

Soda Springs
21 July, 2006

Dear Family:

The letter arrived yesterday, we were very happy to see it again. So much news and so many things going with you all. We are glad that you all talk about your families and their doings. Helps keep us up to date.

We are excited for the reunion to come. Hoping that you all will be present. Not sure what all we will do but come and find out. I told Marj. that she could be included with our turn this year. Not sure what she will want go do two years from now.

Marj. is doing quite well. Hope that you will either write to her or go to see her. Her life style has been drastically altered, she is having a hard time coping with it all. The fact that she is not able to come and go as she pleases is hard for her. However, she has company quite often. Jeff and Kathy make it often, Perry and Linda have been as often as they can. Eileen's husband Phil is home right now and he looks in on her almost daily. Eileen stops several times a week after work. So, really she sees more family now than she has done for a long time. She is looking forward to the reunion. Eileen has been assigned to be the photographer this year. Marj. isn't too happy to share the job. Anyway please come and socialize with all of us.

We are very happy for Melanie, hope they have a long, wonderful marriage. Most all the news this time was positive. So happy that Lynn and Jolene will be grandparents. We had the pleasure of spending part of a day in London with Jackie and were very impressed with her.

We will be glad to see you all and hear your news. We are anxious that we have a good reunion with as many as can be there. Well try to make it interesting. All the children have assignments to take care of, leaving not much for the old folks to worry about.

We love you all, appreciate your worth, and will see you soon!!!!.

Roland & Erlene

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May 10, 2006

Dear Family,

Greetings from Pocatello, Idaho. Nina and I will be leaving tomorrow on a small vacation. Our middle daughter Dawnmarie will be having her sixth (and last) child next week (she says the baby girl will be born on Monday no matter what). So we've decided to drive the motorhome out to Pennsylvania and spend a few days there so that Nina can be with our daughter and we can play with the grandkids. We'll also spend a little time with our oldest son James and his family in Springfield, Missouri and will see another son Daryl either at his place in Philadelphia or he'll come to where we are. Sounds busy and right now it feels busy. I'm looking forward to the trip, but not looking forward to the prices at the gasoline pump!

Of course, the major family news is Aunt Bernita's death and funeral. I've copied the obituary and the funeral program onto the back of this letter for those that weren't able to attend. It was a very lovely service and a fitting farewell to a good woman. Merrill and Jean did a part on the program which was very moving. The funeral was very well attended by family and ward members.

Spring blew into Pocatello a couple of weeks ago. We've gone from being in a fairly severe drought to having more water than the rivers and reservoirs can accommodate. Literally we've gone from one extreme to another in six months. We've also gone from brown/grey to green. I really appreciate each Spring when it arrives and am always glad to see Winter depart.

Aunt Marj had a very serious bout of pneumonia which put her in the hospital for a couple of weeks. From there she's been moved to a nursing home. There's little chance that she'll be able to go back to living on her own. Her short-term memory is quite impaired. She's getting good physical therapy at the nursing home and very good care. She had a cognitive evaluation done on Monday of this week and the results should be available sometime late next week. That should provide a guide as to what the next steps should be. Fortunately, a few years ago Aunt Marj set my mother up to be able handle her affairs should Aunt Marj become incapacitated. In the meantime, as is quite common in cases of age-related mental impairment, she is quite frustrated with her circumstances since it is hard for her to understand what is happening to her. Kathy Ellett quotes Uncle Perry as pointing out that "getting old isn't for sissies!" How very true.

This letter will bypass Aunt Marj on this round as she doesn't have much ability to write anything at present. Hopefully in the next round she'll have some of her strength and health back and be in a position to add her comments to the family letter.

All is well in our family. They do seem to move elsewhere on occasion, however. Our oldest son James (wife LeeAnn) and their family recently moved from Kentucky to Springfield, Missouri as a result of a change of employers. They really like their new location, even if it is in tornado alley! When they were in Springfield house hunting the sirens went off and a devastating tornado tore through the area. Jim said that he wanted to be outside to see what was happening, but then the happening got too close for comfort and into the cellar they went.

We send our love and best wishes to all of you and are looking forward to seeing many of you at the reunion in August in Bountiful!

Regards,

Ray & Nina

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In Memory of Bernita Anderson Gillette Bertelson

Born - March 13, 1920 - Ephraim, Sanpete Co., Utah
Passed Away - April 24, 2006 - Salt Lake, Salt Lake Co., Utah

Daughter of

Merrill Joseph & Anna Kirstine Christensen Anderson

Married - Wallace Arthur Gillette, deceased

Their Children are:

*Merrill E. & Jean Gillette, Ronald A. & Stephanie Gillette,
Bernita Gillette & John Corsi, Wallace "Wally" & Karen Gillette*

Married - Grant "Fritz" Averett, deceased

Wife of - Bryce G. Bertelson - Married December 20, 1989

Funeral Services

Monday - May 1, 2006 - 11:00 am
Valley View 12th Ward

2125 East Evergreen Ave - Salt Lake City, Utah

Conducting Robert Peterson, *Bishopric 1st Counselor*
Family Prayer Ronald A Gillette, son
Prelude & Postlude Sandra Ruconich
Chorister Marci Judkins, *granddaughter*
Invocation Christine Averett McFarland, *step daughter*
Eulogy Robert Peterson
Speaker Margaret Cardall
Speaker Duane Cardall, *home teacher*
Musical Number "In the Garden"

Loye Bertelson, *daughter-in-law* & Carl Bertelson,
Brandi Fielding, Jaimi Hyde & Marci Judkins, *all granddaughters*,
acc. by Sandra Ruconich

Speakers Merrill E. Gillette, son
Jean T. Gillette, *daughter-in-law*

Musical Number "Beyond the Sunset"
Loye Bertelson, *daughter-in-law* &
Carl Bertelson, *granddaughter*
acc. by Marci Judkins, *granddaughter*

Speaker Gilbert M. Bertelson, son
Congregational Hymn Pg. 293
"Each Life That Touches Ours for Good"

Benediction Perry C. Gillette, Jr., nephew

Palbearers

Troy B. Gillette, grandson
Curtis A. Gillette, grandson
Anthony M. Gillette, grandson
Arthur Wilsey, grandson
Christopher W. Gillette, grandson
Troy A. Sherrick, gr. grandson
Mack Shakespeare, gr. grandson

Interment

Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park -
3401 So. Highland Drive - Salt Lake City, Utah
Dedication of the Grave - Douglas H. Olsen, *brother-in-law*

Bernita Anderson Gillette Bertelson

"We'll Love You
Forever"



SALT LAKE CITY- Bernita was born 13 Mar. 1920 in Ephraim, Sanpete Co., UT; the eldest daughter of Merrill and Anna Anderson. Death came peacefully on 24 Apr. 2006.

She was educated in Ephraim public schools, Snow College and Stevens Henager College. She married Wallace A. Gillette, who passed away 5 Sept. 1955 in Ephraim, UT; leaving her with four young children. Bernita married Grant "Fritz" Averett, several years later who preceded her in death. 20 Dec. 1989, she married Bryce G. Bertelson.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and tried to live her life in accordance with the teachings of the Savior. Bernita spent countless hours knitting stocking caps for distribution through the local Salt Lake homeless shelters and LDS Humanitarian program. She was an accomplished Family History researcher and wrote many histories.

Bernita is survived by her husband Bryce, four children; Merrill Gillette (Jean), UT, Ronald Gillette (Stephanie), OR, Bernita Ann Gillette Corsi (John), AL, Wallace "Wally" Gillette (Karen), UT; by many wonderful grand and great grand children of the Gillette/Bertelson families; by two brothers and four sisters: Adrian and Tom Anderson; Valear Jensen, Mae Dennison, Faye Armstrong, and Bonnie Olson. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Venoy, a granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

Funeral Services will held at Valley View 12th Ward located at 2121 E. Evergreen Ave. Salt Lake City, UT (approx. 3435 S. 2080 E.) on Monday, 1 May 2006 at 11:00 a.m. A viewing will be held on Sunday 30 Apr. 2006 at the Jenkins-Soffe Mortuary 4760 South State Street, Murray, UT from 5-7 p.m. There will also be a short viewing period on Monday beginning at 10 a.m. until 10:45 AM prior to the funeral service. Interment: Wasatch Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Salt Lake City, UT. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.jenkins-soffe.com

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June 8, 2006

Dear Family,

I have had this for much too long and need to add my letter and get it on it way again. It seems that we have been pretty busy with yard work and making trips to Salt Lake City since I got this packet of letters in the mail.

I find it interesting that when I read the letter I had written previously, I was getting ready to start chemo treatments for the cancer that I have, now as I write this letter I am all finished with the treatments and now I am waiting until early August to see how I responded to the treatments. I had been going down to Salt Lake City every 3 weeks for treatments and I will not miss making those trips. With the price of gas going up ever few days, it made those trips quite expensive as well as the time it takes to drive down and back each time. I am happy to report that during the past few months I have felt pretty good. The only real problem I had was being very tired all the time. I did catch a cold in March that would not go away, and ended up staying for 7 weeks!! I feel very luck that I was able to keep working the entire time and did not miss a day of work on sick leave. Now that I am finished with the treatments I have noticed that my stamina and endurance are increasing with each day. I am also starting to get hair growing back on my head, time will tell what color and texture it will be like, right now it is like peach fuzz.

Since I wrote last we have not been able to do much traveling. We did go to Las Vegas for a week in early March. This is a trip that we have taken for the past 3 years as we are big NASCAR fans and like to go to the race when it is in Las Vegas. This year the weather was cold, windy and even some snow!! I never thought I would need to take my "long johns" to Las Vegas but this year they would have been nice to have had. We did have a fun time despite the cold weather. Our wedding anniversary happens to fall some time during our week down there so we get to celebrate that special day also.

We recently found out that we are going to have another grandchild this December. This will be the second child for my youngest daughter Lexie, who lives in Las Cruces, New Mexico. I am sure that she will find her hands full with two little ones at home.

With the warmer weather, we have found ourselves spending a lot more time outside doing yard work and just enjoying the nice weather. We enjoy watching the birds attack the feeders (and each other), the squirrel that likes to run along the fence, and the rabbit that was in the front yard yesterday. We also seem to get deer in the front yard more than I would like. They really like the apples on the crabapple trees we have in the front yard.

Well, that is all I can think to put on paper for now. We are doing good and hope that each one of you have a great summer, full of fun and good times!!

All our love,
Perry & Chris Smith

Jeff and Kathy Ellett

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June 20, 2006

Dear Family,

We also have kept the letter too long. The day we received it I was working and took it to work with me to read but we were too busy and it got left in my bag unattended to. Sorry!!!!

It was good to hear from all of you and hear what's going on in your lives. Perry, I hope the chemo treatments have worked and you are on your way to a full recovery. My visiting teaching companion has a good friend who has been having chemo and will loose her hair this week and she is going to shave her head in support of this friend.

As you all know Aunt Marge has been having a difficult time these past few months. She went from being totally independent to being totally dependent and this has been very difficult for her. She had to leave her job she loved. She has realized that she can't work anymore but it's upsetting to her. She is now at a very nice Assisted Living facility in Draper. It is Wentworth Assisted Living. The address is 11631 So. 700 E. Draper, Utah 84020. The phone # there is 801-523-9393. She would love to have any of you come and see her!!! Even though she enjoys being alone, she really enjoys visitors and short field trips. Uncle Roland and Aunt Arlene and especially Eileen were extremely instrumental in helping Aunt Marge get into this nice facility.

Aunt Marge (as you know) is usually upset with someone in the family. Well she has chosen my brother Perry to be upset with now. She claims he threw her wallet out the window of the Assisted Living Center and now doesn't want to see him. You know you just can't trust these stake presidents.

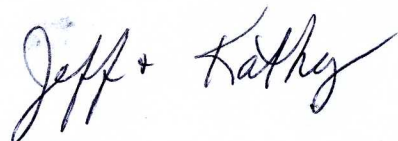
The last few months we have been involved with Erika's 3 boys in the bleachers of the little league baseball games. All 3 boys are on 2 different teams and Shaun is also on a men's softball team. Briggance (age 7) has been selected for a All Star baseball team so we will be going to more games over the 4th of July weekend. Bryson (age 5) and Briggances team came in first place in their division. Braxton's (age 11) team came in probably last place. I thought it would be hard for Braxton to have his brothers team come in first but he was a really good sport about it.

I will be going to Tennessee the end of July to see Chuck and Elise and their 3 children. I hate having them so far away!!!!!! Everyone else is doing fine. By the time this letter gets back to us we should have 2 new grandchildren.

I am enclosing a cute email story Elise send to me. It should get a few laughs.

That's all for now . Everyone take care!!

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff + Kathy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Subject: [Fwd: Miracle of toilet paper]

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> From: "Erin Kokal" <erinkokal@hotmail.com>

> Date: 2006/06/18 Sun PM 01:06:14 EDT

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> The Miracle of Toilet Paper & Why My Husband May Never Walk Again

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> Fresh from my shower, I stand in front of the mirror, complaining to my
> husband that my breasts are too small. Instead of characteristically telling
> me it's not so, he uncharacteristically comes up with a suggestion.

> "If you want your breast to grow, then every day take a piece of toilet
> paper and rub it between your breast for a few seconds."

> Willing to try anything, I fetch a piece of toilet paper and I stand in
> front of the mirror, rubbing it between my breasts.

> "How long will this take?" I ask.

> "They will grow larger over a period of years," he replies.

> I stop and ask, "Do you really think rubbing a piece of toilet paper between
> my breasts every day will make my breasts larger over the years?"

> Without missing a beat he says, "Worked for your butt, didn't it?"

> He is still alive, and with a great deal of physical therapy, he may even
> walk again.

> Stupid, stupid man.

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Dear Family,

June 26, 2006

It was good to get the family letter. A lot has happened in the two and a half months since we last wrote. We were able to go with our neighbors of 38 years, the Mortons to Hawaii from April 4 - 20th. We stayed at the Hale Koa, a military hotel on Waikiki for four days, then took an island cruise and spent the remaining time at Bellows. It was a nice relaxing time. We always enjoy the temple and PCC while we are there. We are familiar faces at the Olamana Ward in Waimanalo. When they announced a ward dinner in conjunction with emergency preparedness lessons, we bought a large sheet cake at Costco and invited ourselves to the dinner. The subject of discussion was how to tie down your roof so it won't get blown away in a typhoon.. As the presenter began, the power went off. Talk about realism! He was prepared with Coleman lanterns and flashlights.

Aunt Bernita's funeral was beautiful. We enjoyed Merrill and Jean's talk and others that helped us know her better. We hope things lighten up for them. They have had a rough time these last few months.

We took Aunt Marge to the cemeteries to decorate graves. We paid close attention to landmarks at Wasatch Lawn so we won't need to wander around as much next year. It was an enjoyable day.

After almost 5 years, Linda has been released as Relief Society President. She has the very enjoyable job of Music Chairman and Perry's Secretary.

We have gained a greater appreciation for Aunt Arlene and Uncle Roland. They worked long and hard on the sudden move of Aunt Marge. We were concerned because that wasn't an easy task. We can't believe all the time and work Eileen has put in to making arrangements for Aunt Marge. Terry and Alan and their big truck saved the day when it came time to move. The Wentworth facility is very nice and the Smith's had it so cosy and welcoming.

We took Braiden and Austin with us down to the Mormon Miracle Pageant. That was the first time for the boys and they loved it. We camped out with the Hispanic Branch. They are such warm loving people. The leaders are bilingual so we can communicate. They had 18 tents at

our campsite. We awoke in the morning to chatter, chatter, laugh, laugh. Such a happy sound.

Perry spent all last week at Girl's Camp. While he was gone, Linda decided to hand stain the 20 x 26 foot deck that we share with our neighbors. We have neglected it for several years, so after power washing all the old stain off, we decided to apply an Australian Oil Stain. She did it in one day because she knew if she stopped she wouldn't want to go back to it. She was a little stiff but it was all worth it. The Girls Camp leaders were grateful to have the whole Stake Presidency at camp for the duration. Linda went up Thursday to help with meals, she was protected but observed Perry become very involved in the gigantic water fight.

July The Stake Presidency and wives are going down to the LDS leadership Scout training at Philmont, New Mexico the first week of August. Our grandchildren start arriving before we return with 3 Gillette's (14, 10, 9) coming from Orlando on July 5th (their mom is in school and dad is working). Stephanie and 4 children come from Texas on the 10th for a month, Kim (Phoenix) and 3, come on the 15th, Jennifer(Seattle) and 4 come on the 20th . There will be some overlapping and coming and going. In the middle of it all, Kellie's new baby will be born! We have fun things planned with Lagoon high on the list. Just playing with cousins is a treat. We always have a fire in the pit and make s'mores. We'll take the Gillette children up to the cabin and the next weekend when they are with other grandparents, take some of the others to the Ward Campout. We have a 3 day Reese reunion 19th, 20th 21st celebrating the 100th year of Linda's dad's birth. It is also the 75th anniversary of her parents' marriage.

JULY WILL BE VERY BUSY!

We look forward to seeing you all on the 12th of August at the Reunion. You are a great family.

Love,
Perry and Linda

June 29, 2006

Dear Family,

It was so nice to see Merrill, Ronald, Wally, Bunny and families at Aunt Bernita's viewing on Sunday evening. We got there an hour early so we watched the video a couple times before Merrill and Jean got there. We had come from a Stake Conference in Orem. Just before we left Aunt Arlene and Uncle Roland came, so it was a special treat to get to see them. They asked how Melanie was and we'll give this "good news" later. We hope you are feeling better, Aunt Marjorie. It sounds like you are in good hands.

Lynn and Jolene's letter reminded me of "The Da Vinci Code" with their Art Museum experience. I wasn't going to read this book, but when a book came out on "The LDS Perspective on the Da Vinci Code", I had to get it and read it before I read the LDS authors "What Da Vinci Didn't Know". Sorry to get carried away on books again.

We do have some "good news" to share. Melanie's divorce was final last August and they spent the winter renting a home in Spanish Fork. They had to leave this home in June because the owners want to sell it, so she was trying to decide where to live. However, in April she met Brad Peterson at "Harward Irrigation" in Spanish Fork where she has been working since last September. Brad is 43 yrs old, an engineer and he use to work for Harwards. He now works independently putting in sprinkler systems and other projects etc. on farms. He buys some supplies from Harwards so he's in their store quite often. He and Melanie started dating in May and on 6/6/06 they got married. We met Brad for the first time on 6/5/06. He came out to meet with some people about putting pipe through their property. He brought Calvin out to play with Robin's boys while he did business. We were very impressed with Brad. He has 3 children who live with their mother in American Fork, a son (14) and 2 daughters 19 and 12. He is a good Dad and Melanie's 8 year old son, Calvin, adores him. Calvin was the only guest at the marriage. Melanie's 2 girls were at EFY for the week and Austin lives with his Dad. Melanie's Bishop married them at the church and his wife was there along with Calvin. Melanie and Calvin were staying at her Bishop's place at the time. Brad and his son had moved Melanie out of the rented house the week before and put all of Melanie's stuff in Brad's garage. Brad just moved to Spanish Fork in April after having lived in Price for 2 years. He and his first wife lived in Vernal for 9 years when Brad worked for the government. Brad used Kelly (Robin's husband) and his crew to put in cement structures a few times about 5 years ago, so Kelly already knew Brad. We have more "good news" which is about Robin and Kelly. Yesterday Robin told me that a new Kielbasa is on the way, due in March. Chance, their youngest son, turned 6 on Father's Day. He was born on Father's Day in 2000. Their new house is in the painting stage. We'll have to see whether the house gets done before the new baby arrives ☺. Carolyn and Darren's new son is due in July, so we will be traveling to Las Vegas when we get the call about their new arrival. John and Bobbie are expecting their first GREAT grandchild in July. Lori's Emily is having a boy (we think)? It is hard to imagine one's own child being a grandparent! John turned 65 the end of June and will retire on the 1st of July. They had a big celebration at Lori's for him on the 24th of June. We had an assignment in Vernal that week-end so we missed it ☹.

Thanks again, Kathy, you made us all smile ☺ ☺.

We send our love,

Lamont and Gay

*Brad is also an "avid" reader!

P.S. Robin broke her foot + is on crutches

Gillette Family Letter

Dear Family,

7-12-06

This time the letter carries quite a mix of news and events. Merrill and Jean, we hope you are doing well after going through such a difficult time. On a lighter note, congratulations to Melanie, on her recent marriage to Brad Peterson. He sounds like a very nice fellow.

Lynn took the week of July 3rd as vacation and worked on the back fence. He has done most of the work, but I did help a little with the measuring and pouring concrete. There is still quite a bit left to do. Lynn will be working here in Sunnyvale next week so we should make some good progress on it in the evenings. Meanwhile I'm getting well acquainted with Freddie, the neighbor's small white mop of a dog.

We've got some very happy news. Jackie and Darrin are expecting a new little one. This means we are going to become grandparents. We are so ready. The baby is due in December don't know the day yet. Jackie is going to be matron of honor for her friend Michele, who is getting married Aug. 5th. The trick is when to do the dress alteration so it still fits on Michele's big day. It was great news to find out that Robin is also expecting. The little cousins will be about 3 Months apart. We have been enjoying the beautiful warm weather. The doors and windows are open all day unless it's really really hot. With Lynn home last week it felt like we were on vacation (working vacation.) There's always plenty of yard work this time of year, giving us a good reason to be outside enjoying the season.

Jani and Trevor are also doing fine. Trevor is on several volleyball teams and this summer he plays two nights a week. Usually one of those nights Jani takes a dance class except for the next two months. She began a training course in Oakland this week to learn about dance related therapy. The course is eight hours a day five days a week for two months. She hopes to put it to good use in the end. I talked to her Monday morning for a few minutes while she waited for the doors to open. (Jani likes to be early.) She told me about the orientation on the weekend. It's a small group of students, about ten in most of the classes. They come from all over the Country and even two from Mexico City.

We received the notice of the family gathering August 12th from Aunt Arlene. Thank you Arlene for the "heads up." At this moment we are not planning on coming even though it would be fun. August is shaping up to be a busy month for us so we can't stray too far away. Lynn's work schedule is undergoing a change right now. He is beginning to alternate weeks between here and Anaheim. It will be wonderful to have him around more but I worry about the toll it will take on him, working two different jobs out of two different offices. Retirement is becoming more inviting. He may not wait three more years. I'm still plugging away at my Botanical art course. I decided there is a distinct advantage to doing this by mail. When the critique comes back, it cannot be taken personally because the instructor knows nothing about me. They only see the work I send. I'm quite amazed by the detail they go into, It's um, humbling.

We send our best to everyone,

Lynn & Arlene

P.S. Jackie's baby is a girl!

Bountiful

17 July 2006

Dear Family;

We hope that this finds all of you improving from the assorted ills and problems of life. Next week it will be three months since Mom's death. It was good to see so many of you at the viewing and funeral. It has been a very busy three months with trying to settle her affairs and with problems with our children. We have learned some good lessons about getting our affairs in order. If you feel that you have a good plan and possibly a will or a trust now would be a good time to take it out and review the instructions and provisions. We found that many of the Mom's instructions were outdated and telephone numbers were incorrect and addresses were no longer applicable. Since none of us plan on dying, checking your provisions once a year would be a good idea and lower the stress level for the executor (s). We have also learned that it is a very good idea to appoint two executors preferably a husband and wife so when one has to work, etc. the other can still take care of business of settling the estate. Things are finally winding down with Ronald and his wife Stefanie and Bunny and her daughter Lexus coming later this week to finish sorting the personal effects and assisting with the final distribution.

Holly had surgery on the 31st of May and Jean was out in Vernal helping her. Just a few days before her surgery she and Oscar totally gutted their kitchen and learned that the electrical system was so out dated that the City Inspector gave her two years to bring it the whole house up to code. Merrill drove out to Vernal on two weekend trips to assist with the wiring. Then he got ill and had to come back to Bountiful. Troy's wife Kristin had surgery on the same day as Holly for knee problems and is having a difficult time getting back to normal. She returned to work two weeks ago. Holly went back to work last weekend. Troy finally had his back surgery on the 20th of June and is doing well, but we cannot keep him from doing too much, even though he is not working on vehicles. He signed a new lease for a larger shop on the Thursday before his surgery and we had to move everything while he was initially recuperating. Now he is trying to get everything into some semblance of order. Merrill has been working at Troy's shop 9 to 11 hours a day trying to keep things going for him, he had hired a mechanic to fill in and Merrill has been doing the books and paper work. Anthony had surgery as well on the 26th of June. We were

concerned as were the doctors in that might be cancer but the biopsy came back benign, for which we are very thankful. He returned to work last week. Enough of sickness, etc. We actually took a couple of days and went to Jackson Hole and it was wonderful but too short. Ronald promised that he would bring some cool breezes to Utah when he comes later this week and we intend to hold him to his promise.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion on the 12th of August and hope that by then Marg will be able to join us for the day. She has always looked forward to the reunions and the family news letter.

Love Merrill and Jean

P.S. Perry we hope that the treatments with the chemo will do the trick and wish that you had not had to endure this trial in your life.