°. Finished cleaning. We cleaned bookcases in living room. I washed some summer clothes. We went to Provident Book Store. Got gift for Mary Ann King & George Scott. Called Allens. Randys & Pam & family were there.

Sunday, October 11, 1987. 24° in morning, clear, nice day. We went to church. Jeanette & we had dinner at Denny's. Went to church at 1:30 for reception for Mary Ann King & George Scott. Rested awhile & read. Jeanette took us for ride to Evergreen Lake but trees have little color. Called Pauls, they weren't home. Talked to Ben.

Monday, October 12, 1987. Clear, 22° in morning, broke records, 50s. We washed & ironed. Met Laura and Francis [Stamback] at The Garden for lunch. We washed Windows & put in storm Windows. I vacuumed the furniture.

Tuesday, October 13, 1987. Fair, nice day, 60s. I went to prayer group at Alta [Litwiller]s. Jeanette along. Pete did some errands. I cleaned the living & dining room with Pete's help. We went to Braden Auditorium. Saw pictures of China. Jeanette & Mary along.

Wednesday, October 14, 1987. Mostly fair, nice day, warmer. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Mary to get groceries. I got things ready for supper. Steve & Cindy here. Had ham loaf. Made apple muffins.

Thursday, October 15, 1987. Lovely day, in 70s. Jeanette, Mary, Alta L[itwiller], Edith Miller, Alma G[alloway], Lorene Reeser & I went to Eureka to see Ruth Zehr. Had lunch at tea room. Then went to Ruth's in p.m. Was nice dinner. Leaves were pretty. We took Sport to vet for his shots at 4:00.

Friday, October 16, 1987. Mostly cloudy, 60s. Rained in evening. We did weekly cleaning. I went to Esther Brown's at 9:30. Helped her quilt. Her sister is there from Wayland Iowa. Florence English there too. Had nice time. Got home at 3:30. Canned quart [of] pears. Cindy to hospital at 4:00, getting ready for Cesarean Section tomorrow morning.

Saturday, October 17, 1987. Catherine Elizabeth Ropp was born 12 noon. 8 pounds. Cindy had C-section. Pete to Heritage meeting with Tom Yoder at Carlock. I went to hospital. Rons & Jon there awhile. Jon & I stayed until after baby came. Rons came back later. I went to Carlock at 1:30. We stopped at Brokaw on way to Mennonite. Volunteered, 3:30 – 8:00. Glad for Steves. Partly cloudy.

Sunday, October 18, 1987. Beautiful day, 70°. We went to church. We ate at Brown's, then drove to Funks Grove. Trees were beautiful. Walked to Temple of Trees & Cemetery. Lots of people there. We went to Rons in evening. Had wiener roast. They were cleaning up some would so thought [a] good time to roast wieners. Cindy & baby doing okay. Cindy tired. Talked to Allen in evening. Paul called, they're okay.

Monday, October 19, 1987. Cloudy, chilly, 50s. Rained in evening. Washed & ironed. Worked in the recreation room & put flower seeds away. I put some summer clothes away. Cindy & baby doing alright.

Tuesday, October 20, 1987. Clear and foggy in morning. Partly cloudy, windy, cold, 40s. We cleaned the recreation room. I went to prayer group at Jeanette's. We went to town in p.m. Took Mary to see Cindy & Katie at Brokaw [Hospital]. Did some errands. Watched World Series. Cards won over Giants.

Wednesday, October 21, 1987. Clear, 28° in morning, chilly, 40s. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete got Mary at dialysis. She & I went to Garfield club at Denny's at 12:45. Pete came on home. Mabel brought us home. I got supper. Steve here. Had backbone & sauerkraut. Ron to Indiana.

Thursday, October 22, 1987. Mostly cloudy, very windy, had thunder shower in p.m. We cleaned the furnace & laundry room. We went to see Cindy at Brokaw. She hopes to go home this evening. Katie's jaundice better. I got material to make baby quilt for Pam. Ron got back from Indiana. Cindy & Katie went home from hospital.

Friday, October 23, 1987. A beautiful day, 50s. Did weekly cleaning. I put baby quilt for Pam in frame. We & Mary went with Jo to Champaign in p.m. Took Mary's medicine papers, also insurance papers to patients accounts. They'll help her with them. We stopped at Mohomet to see Renée & their apartment. It's real nice. Then stopped at Steves to see the baby. I got to hold her. Mary & we had sandwich at Wendy's. Got Mary's groceries. Jo came on home to chore. Rained in night.

Saturday, October 24, 1987. Had light rain early a.m. Mostly cloudy, windy, cold, 50°. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Baked apple cake. Quilted some in p.m. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:00. Ron & Jo to Bluffton at 8:30. Cindy & baby back in hospital. Baby is jaundiced.

Sunday, October 25, 1987. Clear, nice day, 50s. We went to church, Education Sunday. Pete & I had part in program. Pete Abraham & I Sara. We had small group at church. Bob Kaufmans leaders. Were home in PM. Went to church. John Stutzman showed pictures & talked about his trip to Russia. Rons home from Ohio about 7:00.

Monday, October 26, 1987. Cloudy, light shower in morning, 50s. Washed & ironed. Baked coffeecake braid. Quilted some. We went with Jeanette at 4:00 to visitation for Earl Thomas. We ate at International House.

Tuesday, October 27, 1987. Fair, 55°, colder in evening. I went to prayer group at Mary Kaufmans. Pete did some errands. We took Mary to Eastland to do some shopping. I quilted after we got home. We went to Heritage at John Bertsche's.

Wednesday, October 28, 1987. Clear, nice day, 26° – 51°. We took Mary to dialysis. Got our flu shots at Health Center. Volunteered at hospital. I had permanent at Norma's. I quilted in p.m. & evening. Talked to Allen. They are coming Friday p.m., staying at Steves.

Thursday, October 29, 1987. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., nice day, 50s. I baked 2 pies for chili supper. Baked cookies, gave Rons some. I finished quilting Ashley's baby quilt. Jon helped clean the chandelier in dining room. We went to alumni chili supper. Worked, 4:30 to 6:00. Mary had other plans. Gave Rons 2 tickets. Jon used one. I brought carry out for Rons.

Friday, October 30, 1987. Clear, beautiful day, 70°. Did weekly cleaning. I bound Ashley's baby quilt. We planted some tulip bulbs. Gave Jo some. Allens got here at 3:00. Stayed until 5:30, then went to Steves.

Saturday, October 31, 1987. Mostly cloudy, had shower in evening, 69°. I made chili. Finished cleaning. Got groceries. Allens here awhile in p.m. We went to Rons for supper. I took baked apples. Renée's folks & sister, Marty, Renée & Mary there. The folks here little while to see the quilts.

Sunday, November 1, 1987. Cloudy, rained in p.m. We went to church. Allens there too. They, Jo, Jon, Marty, Renée, Mary & we to Denny's for lunch. Ron preached at Lombard church. Allens left for home after lunch. Glad they could come. We took Mary home. Helped her make out orders for Christmas. Marty & Renée to Mahomet in evening. Wrote to Pauls.

Monday, November 2, 1987. Cloudy, 70s. We did laundry. Did some odd jobs. Was outside awhile in p.m. Were home in evening.

Tuesday, November 3, 1987. Beautiful day, 87°, broke records. I had prayer group here. Alta [Litwiller], Alma [Galloway], Lucy C[atherine], Shirley [Krahn], Jeanette here. Pete & I went with Jeanette to vote on Jr. College. Pete mowed lawn, crushed leaves. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, November 4, 1987. Another fine day, 70°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Mary & we went to Steves awhile. Katie is growing. Pete & I went to visitation for Edith KING at 4:30. Stopped at Pizza Hut.

Thursday, November 5, 1987. Clear, colder, windy, 50°. I cleaned silverware in morning. Mary & we met Dorothy Scogin, Rose Girdler, Freda & Dr. Shinall & Lawson Fulton at Bob Knapp's at 11:30. Took Mary shopping. She got a short coat. Got her groceries. Fern Wick passed away.

Friday, November 6, 1987. Mostly cloudy, 50s. Did weekly cleaning. Made 2 pie crusts. Made pumpkin pie. Gave Rons some. Marty & Jon to Manhattan Kansas. Pete plowed the garden. Lloyd Singley had hip surgery.

Saturday, November 7, 1987. Cloudy most of day, 50s. Pete to men's breakfast & got meat at Bills for Rons. We helped clean the church & got groceries. We got some of the meat & put it away. Allen & Shirley got here at 2:00. They went to see Mary in evening. Rons & Steve to conference at East Bend Church.

Sunday, November 8, 1987. Cloudy, dreary, rained some in p.m. & evening. We all went to church. Allens, Rons, Steves & Katie, Mary & we ate at Wendy's. Rons & Steves to Congregational meeting at 1:00. Allens & we came home. Allens to Danvers for visitation for Fern Wick at 5:45. We went with Rons at 6:30. We & Allens to Rons for lunch after visitation. Marty & Jon back from Kansas around midnight.

Monday, November 9, 1987. Clear, colder, 45°. I washed. Allens here. They went to Danvers at 1:15 to Fern's funeral. We went too. Funeral at 2:00. I washed sheets, some dresses, blouses & Pete's raincoats. I went to Carols, Christmas gift party with Jo. Allen left for home.

Tuesday, November 10, 1987. Fair, cold, 22°, up to 40°. I went to prayer group at Helen [Patton]s. Took Mary to College Hills [Mall]. Looked at clothes, everything sky high. Had lunch. Took her to dialysis to see Dr. Olson. She's doing okay. I did some ironing.

Wednesday, November 11, 1987. Clear, cold, 18 – 20°, in 40s. We took Mary to dialysis. Volunteered at hospital. Did some shopping at Gift Shop sale. Got purse & teddy bears for the great-grandchildren. I baked pecan rolls in p.m. Gave Rons some.

Thursday, November 12, 1987. Fair, nice day, 54°. I went with Louise Kinsinger to HEA meeting. Did some of weekly cleaning. Worked on Afghan.

Friday, November 13, 1987. Fair to partly cloudy, 60°. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. Went to IAA [Illinois Agricultural Association] Building at 10:30 where we met prime timers for tour of the building. Had lunch at their cafeteria.

Saturday, November 14, 1987. A beautiful day, 60s. We helped clean church in morning. I fixed things for dinner tomorrow. We volunteered at hospital, 3:30 – 8:00.

Sunday, November 15, 1987. Mostly cloudy. We went to church. Our small group met at Bob Kauffmans. Had potluck. We got oranges & grapefruit from [7th Day] Adventists. We went to Lawrence Arras 50th anniversary at Carlock church. Rons here awhile in evening, got more books. Mabel brought some *knives* down for the boys that were CRs.

Monday, November 16, 1987. A dreary day, had rain or showers most of the day. We did the laundry. Got Mary at dialysis. We met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at International House for lunch. I stirred up peppernuts & baked them in evening. Gave Rons some. Very windy in evening. Had about 1 inch rain.

Tuesday, November 17, 1987. Cloudy, had shower in p.m., colder. I went to prayer group at Alma [Galloway]s. Baked fruit cake in p.m. Pete worked on [Ropp]history & cracked some nuts. Irene Dovel Forney passed away.

Wednesday, November 18, 1987. Cleared off in morning, chilly, 40s. We took Mary to dialysis & Pete took her home. We ate breakfast at hospital. Volunteered in morning. I took Mary to Garfield club at Denny's. Lucy [Catherine] Hostess. Pete came home. I came with Mabel.

Thursday, November 19, 1987. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 40s. I took Mary shopping but didn't find anything. We met Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Denny's. Went with them to visitation for Irene [Dovel] Forney. Had dinner together at Denny's after we got back.

Friday, November 20, 1987. Fair, windy, cold, 34°. Did weekly cleaning. We went to Irene Forney's funeral at 2:00. We stopped to see Lloyd Singley. He's home after having a hip replacement.

Saturday, November 21, 1987. Clear, cold, 14° in morning, 30s. Pete to men's breakfast. We helped clean church at 9:00 & got groceries. I went with Jo and Renée to (unclear) to Big Barn. Gifts shops & lunch room. Had lunch there. We went to Washington to different shops, fabrics, rugs & gift shops. Stopped at antique shop at Secor. Went to Rons awhile in evening. Erland Waltners were there awhile. We had ice cream & cake for Jo's birthday. Gave her a check.

Sunday, November 22, 1987. Fair, warmer, rained in evening. We went to church. Waltners spoke. Had a Chinese meal at noon. Ilene Ti & her husband prepared it. Mrs. Waltner showed slides of China where she visited last month. We went with Jeanette to Home Builders at John Reimers. Prof. from ISU from Libya spoke. Interesting.

Monday, November 23, 1987. Clear, 51°, windy. Washed & ironed. Made kettle [of] vegetable soup & cooked chicken. Pete put up snow fence & burned some brush.

Tuesday, November 24, 1987. Cloudy, started to rain in forenoon. Rained all evening. I went to prayer group at Shirley [Krahn]s. Steves were here for lunch. Had soup & apple salad. We went to town at 5:00 to get Mary. She went to dialysis at 2:30. She finished at 6:00. We ate at Grand Café. Were going to Heritage at Ina [Sutter]s but decided to come home.

Wednesday, November 25, 1987. Cloudy, some drizzle in morning, 42°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Took Mary to get groceries. Went to Beichs, got candy. I made chili & cooked cranberries & fixed sweet pickles.

Thursday, November 26, 1987. Cloudy, mild. I helped Jo a while in morning. Rons, Marty, Jon, Mary & we to Denny's for breakfast at 9:30 (Mary payed). Allens, Randys got here about noon. Good to see them. We were all at Rons. Had big turkey dinner at 5:30. Renée here too. She worked. Shirley brought 2 pies. Allen made lemon pie after they got here. Deb brought tea rolls. Mary salad. I took cranberries & pickles. We had a very nice Thanksgiving & much to be thankful for. Allens family brought us a microwave oven for Christmas. Very nice. Was surprised.

Friday, November 27, 1987. Cloudy, drizzled and showered most of day. We got up late. I got casserole ready for supper. We had lunch at Rons. Jo to meeting at Meadows in p.m. Allens, Deb, Brittany & I to Walmart awhile. I got a sleeper for Ashley. Brought Mary out. Rons, Jon, Marty & Renée, Allens & Randys here for supper. Had chicken casserole. Set one on stove, burner was on, dish exploded. What a mess.

Saturday, November 28, 1987. Cloudy, rainy. Allens and Randy's left around 9:00 for home. Was good to have them. We washed sheets & towels & did some cleaning. Ironed.

Sunday, November 29, 1987. Cloudy, snow & rain mixed all morning. We went to church. Had lunch at Wendy's. Home in PM. Jeanette with us to church. Group of singers from the area. Steves got back from Ohio.

Monday, November 30, 1987. Cloudy, 30s, misted in p.m. Did laundry. Took Mary home from dialysis. Got groceries. Went with Mabel at 12:40 to Salvation Army. HEA helped wrap Christmas gifts (sacks) 648 of them. 13 of us there. Jeanette with us. I made caramels when got home.

Tuesday, December 1, 1987. Cloudy, little snow on ground in morning, 30s, few light flurries. I went to prayer group at Lucy C[atherine's]. Pete did errands & got Mary. We went to Eastland awhile. Took Mary to dialysis to see Dr. Olson at 1:15. He thinks she should have [blood] transfusion. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. I went with Jeanette to Women's Fellowship. I took things for Kits. Had little Christmas program.

Wednesday, December 2, 1987. Cloudy, 36°. We volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete got Mary at dialysis. She had blood transfusion. We & Mary had lunch with Dorothy Scogins, Rose Girdler, Freida Bell Shinall & Lawson Fulton at Knapps. Mabel & I met at Farm Bureau for interview with Mrs. *Hamms* (sp?) for HEA 70th year. I baked cranberry bars & stirred up crescents.

Thursday, December 3, 1987. Cloudy, snow flurries most of day, windy, 30s. I went to School of Nursing. Helped register students. Got home at 10:30. Baked Crescent cookies & baked Yummy cookies. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers Christmas dinner at Farm Bureau. Mabel along.

Friday, December 4, 1987. Clear, nice to see the sun, 30s. We did weekly cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to bank & got her groceries. She took us to Steak 'n Shake for lunch. We went to Provident [Book Store], got Christmas cards. I baked ginger cookies & carrot cookies. Were home in evening. Steve to Bluffton workshop.

Saturday, December 5, 1987. Clear, beautiful day, near 40°, 18° in morning. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked coffeecake braid. Made white bark cookies. Ron & we picked out our Christmas tree. Ron cut it for us.

Sunday, December 6, 1987. Cloudy, rained in p.m., chilly, 30s. We went to church. Went with Mary at 1:00 to Kidney Foundation dinner at Bob Knapp's. Was very nice. Dialysis nurses with patients there. Rons in Peoria. We started addressing Christmas cards.

Monday, December 7, 1987. Rained most of day, 43°. Washed & ironed. I got Mary at dialysis. Pete had a load of gravel put on drive. We went to meeting for auxiliary. They want to form a task force to get more people involved. Wrote Christmas notes. Finished addressing Christmas cards.

Tuesday, December 8, 1987. Cloudy, rainy, 52°. We went to town. I went to prayer group at Mary K[aufmans]. Pete did some errands. Mary & we went shopping. She got skirt, blouse & sweater. I paid part for [her] Christmas gift. She got Pete slippers. Looked for suit for me, didn't have right size. Very windy in night. Had some limbs down.

Wednesday, December 9, 1987. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., 50°. We took Mary to dialysis. Had breakfast at hospital. Volunteered in morning. Had some work done on our car. Used Mary's car. I baked pumpkin pie & fixed barbecued ribs. Steves here for supper. We kept Katie while Steves went to choir. She was fussy awhile, got along okay.

Thursday, December 10, 1987. Clear, nice day, 40s. Pete to town to get our car. I went to HEA with Dorothy S[ingley]. Mabel & Jeanette along. Officers put on a play. Hostess served our dinner, turkey, dressing, salad, etc. Nice meeting. I made sugar plum cookies & wrapped some gifts.

Friday, December 11, 1987. Rained in morning, fair in p.m., 54°. Did some cleaning. Got Mary at dialysis. Took her to get groceries. Had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. I made cheese ball & fixed some boxes of cookies. Mailed Pauls box of cookies, etc. Renée here awhile. Ron & Marty at State Chester White Sale. Ron had Grand Champion. Sold her for \$850

Saturday, December 12, 1987. Partly cloudy, very windy, cold. We put up our Christmas tree. I made salad. I was [at] Rons awhile in morning. They put up their tree. We volunteered at hospital, 3:30 – 8:00.

Sunday, December 13, 1987. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Had the surprise luncheon. We went to Werner Fransens. Alma [Galloway], Bob Kauffmans, Velma *Loewen* (sp?) & Mike Borgs [there]. Had nice time. Came home at 3:00. Went back to church for Christmas program & dessert. Rons had 10 guests. Martys back to Mahomet. We talked to Pauls. They're okay & busy. Andy coming home [the] 22nd.

Monday, December 14, 1987. Cloudy, 30°. Snowed some in p.m. Had more snow south of us. We washed & ironed. Got Mary at dialysis. She didn't feel very good. We had lunch with Laura & Francis [Stamback] at Paradise Gardens. I made door piece & put up some decorations. Rained, snowed, thundered in night. Windy.

Tuesday, December 15, 1987. Electricity off early morning, came on at 7:30 a.m. Everything covered with ice, 20s. Had 3 inches snow. Very windy, blowing snow, lots of limbs & sticks down. 2000 – 4000 people out of electricity. Schools closed. Ron & Jon to work. Jo had lunch with us. I worked on Afghan. Electricity off again around 6:00 for ½ hour.

Wednesday, December 16, 1987. Clear, 17°. We went to hospital, volunteered. Hospital had Christmas dinner. Ron took Mary to dialysis. Pete got her & took her to hospital for dinner. I went to club meeting at Mabel's. 8 there. Ladies from town didn't come. Our road was rather slick this morning. [Route] 150 clear. Rons to Martys in evening. Renée's birthday. I gave [her] placemats.

Thursday, December 17, 1987. Clear, cold, 4° above, in 20s. I fixed some boxes of cookies. Wrapped an Afghan for Shirley. Put box of cookies out for Pantagraph carrier & mailman. Did some reading. Wrote Allens. Pete wrote Pauls. Wrote checks for family. Gave Allens, Rons & Pauls \$100, grandchildren \$40 [each]. Jimmy Grady called in evening. Wanted to know about Merle.

Friday, December 18, 1987. Fair in morning, cloudy day. Had some mist in late p.m. 20s. We got Mary at dialysis & got her groceries. We went to Service Company lunch at Town Hall. Got our groceries. Went to College Hills Mall. Got yarn for Afghan for Marjorie. Went to Gailey's. My glasses don't seem right. They put prism on hoping that will help. Jo here awhile. School is out for Christmas vacation.

Saturday, December 19, 1987. A dreary day, rained & drizzled most of day. Some ice melted. I baked rolls. Gave Rons & Marty each a pan. Gave Marty a box of cookies. Finished weekly cleaning. Didn't feel very good part of day. Pete still has a cold. Marty here in p.m.

Sunday, December 20, 1987. Cloudy in morning, clear, colder, 30s. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]s place. Mary & we to Paradise Gardens for dinner. Jo here awhile in evening. Jeanette gave us nuts & peanut brittle. We gave her Christmas Ideals. Paul called in evening. They're okay.

Monday, December 21, 1987. Clear, 40°. Did the laundry. Went to town at 1:00. Took Tom Kauffmans some meat for their Christmas. I went to Dr. Bertsche. Did some blood tests for Digoxin. I crocheted some in p.m. Started an Afghan for Marjorie.

Tuesday, December 22, 1987. Clear, nice day, 40°. I sorted some of my recipes. Did usual work. Pete did some typing. Jo took Mary shopping. Jo here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, December 23, 1987. Fair, nice day, 40s. We took Mary to dialysis. We volunteered at hospital. Got groceries. I got things for supper. Steves were here. Had vegetable soup & salad, ice cream & cookies. Gave Katie little bear & panties. Gave Steves \$40, which we gave to all grandchildren.

Thursday, December 24, 1987. Cloudy, foggy, rained off & on most of day. I made chili and salad. Rested awhile. We went with Jeanette to Christmas Eve service at church. Earl Kaufman in charge. Memories of Christmas. Pete spoke. Ron sang solo. Rons & Jon here after service. Had oyster stew & chili, salad, cheese, sherbet & cookies. Steve & Cindy left for Allens after Cindy got off work at 4:00.

Friday, December 25, 1987. Cloudy, started to rain in p.m., freezing. We got Mary at 11:30. We & Rons & Jon to Rays for dinner. I took salad & cookies. Had nice time. We went to Rons in evening. Marty & Renée there. Renée worked. I got sweater from Mary, Pete slippers. Allens called in morning. Rons gave us table to put microwave. Pete got trousers & shirt. I got blouse & skirt from Rons & Jon. Got cheese tray from Martys & Bologna. A nice Christmas, lot to be thankful [for].

Saturday, December 26, 1987. Cloudy, gloomy. Did weekly cleaning. Rons brought table over, put by stove. Put microwave on it. We volunteered at hospital, 3:00 to 7:30. Steves home from Iowa.

Sunday, December 27, 1987. Cloudy, started in rain about noon. Windy in evening. We were without electricity from 4 to 6:00 p.m. We went to church. Were greeters in Chet [Roth]s place. Rons greeters too. We took Mary to Steak 'n Shake for lunch. Were home in PM. I went to Rons awhile in p.m. They had company in evening, some of Ron's staff. Marty & Renée left in p.m. for Kansas.

Monday, December 28, 1987. Cloudy, 34°. Had 1 1/3 inches rain since yesterday. Had little snow in p.m. Had storm, heavy snow north of us in Chicago. Iowa has ice too. Washed & ironed.

Crocheted some. Rons took Mary to dialysis & got her. Ron not working at hospital. They have company in evening. Steves to Youth Institute at Washington.

Tuesday, December 29, 1987. Fair, 31°, nice day. We went to town in morning. Jo met us at Bergners. I exchanged my skirt & blouse which didn't fit. Got a red & black skirt & jacket & blouse. Pete exchanged trousers for larger size. Jo had lunch with us. She took Cindy to Champaign at 4:00. She's flying to Ohio. We got an exercise bike. I made cheese ball.

Wednesday, December 30, 1987. Fair, rather windy, 30s. We took Mary to dialysis. Pete took her home. We volunteered at hospital. Went to Bergners. Picked up my blouse. Went to Gailey's, had glasses adjusted. Were home in evening.

Thursday, December 31, 1987. Cloudy, colder during day. I baked coffeeecake braid. Crocheted. We went to Rons at 8:00. I took cheese ball & cookies. They had 32 people from church there. Jo had pizza & eggrolls. Everyone brought something. Have lots of food, I nice evening. Got to bed at 1:00 a.m. John's friend from *Korn* (sp?) [Iowa?] came, Debbie?