

# The Diary of Anna Kropf Ropp

## 1998

(By 1998, Ann could no longer find the five-year diaries she had always used, so she switched to one-year diaries for four years and then simply filled several small notebooks, finally making her last entry on April 12, 2004. She lived until June 9, 2005.)

Thursday, January 1, 1998. Mostly sunny, nice day. Allens, Rons, Jon, Steves & we had brunch at Perkins at 9:30. Allens to Rons awhile. We all, Randys, Rons & Jon at Steves for dinner. I took 2 apple pies. Jo took relish tray & fruit. Randys got here at 4:00 p.m. Randys here all night. Mabel Ropp moved to Adelaide Apartments.

Friday, January 2, 1998. Cloudy, windy, 50°. Allen, Ron and Pete & I to Bill Lawrence's office at 10:15. Met Ray, Carol. Rays bought Allen, Ron & Paul's share of Bohrer estate. Pete was paid \$11,000 for our share. Allens & Randys here for lunch. Had lasagna. Ron left at 11:30 for Marty's in Michigan. Allens & Randys left for their homes at 12:15. We had muffler on our car fixed and got used Eureka sweeper. Ours quit. We miss everyone. Rather quiet.

Saturday, January 3, 1998. Cloudy, warm, 61°, broke records. We went to bank. Took papers to recycle. Washed 2 loads. Put Christmas decorations away. Cleaned up the house. Deb called. They got home at 2:30 a.m. their time. Had good roads, etc. Glad they could come even though time was short.

Sunday, January 4, 1998. A rainy day, 55°. Rained most of day. We went to church. Got KFC home. Read and rested. Rons home from Michigan & Ohio at 8:00. Paul called. He had good trip home last Sunday evening.

Monday, January 5, 1998. Another rainy day, 54°. Ron and Pete and I to Pontiac bank. Paid off the loan on our house in Normal. Ron & Jo bought our house in the country and nearly 2 acres for \$75,000. Glad Rons bought it. Our 3 boys got \$69,500 + for their share of Bohrer estate.

Tuesday, January 6, 1998. Foggy, rained in p.m., 54°. Unusually mild. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Met Rosie [Girdler] at Denny's for lunch. Frieda [Shinall] didn't come & Dorothy [Scogin] had a cold. We cracked some pecans we had bought & Marty's gave us some. I went to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, January 7, 1998. Cloudy, drizzly, windy and colder in p.m. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete didn't feel like going. His leg bothers him. I took him to dentist at 2:30. Had teeth cleaned and one pulled. Took an hour to pull it. Broke off. We got home at 5:00 p.m. Rained most of evening. Snowed in night & froze some ice.

Thursday, January 8, 1998. Snowing, windy, Roads had some ice under the snow. Had 3 inches. HEA called off. I went to store for milk. Pete on soft diet for a few days. Made custard & vegetable soup. I started to embroider pillowcases.

Friday, January 9, 1998. Cloudy, 33°, windy in evening. I did some weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at 1:00. Rested some. Pete still has some bleeding from where the tooth was pulled. I talked to dentist. He said to try a teabag & keep pressure on the gum. Hope it helps.

Saturday, January 10, 1998. Clear, 20°. Nice to see the sun. I baked coffeecake braid & made cauliflower soup. Did some cleaning. Went to grocery [store]. Pete's jaw seems better. Allen called. They are okay. Randy is there nights. Has meetings in Newton [Iowa].

Sunday, January 11, 1998. Mostly cloudy, 20s. We went to church. Came home for dinner. We watched ice skating in p.m. Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, January 12, 1998. Cloudy, some streets & roads are icy, 28°. I did the laundry. Ron here awhile on his way to ISU to get ready to teach class tomorrow. Glad he had time to stop.

Tuesday, January 13, 1998. Clear, cold, 1° – 13° high. I did the usual work. Made bread pudding. Went on some errands. Worked on pillowcases.

Wednesday, January 14, 1998. Cloudy, 28°. Started to mist and rain about noon. Froze ice. Salt trucks out. We volunteered at hospital in a.m. I had appointment with Dr. Wera at 12:45. I'm doing quite well. Need to have echocardiogram next Wednesday when Pete has an appointment. Took Pete to dentist. He removed the stitches he put in when he pulled his tooth. Doing okay.

Thursday, January 15, 1998. Cloudy, 9° – 21°. I baked coffeecake & peanut butter cookies. Did usual work. Went to grocery store.

Friday, January 16, 1998. Cloudy, 28°. I did some cleaning. Dr. Sawyer called, checked my pacemaker. [Rev.] Tim Schrag visited short time. Served tea & cookies. I went to B[eauty] shop at 12:15. Rested some in PM. Cooked some mush.

Saturday, January 17, 1998. Cloudy, 28°. Pete went with Ron to men's breakfast. I made meatloaf & rhubarb crisp for dinner. Did some cleaning. Embroidered awhile. Allen called. Sunshine there. They are busy.

Sunday, January 18, 1998. Clear nice day, 28°. We went to church. Ate at grand Café. Wayne Litwiller came for Mildred N. & Pete & I. Took us to their house for small group meeting at 2:00 PM. We got fruit at SDA [Seventh Day Adventists]. Evelyn & Paul called. Rachael got home from California.

Monday, January 19, 1998. Cloudy, frosty, sun shone in p.m., 25° – 27°. I did the laundry. Took Pete to Dr. Bertsche for physical. Has had pain in his left leg. May be nerves.

Tuesday, January 20, 1998. Cloudy, 25°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Ben Krahn there too. I took Pete to Dr. Allen's office at 1:00. He made an appointment to see Dr. Seehofer about some places on his ears and nose. So we went there at 1:45. Dr. Brander saw Pete. He cauterized several places. Went to Aldis. Kay Reimer had back surgery.

Wednesday, January 21, 1998. Cloudy, sun shone short time in p.m. I volunteered at hospital in a.m. At 1:00 we went with Ron to Bill Lawrence [to] sign paper that we sold Rons our home in the country. Glad they can buy it. We went to Dr. Wera's office. I had echocardiogram. He

examined Pete. Still not sure why he passed out in December. [Pete] has to have echocardiogram & blood work.

Thursday, January 22, 1998. Cloudy, 33°, light snow started about 4:00 p.m. I took Pete to Carle Lab for blood work at 7:20. We went with Jeanette to Prime Timers. I did some embroidery on pillowcases.

Friday, January 23, 1998. Cloudy, 30°, had light snow last night. I did some cleaning. Took Pete to Dr. Wera's office. He had echocardiogram. Ron here for lunch. Glad to have him.

Saturday, January 24, 1998. Cloudy, 28°. Just a few flurries. I finished some cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop & grocery [store]. Did some embroidery in p.m. & rested. Cindy called. Steve is sick [with] temp.

Sunday, January 25, 1998. 30s, cloudy in morning, some sunshine in p.m. We went to church. MYF had chili dinner for everyone. Had Congregational meeting. Arthurs called. Georgia hasn't felt very good. Allen called. They had 8 inches snow Thursday. They're okay. Paul called. They are doing alright.

Monday, January 26, 1998. 38° – 40°. Fair, some snow melting. I did the laundry & rested some. Embroidered. Ron here few minutes in PM.

Tuesday, January 27, 1998. Cloudy, foggy most of day, heavier late PM. 32°. We had breakfast with Tuesday group. Did some errands. I made lemon pie with lemons from Evelyn. Got report from Pete's biopsy last Tuesday. Squamous cancer cells. Was hoping [it] would be benign.

Wednesday, January 28, 1998. 41°, a beautiful day. Clear. I volunteered at hospital in a.m. Pete didn't care to go. Ron here in p.m. finishing up the house sale. Glad they can buy it. Marge & Mara Weaver here during Jr. choir practice.

Thursday, January 29, 1998. Cloudy most of day, little sunshine late p.m., 36°. I went to [Stroink] Lab at 7:00. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Made pot of vegetable soup. Rested. Did some embroidery work. [Sold] 2218 bushels corn for \$2.00 plus per bushel. Also sold rest of beans.

Friday, January 30, 1998. Cloudy, 34°. I did some cleaning. We went to bank in p.m. I quilted awhile at church.

Saturday, January 31, 1998. Fair, nice to see the sun. I did some cleaning. Went to pharmacy. [Got] pain medicine for Pete. His back & leg are hurting. Allen called. They are busy.

Sunday, February 1, 1998. Fair in morning. Had a shower about noon. 40s. We went to church. Rons & we went to Dragon Chinese Restaurant for dinner. They had their small group at 3:00. We were home rest of day.

Monday, February 2, 1998. Clear, nice day, in 40s. I did the laundry. Didn't feel good in morning. Blood pressure low. Went to pharmacy. Got medicine for Pete (anabolic [steroid]). Worked on pillowcases.

Tuesday, February 3, 1998. 40s, partly cloudy. We had lunch with Rosa [Girdler], Freida [Shinall] & Dorothy [Scogin]. I did some embroidery. Went to Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, February 4, 1998. 34°, cloudy, chilly wind. I volunteered at hospital in a.m. Finished a quilt. Pete's back still bothers him. I made peach cobbler and tuna casserole. Marge & Mara Weaver here short time.

Thursday, February 5, 1998. Temp in 30s, chilly wind. I did usual work. Pete's back little better with his belt. I quilted at church in p.m. Embroidered some in evening.

Friday, February 6, 1998. Cloudy, partly cloudy. Did usual cleaning. Went to bank & grocery [store]. Ron here awhile in p.m. Glad when he stops by. Did some hand work.

Saturday, February 7, 1998. 45°, clear, nice day. I went to B[eauty] shop. Rested, embroidered some. Allen called. They have colds & bronchitis. Paul Miller brought us bag of cornmeal made from corn he picked up out home.

Sunday, February 8, 1998. 36°, cloudy, very foggy in morning. Pete not feeling any better. Still pain in his back. I went to church. Jo worship leader. She did good job. Jon here for awhile. Glad he came. Rons were coming but very foggy. Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, February 9, 1998. 48° – 50°. Nice day. Very foggy in places in morning. I did laundry. Pete still having pain. Called Dr. Bertsche but [he] didn't return my call. Ron here in p.m. Jo stopped after school.

Tuesday, February 10, 1998. 45°, cloudy, light rain at times. Pete didn't sleep well last night. Up to bathroom frequently. Called Dr. Bertsche. He ordered back x-ray. Ron & I took him to BroMenn at 10:00. Pete rested some in p.m. I baked chocolate chip cookies.

Wednesday, February 11, 1998. 45°, a rainy day, dark and gloomy. Pete still having pain. Taking pain pills. I did usual work. Embroidered some. Marge & Mara Weaver here during Jr. choir practice.

Thursday, February 12, 1998. Cloudy, 35° – 38°. Pete isn't feeling any better. Lying down most of day. Dr. called this evening. X-ray shows he has fracture of Thorax. Taking pain pills every 4 hours and are to continue until [it] heals. Jeanette here awhile after she got home from HEA. She took Mabel.

Friday, February 13, 1998. Cloudy, 39°. I had physical at Dr. Bertsche's at 8:45. Got home about 11:00. They cleaned wax out of my ears. Right ear has been bleeding some. Talked to nurse. Ron stopped here in morning, checked on Pete. Think his day [a] little better than yesterday.

Saturday, February 14, 1998. In 40s, some sunshine. Pete not feeling good in morning. Jo came, stayed while I went to B[eauty] shop & to Dr. Bertsche's office. I have trouble with my right year after they removed wax yesterday. Carolyn Roth saw me. I got some drops to use. Jo got Chinese food. She & Ron ate with us. Appreciated Jo staying with Pete. Think Pete rested little better in PM.

Sunday, February 15, 1998. Mostly cloudy, 40s. Pete about same. I didn't go to church. Ben Krahn stopped after church. Cindy [Ropp] & Marge Weaver here during Sunday school. Wayne Litwiller here awhile in evening offering their help. Jon & Julie here too. Allens called in p.m. They're okay. Steve & Cindy here awhile. Pauls called. Ron called too.

Monday, February 16, 1998. 40s, cloudy, rainy day. I did the laundry. Think Pete feels a little better. I went to Dr. Bertsche about my ear. Steve stayed with Pete while I was gone. Alta Litwiller brought a bouquet for us, red carnations. She & Ruth Ann are always so thoughtful. Steve brought our supper from Arby's. They ate with us. I took birthday card to Lorene Reeser [for] her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Tuesday, February 17, 1998. M in 40s, cloudy, another rainy day. I did usual work & some laundry. Home care nurse, Karen Ward, here in morning. Offered their help in any way we might need them. Pete is some better & we're grateful, but he still has some pain. I helped him with paying some bills. Pam called. They & the girls plan to come Saturday noon.

Wednesday, February 18, 1998. Temp 39°, cloudy, rained last night. Social worker here in morning. Ordered some talking books. Think Pete feels little better, still kinda depressed. Ron here in p.m. Helped Pete with income tax. I went to Garfield club at Alta [Litwiller]s. Weavers here during Jr. choir practice. Ben called. He plans to come [the] 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday, February 19, 1998. Temp in 40s, cloudy, some showers in p.m. I went to bank in morning. Pete had doctors appointment but felt he wasn't able to go. Talked to nurse. I had mammogram in p.m. Nurse talked to Dr. He ordered medicine for depression & kidneys. Marie Heiser here in p.m., brought salad. Dr. Sawyer called, checked my pacemaker. Everything seems okay.

Friday, February 20, 1998. Temp 44°. Cloudy. I went to beauty shop and grocery [store]. Got some medicine for Pete. I did some cleaning. Made pot of vegetable soup. I went to Consistory at 11:00. Got carry out from Kiwanis. We had tickets.

Saturday, February 21, 1998. Cloudy. I finished cleaning. Did some laundry. Went to grocery [store]. Mick, Pam & girls got here at 3:30. They got to motel. Rons here awhile to visit. Steves came at 6:00. They & Micks went out to eat. Pete not feeling as good as yesterday.

Sunday, February 22, 1998. 52° temp. Partly cloudy, nice day. Micks came at 9:00. Had brunch, egg & sausage casserole, fruit & coffeecake. Ashley went to Sunday School with Katie. Cindy

stopped after Sunday School. Micks & Cindy & children going to zoo. Steve at Hopedale Michigan. Going home in PM. Marty & Renée called. They had just gotten back from San Antonio Texas. Marty judged a show. Pauls called, they're okay.

Monday, February 23, 1998. 50°, a beautiful day. Pete not feeling very well. Dizzy & weak. I called Dr. we think it may be the 2 medicines that cause it. Dr. Bertsche wants him to have meds. Martha Dick and Ina S[utter] here awhile.

Tuesday, February 24, 1998. 50s, beautiful day. Pete fell as he was getting dressed. Passed out for short time. Ron & Jon came & got him up. Thankful he didn't get hurt. Still having kidney problems. The nurse was here again this a.m. His back pain is better. Ron did some errands for us. We are so grateful to have them close by. Edith Zehr here, brought some cookies.

Wednesday, February 25, 1998. Nice day, breezy, 50s. I did usual work. Took our check to church. Talked to Tim (pastor). Jeanette here, brought us a begonia plant. Steve here few minutes, also Ron looked over some papers. Pete about same, weak. Dr. Bertsche came after choir practice to see Pete. Checked him over. Pete asked if meds can be stopped & Dr. agreed. Ron & Cindy here too. Think Pete felt better after talking to Dr.

Thursday, February 26, 1998. 60°. Mostly cloudy, rained late p.m. & evening. Pete is feeling better although his back is hurting some. Took (unclear). Steve came at 1:00. I went to bank & Eastland. I got a top. Helen P[atton] came at noon. Brought roasted turkey breast, potato salad, pudding & rolls. Dr. Oyers came in p.m., brot some cookies. Cindy here, brot some crochet thread. Allen called.

Friday, February 27, 1998. 48°, some clouds and some sunshine. I did some cleaning. Went to [Stroink] Lab in morning. Tim Schrag here awhile. Mabel & Carol here too. Ron here few minutes. Ben & Kelly (friend) got here about 4:00. Steves brought pizza. I had applesauce, relishes, ice cream & cookies. Ben & Kelly to Rons for the night.

Saturday, February 28, 1998. Partly cloudy. I went to beauty shop in morning & grocery [store]. Ben & Kelly came about noon. Were going shopping. Ben doing some laundry. I got things ready for dinner. Had chicken casserole. Rons here few minutes. Got a new telephone for us. Bens came at 6:00 for supper here. They went back to Rons.

Sunday, March 1, 1998. 30, cloudy, some snow flurries in morning and again in late p.m. Ben & Kelly came at 11:30. Was going to get Chinese food but [they] were closed so got KFC. Ben left at 12:30. Ron here after church. Paul Millers here awhile. Paul called. He has been busy writing for his book.

Monday, March 2, 1998. 37°. Cloudy. Had snow flurries early a.m. I did the laundry. Think Pete feels little stronger. The therapist came before 2:00. Gave Pete some exercises to do. Kay Ann

Friesen here awhile. Ron here too. He took the telephone book that we got last week & brought another one.

Tuesday, March 3, 1998. 35°. Cloudy & some flurries or missed. Pete feels a little better. Reads some & doing his exercises. I baked date pudding & coffeecake. I went to Aldis. Ron stayed with Pete & installed our new telephone. Social worker here awhile & Karen, health nurse, here, took blood sample. Dr. Bertsche called in evening. Blood test everything okay. Allen called. They had snow & ice north of them.

Wednesday, March 4, 1998. Mostly cloudy. I did usual work. Lucy Catherine came at 11:15. We had ribs & sauerkraut for dinner. Clarence Oyer here in p.m., worked on speaker from church. Also looked at the dryer, [it] hasn't worked very good. Marge & Mara [Weaver] here in evening. I crocheted some on the pillowcases. Deb called. Randy in Florida. Deb goes tomorrow. Maytag company going on Caribbean Cruise. Brittany with friends.

Thursday, March 5, 1998. Cloudy, 36°. Think Pete feels some better. Little stronger. He's doing his exercises. Therapist here late p.m. I went to church, got pie pans. Made 2 crusts for MCC [relief] sale. Did some crocheting.

Friday, March 6, 1998. Fair, good to see the sun, 44°. I did some of weekly cleaning. Made 2 more pie crusts for MCC sale. Ron here in p.m. Got our income tax papers. He goes to Phil Harland in a.m. Therapist here again. Pete is doing better. I crocheted some.

Saturday, March 7, 1998. Cloudy, 45°, rained in evening. I went to B[eauty] shop at 10:00. Took papers to recycle. Went to grocery [store]. Made cottage cheese pineapple salad. Crocheted. Pete doing little better. Glad he feels better. Allen called. They were having some snow flurries.

Sunday, March 8, 1998. 37°, cloudy. Rained all morning. Having blizzards in Nebraska, Kansas & Iowa. We went to church. It was good to be there again. So glad to Pete is better. Rons brought KFC dinner. I had salad, relishes, ice cream & cookies, bars. Jon and Marty here too. He is on his way to St. Louis tonight. Leaves for Washington DC tomorrow. Snowed in night, windy.

Monday, March 9, 1998. 31°. Schools in area closed. Very windy, some whiteouts & snowing some. Sun came out in PM. Still windy. Talked to Allen. They had 10 – 12 inches snow. Lot [of] roads closed. There were power outages here in outlying areas. I did laundry. Therapist here to see Pete. Added more exercises.

Tuesday, March 10, 1998. 10° – 22°, clear, cold. Nice winter day. Karla (nurse) here. Checked Pete. He seems to be doing alright. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Baked some cookies & rested some.

Wednesday, March 11, 1998. 12° – 21°, clear, cold. We had a quiet day. I did the usual work. Crocheted. The therapist here in p.m. Pete doing better. We're thankful. Marge & Mara

[Weaver] here during Jr. choir practice. Ron & Jo stopped after choir practice. Gave them some cookies. Had thank you note from Amy.

Thursday, March 12, 1998. 4° – 23°. Clear, nice winter day. I went to HEA. Took Jeanette & Mabel. Pete got along okay. I was home by 11:45. Rested some. Made salad dressing. Went to store. Crocheted in evening.

Friday, March 13, 1998. 20° – 42°. Partly cloudy. Did some cleaning. Went to bank. Therapist here. I took Pete to Dr. Randolph. Had his eyes checked. Doesn't need to have his lense changed.

Saturday, March 14, 1998. 33°, fair, nice day. I did some cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop in morning. Rested some. Baked magic bars. A rather quiet day. Allen called. They are okay. Has been cold. I wrote in circle letter.

Sunday, March 15, 1998. 33°, mostly cloudy. I went to church. Pete didn't feel like going. He listened to service here at home. Ron & Jo here for dinner. I had roast beef & potatoes, carrots. Jo helped us with Medicare papers, etc. Jo brought baked things from church, put in our freezer. Pauls called. They had busy weekend. Evelyn called. They are alright. Have had lot of company.

Monday, March 16, 1998. Cloudy, breezy, 38°. Had little snow on ground this morning but was soon gone. I did laundry. Therapist here late p.m. Had Pete do few different exercises. I went to grocery [store], got milk.

Tuesday, March 17, 1998. 41°. Rained most of day. I did usual work. Cleaned some of blinds. Crocheted. The nurse came at noon. Checked Pete over. He is about same. Rather quiet day.

Wednesday, March 18, 1998. 52°, cloudy, light shower. I went to auxiliary luncheon at 1:00 p.m. Had farewell for Barbara Whitmer. Steve here awhile at noon. Pete got along okay. Steve, Rachel, Marge W[eaver] here awhile during [Jr.] choir practice. Ron stopped to say hello. Cindy came after choir practice.

Thursday, March 19, 1998. 40°, cloudy, rather chilly in p.m. I took pie crusts to church. I took Jeanette and Mabel to Garfield [club] at Lucy C[atherine's]. Therapist here to see Pete. They are not visiting anymore. Pete will continue to do exercises. Dr. Sawyer called, checked my pacemaker. Everything okay.

Friday, March 20, 1998. 39°, first day of spring but doesn't look like it. Started at 7:00, some rain, sleet, then snow all day. We went to church before 8:00. Helped with boxing pies, etc. Got done before 11:00. Got lot of baked things. The MCC sale will be at Interstate Center (near our home). Ron busy at the Center. I went to B[eauty] shop at 11:00. Forgot to turn off lights. I called Steve. He came & started the car. Thanks to Steve. Sorry to miss chicken & fish dinner [at MCC sale], but good night to stay home.

Saturday, March 21, 1998. 21° – 49°, sunshine, a nice day. Cindy took us to MCC [relief] sale sausage & pancake breakfast. We got some meat. Looked around some. I didn't feel good. Had diarrhea so came home at 10:00. Ron & Jo started working at 5:30 this morning. They got home 6:30 [p.m.]. Very tired. Ron had lot of responsibility. Sale was a success. Large crowds. Allen called. They had (unclear) snow yesterday.

Sunday, March 22, 1998. Mostly fair, 48°, nice day. I went to church. Pete wasn't up to going. Rons here for dinner. Ron went to Deli at Jewel, [got] chicken, potato salad & slaw. I had fruit, ice cream & cookies. Enjoyed having them. They [are] still tired. I talked to Arthurs. Georgia still having problems. Paul called, they are okay.

Monday, March 23, 1998. 48°, light shower in morning, some sunshine in p.m. I did laundry. Social worker here at noon, checking how Pete was doing. Doesn't plan to come again. Clarence O[yer] here in p.m. Dining room light had 2 bad bulbs. He replaced them. Ron & Jon to workshop in Indianapolis. Jo's school on spring break.

Tuesday, March 24, 1998. 49° – 50°. Nice day, cloudy late p.m. We had rather quiet day. I didn't feel very good. Pete and I to Aldis in afternoon. Rested awhile.

Wednesday, March 25, 1998. Nice day, 68°. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Quilted. First I had been there in 7 weeks. Glad to see some of friends. I went to grocery [store] in PM. Steve & children here awhile in evening. Ron stopped in morning.

Thursday, March 26, 1998. A summer day, 78°, sunshine. I had permanent at Norma's at 2 PM. I went to BroMenn to farewell for Barbara Whitmer who is retiring. We will miss her very much. I stirred up sugar cookies. Pete doing pretty well.

Friday, March 27, 1998. Partly cloudy, 74°. I went to [Stroink] Lab at 7:00. Baked and iced sugar cookies. Did some cleaning. Had storm warnings out. Rained in night.

Saturday, March 28, 1998. 64°, partly cloudy. Tornado at Mattoon Illinois early this morning. I finished weekly cleaning. Went to grocery [store] & bank. Allen called. They had rain. Also they are busy. Jo called. Ron & Dan Kelly put in tile south of Ron's house. Dan is going to farm it.

Sunday, March 29, 1998. 70°, fair, windy. We didn't go to church. I didn't feel good. Had some chest pains. Took some Nitro. Felt better later on. Rons to Meadows church. He preached. I got Chinese carry out food. Paul called. He got home today from Washington DC. They are okay.

Monday, March 30, 1998. Partly cloudy, windy, 78°. I did the laundry & usual work. Unit 5 school back in session after spring break. Marge Weaver called. They got back from Arizona Saturday PM. Had good time. Jo called in evening, checking on us.

Tuesday, March 31, 1998. 60°. A rainy day. Karen Ward, nurse, here in morning. Checked Pete. He's doing quite well. I made split pea soup. Cleaned the kitchen. Washed woodwork. Ray here in p.m. Brought check for rent of 20 acres.

Wednesday, April 1, 1998. Another showery day, windy, chilly. I volunteered at hospital. Came home at noon. Pete did some paperwork. He's feeling better & we are glad. Ron stopped. Minutes at noon on his way to luncheon at ISU. Marge & Mara [Weaver] here short time. Ron stopped after choir practice. Pauls left for Bahamas & St. Thomas.

Thursday, April 2, 1990. 50°. Mostly cloudy. I went to bank & grocery store & pharmacy. I took Pete for haircut. Went to Beichs, got candy. Rested & read.

Friday, April 3, 1998. 46°, cloudy, rained in evening. I went with Jeanette to HEA district meeting. Program on Japan. I made quick coffeecake. Pete got along okay. Glad he's feeling better.

Saturday, April 4, 1998. 55°. Partly cloudy. Clear in evening. Did usual work. Went to B[eauty] shop in morning. I went to Eastland. Shopping for shoes but found none suitable. Allen called. Micks were there for weekend.

Sunday, April 5, 1998. 58°, a beautiful day. We went to church. Choirs were very good. Steve has been in Kansas. Gets home tonight.

Monday, April 6, 1998. 65°, a nice day. I did the laundry. Steve here on his way to country, riding his bike. He got home from Kansas at 4:00 this morning. I went to Dr. Wera at 2:45. Everything seems okay for which I'm grateful.

Tuesday, April 7, 1998. 64°, mostly cloudy, rained in evening. Under tornado warnings in evening. A wide area. Steve took me to Gailey's at 1:00. Saw Dr. Randolph. Had usual Field Goldmann [Goldmann field] test for Glaucoma. Need drops in right eye. Had a very stormy evening with wind, hail & tornadoes sighted in many areas. Several storm cells.

Wednesday, April 8, 1998. 56°, cloudy. I quilted in morning. Home at noon. Went to pharmacy in PM. Baked peanut butter bars.

Thursday, April 9, 1998. 48°, cloudy, had few showers. I worked in kitchen most of morning. Pete & I went to church at 6:30. Had light supper & communion. Nice service. Allen called. They are coming tomorrow evening.

Friday, April 10, 1998. 58°, nice day. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Did weekly cleaning. Made vegetable soup. Went to grocery store. Colored some eggs. Allen & Shirley got here at 5:40. Good to see them. Had vegetable soup, Jell-O salad, cheese, ice cream & cookies. Rons & Jon came after supper to visit. Allens to Steves all night.

Saturday, April 11, 1998. Nice day, 67°. Allens took Pete & I & Steves to Avanti's for lunch. Allens came here and left at 3:45 for home. Glad they could come. Rons were busy. Paul called. They got home from their trip last Wednesday. They had a good time. Evelyn called. They are okay.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 1998. 72°, windy, clear, a nice day. We went to church. Large attendance. Choirs very good. Steves & Pete & I went to Rons for good dinner. Had nice time. I took cookies. Gave Steves children [Easter] baskets. I took colored eggs to Rons. Donna Bernau passed away.

Monday, April 13, 1998. 64°, cloudy day, rained in p.m. and evening. I did the laundry and baked cookies. Have some for Rons. I went with Jeanette & Ruth Marquis to a forum at BroMenn. Strosheim invited people from Mennonite churches to explain what is going on with Long-Term Care & College of Nursing. Lena Maxwell passed away.

Tuesday, April 14, 1998. 64°, a nice day. We had lunch with Rosa [Girdler]. Dorothy [Scogin] fell several weeks ago, fractured a bone in her neck. We went to bank & went with Rons to visitation for Donna Bernau. I uncovered the roses. Karen Ward here to see Pete. Thinks it isn't necessary to come back. She thinks he is doing quite well.

Wednesday, April 15, 1998. 71°. Had rain early a.m. Sunshine at noon. Had tornado watches out late p.m. & evening. I quilted awhile in a.m. Jeanette with me to Garfield club at Debbie Paullin. Ron took Pete & I to visitation for Lena Maxwell. Another good friend gone. Saw some of the nurses. Marge W[eaver] here short time.

Thursday, April 16, 1998. Cloudy, 40s, rather breezy. I made salad. We went to Seniors dinner at church. I went to Eastland, got pair of shoes. Martys got to Rons in evening. Dr. Sawyer called, checked my pacemaker.

Friday, April 17, 1998. 34° – 56°. Clear beautiful day. I went to B[eauty] shop in morning. Did some cleaning. We went out home in PM. Got some rhubarb. I put 3 cartons in freezer & cooked some. Got to see Renée. Marty not home.

Saturday, April 18, 1998. 34° – 58°, fair. I did usual work. Did few odd jobs. Rons having pigs sale today. Mike Emericks here. Allen called. They are okay & busy. Our small group met at church this evening but we didn't go.

Sunday, April 19, 1998. 60°, a nice day with sunshine. We went to church. Had lunch at Arby's. Home rest of day. Read, watched ice skating. Deb called. Had a good visit. Randy in Chicago. I called Arthurs. Georgia had 5 teeth pulled last Tuesday. Still has lot of pain in her face. Rons company home this p.m. They have small group there. Wrote to Pam. Paul called.

Monday, April 20, 1998. 61°, partly cloudy. Thunder showers late p.m. Some hail in places. I did the laundry and made pot of soup. Ron here awhile in p.m. Checked on a CD for us, also on Visa. Glad to have him help us. We do appreciate it.

Tuesday, April 21, 1998. 50°. Had showers in morning, little sunshine in evening. I went to hospital volunteer luncheon. Got 2 geraniums. Home by 12:30. I cleaned medicine cabinet & did some odd jobs.

Wednesday, April 22, 1998. 68°, mostly cloudy, had a shower early p.m. I quilted at hospital in a.m. Rested & read. Got meals.

Thursday, April 23, 1998. 70°, fair, nice day. I cleaned our bathroom in morning. We went out home in PM, got rhubarb. Put 2 containers in freezer. Kept some for rhubarb crisp. Rested & read some. Felt tired all day.

Friday, April 24, 1998. 76°, beautiful day, clear. I made rhubarb crisp. Went to grocery store. Did some cleaning. I fed & watered the roses. They look good.

Saturday, April 25, 1998. Had a shower in morning, some sunshine late p.m. We went to Rons at 9:00 a.m. Pete trimmed about 1/3 of grapes and got rained out. So went back at 3:00 and finish the job. Wanted to plant some garden but [it] was too wet. Paul Miller planted his on east end of garden but west end [a] little wet. Allen called. They had cleanup day in Nevada.

Sunday, April 26, 1998. Nice day, 52° – 75°. We went to church. Jo & we ate at Avanti's. Ron had meeting. We went to church meeting at 12:45. Ron had devotions. Congregation voted to put tile flooring in [the] sanctuary. Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, April 27, 1998. 58°, partly cloudy, breezy and rather chilly. I had chest pains last night. Took nitro spray. Had fibrillation until around noon. First I had for a long time. I went to [Stroink] Lab at 8:00. Did some laundry. Ron tilled the garden but thought I better wait until tomorrow [to working garden].

Tuesday, April 28, 1998. 61°, cloudy to partly cloudy, chilly northeast wind. We went out home in morning. Ron & I planted potatoes (Pete cut them for us), onions & one row of peas. We came home at noon. Ron had class this p.m. We rested. Made potato pancakes for supper. Mabel Ropp had a stroke. They found her at 9:00 a.m. She is in BroMenn. Can't talk or swallow. Right side paralyzed. So sorry for her.

Wednesday, April 29, 1998. 60s. Mostly cloudy. Had tornado warnings out at 4:00 p.m. One touched down in Downs area. We had heavy rain here about 8:00 – 8:30. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Stopped to see Mabel. She can't talk. Sorry to see her in this condition. Ron saw her in p.m. Rons took us to Roanoke at 5:30 [for] visitation for Pauline Vincent. We ate at El Paso. Heavy rain coming home. Heavy rain in places, 2 – 4 inches.

Thursday, April 30, 1998. 64°, cloudy in had shower again. I went to B[eauty] shop at 9:15. Went to luncheon at Farm Bureau for Golden HEAers. Very nice. Good attendance. Haven't heard how Mabel is doing. Hard to reach Rays.

Friday, May 1, 1998. Had rain again last night & this morning. 68°. Some sunshine in p.m. I did some cleaning. Went to grocery store. Baked cookies. I talked to Ray. They put a tube in Mabel's stomach today to feed her as she is unable to swallow. Otherwise she is about the same.

Saturday, May 2, 1998. 67°, cloudy to partly cloudy. We took papers to recycle and went to Aldis. Chet & Beulah [Roth] here awhile in p.m. Allen called. They had some sunshine [this] past week. Have their garden planted. His campaign is over.

Sunday, May 3, 1998. 63°. Cloudy and rain morning & evening. We went to church. Brought KFC home. Talked to Carol. Mabel seemed little more alert, but still can't swallow or talk. I went to Music Festival at our church. Jim Waltner's were there. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, May 4, 1998. 72°, nice day, had some sunshine. I did the laundry. Had some chest pain awhile in morning. Rested some. Made a date pudding. Went to grocery store. Got broccoli for mother – daughter salad supper tomorrow evening.

Tuesday, May 5, 1998. Nice day, 70s, fair. I made salad. Ron brought large flowerpots. I planted geranium & fern in pots. I went with Jo to mother-daughter program. Cindy & girls planned to go but Katie was sick so had to cancel. Steve out of town.

Wednesday, May 6, 1998. 65°, cloudy. Rained most of afternoon and evening. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Stopped to see Mabel. It's sad to see her. She knows what is going on. Soon as I spoke to her she started crying. Therapist was working with her. Marge & Mara Weaver here a while during Jr. choir.

Thursday, May 7, 1998. 68°, a gloomy dark day. Rained most of the day until 5 o'clock. I did some cleaning, the walk-in closet and cleaned the shelves in bookcases. Rested too. Was tired. Didn't sleep too well last night. Had a letter from Pam. Glad to hear from her.

Friday, May 8, 1998. 78°. Glad to have some sunshine. Nice day. I made some doughnuts. Did some cleaning. Went to pharmacy & grocery store. Rested. Had letter from Pam. Always glad to hear from them.

Saturday, May 9, 1998. 70s, nice day, partly cloudy. I went to B[eauty] shop. Finished weekly cleaning. Ron here for lunch. He is painting at the community building. Glad to have him. Had Mother's Day cards from Allens & Pauls.

Sunday, May 10, 1998. Beautiful day. We went to church. Went home with Rons. He, Jon & Julie had dinner for Mother's Day. Jo & Ron took us to Niepagens to get plants for us for my Mother's Day gift. I appreciate it very much. Martys gave me a beautiful glass vase with gold

trim. I called Marty to thank them. Renée wasn't home. Allens & Pauls called. They are okay & busy. Good to talk to them.

Monday, May 11, 1998. 75°, lovely day. I did some laundry. Went to Rons at 9:30. Helped him plant peas, radishes, spinach & cucumbers. Set out cabbage & dozen tomato plants & egg plants. Ron came at 6:00 on his way home & helped me set out flowers here. I do appreciate his help.

Tuesday, May 12, 1998. Partly cloudy, windy, 81°. I took Pete to Carle clinic. Saw Dr. Dennis. Dr. Bertsche retiring. Pete has bladder infection. Got some Bactrim. I went to Dr. Randolph at 1:00. Hemorrhage better in right eye but still take drops. Found Pete on floor when I got home. Mannie Oyer helped get him up. We went to Rons at 2:30. He & I planted 2 rows of corn, 1 ½ rows green beans, carrots. Ground doesn't work very well. Had thunderstorm & rain in evening, hail in places.

Wednesday, May 13, 1998. Clear day, 87°. Pete feeling better. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Rested in p.m. & did some ironing. Pete fell again in evening. Couldn't get him up. Called Rons. He was in meeting. Couldn't reach him. Jo & Jon came, got him up. We appreciate their help.

Thursday, May 14, 1998. Hot, 90° – 92°, fair. Dr. Sawyer's nurse called in morning. Checked pacemaker, everything okay. Am thankful. Didn't go to HEA. Didn't want to leave Pete that long. Paid bills & washed a sweater.

Friday, May 15, 1998. 80s and humid, windy. Tornado watches out in areas late p.m. & evening. Mostly cloudy. I talked to Carol this evening. They moved Mabel to long-term care at Mennonite yesterday. She doesn't respond. Said to see her in this way. I went to bank & grocery [store]. Did some hand washing. Had thunderstorm & some rain at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, 1998. 83°, nice day, clear. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Did usual work. Washed sweater. Marge Weaver here few minutes. Allen called. They had wind storm & little rain yesterday. Washington Iowa had tornado.

Sunday, May 17, 1998. Nice day, 80°. We went to church. We had small group at church. Had *Indian* (sp?) meal. Only 8 of us there. Were home rest of day. Paul called. Marjorie has cold, otherwise they are okay.

Monday, May 18, 1998. Clear, windy and warmer, 88°. I did laundry & went to pharmacy & grocery [store] in PM. Didn't feel very well. Blood pressure 80/58, low most of morning. Some better in PM.

Tuesday, May 19, 1998. 87°, partly cloudy. Did usual work. Made vegetable soup & pudding. My blood pressure was low again this morning. We went to Barry Weavers for dinner this evening. They got us & brought us home. Marge's folks are here. Had nice visit with Roy & Alice Martin. I talked to Ray. Mabel about same.

Wednesday, May 20, 1998. 78°, cloudy, had rain in p.m., some sunshine in evening. Lori Oyer brought us some of their lettuce. I took Jeanette to Garfield club at Dorothy Singley's. Had salad luncheon. I took a salad. Had nice time. Looked at some scrapbooks. Brought back memories. Ron painting at MRC Recreation Building all day. He had lunch here with Pete. Jo here few minutes after school.

Thursday, May 21, 1998. Nice day, fair, 70s. I cleaned in garage in morning. Rested some. Got different antibiotic for Pete. Still having frequent urination. We went out home in PM. Garden is growing. Most things are up.

Friday, May 22, 1998. 70°. Had rain early a.m. and again in forenoon. I did some cleaning. Went to hospital in p.m. Mabel is worse, labored respirations, pulse weak & irregular. Sad to see her in this condition. I went to reception at the cafeteria for Marge Gilbert who worked there for nearly 30 years. She is retiring. Allens went to Jeffs. Steves to Bluffton.

Saturday, May 23, 1998. Cloudy, had rain last night, 66°. Tornado watch out in evening. I went to B[eauty] S[hop] at 8:15. Rons came at 9:30. We went with them to 2 cemeteries in Bloomington, then to Ropp Cemetery. Jo brought us home on her way to work at school. I went to Casey's. They divided & repotted my violets. Marty helped Renée move to Ann Arbor Michigan.

Sunday, May 24, 1998. Had thunderstorm and wind, rain early a.m. hours. Partly cloudy, 70s. We went to church. Had dinner at Bob Evans. Home rest of day. Read & rested. Evelyn called. They are having nice weather at Tucson. Paul called. They are okay & busy. We watched the Memorial [Day] Parade at [Washington] DC. We feel very sorry for Marty & Renée. Hope & pray they can work things out.

Monday, May 25, 1998. Cloudy in morning, 70s, some sun in p.m. I went to Lab but they were closed. I did the laundry. Ron working at [MRC] Community Building. He ate dinner with us. He helped me tie up the roses. They are loaded with blooms. Allen called. They got home from Jeffs around 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26, 1998. Clear, 76°, nice day. I went to lab at 7:00. Paid some bills. Went to bank, grocery [store] & pharmacy. Did some laundry. Cut some sprouts from around the tree in our yard. Ron stopped by for few minutes. He saw Mabel. She remains about the same.

Wednesday, May 27, 1998. Fair, in 80s. I volunteered at hospital in morning. We went to Rons in p.m. I did some hoeing. Ron run the Tiller. We replanted some beans. The Dean at Eureka College was shot & killed by his 21-year-old son this morning. Seems something has gone wrong. School shootings going on across the country.

Thursday, May 28, 1998. Near 90°, clear. We went to Rons in morning. I hoed potatoes, onions, etc. Ron helped too. We planted 2 rows of sweetcorn. I took Pete for haircut. Stopped at Long Term Care. Saw Mabel. No response. Stays about same. Still feeding her through stomach tube.

Friday, May 29, 1998. Fair, humid, 80s. I did some cleaning. Went to grocery [store]. Baked coffeecake. Rested. Did some odd jobs. Marty got to Rons in evening.

Saturday, May 30, 1998. Near 100°, 98°, fair, breezy. I went to beauty shop. Did some cleaning. Baked an angel food cake for John Bertsche's open house for 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and John's retiring. My roses are beautiful. Bushes are loaded. Allen called. They had tornado warnings in p.m. Said they were in basement for an hour.

Sunday, May 31, 1998. Fair, 84°, nice day, windy. We went to church. Had KFC. I went to Bernadine Hoffman's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday reception at our church. Ron went with Marty to meeting at Springfield. We went to Organ Vesper service & reception for John & Evelyn Bertsche's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Large crowd. Dr. B is retiring. We'll miss him. Paul called. They had thunder storms & tornado watches this evening.

Monday, June 1, 1998. 70s, nice day. I did laundry. Rested. Didn't feel very good. Went to pharmacy for Pete. Watered some plants in evening.

Tuesday, June 2, 1998. 81°. A nice day. We went to Rons. He & I did hoeing & pulled weeds in rows. Everything is growing. Brought onions & radishes home. I baked coffeecake braid. Andy called. They plan to come June 28. Will be glad to have them.

Wednesday, June 3, 1998. Fair in morning, cloudy, cool, 60°. Had shower around noon. I quilted in morning. We went to bank and [did] some other errands. Stopped to see Mabel. No response. Stays about same. No improvement.

Thursday, June 4, 1998. Cloudy and cool, pleasant day. Ron, Pete and I left at 8:00 a.m. for Allens. Ate lunch at Amana. Got to Allens around 2:30. Good trip. Had a good visit with Allens. We had barbecued chicken & strawberry pie. Shirley showed a house in evening. Had shower at Allens in night.

Friday, June 5, 1998. Cloudy, cool, 40s. Ron to Pork Expo at 6:30. Met Marty there. Shirley to office. Visited with Allen. Ron came at 3:00 p.m. and we left there at 3:20. Got home at 9:00. Steves to Allens. They & Allens went to Micks for weekend. We had a good trip. Thanks to Ron for taking us. Jo's school out.

Saturday, June 6, 1998. 51° – 66°. Partly cloudy. Had light shower in late p.m. I went to B[eauty] shop. Did the weekly cleaning. Went to grocery [store]. I fed & watered roses. I called Arthurs. Georgia about same.

Sunday, June 7, 1998. Fair, nice day, 70°. We went to church. Rons and we to Interstate Center for Silverleaf 4-H Club 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Had potluck dinner. Several speakers told of their experiences. Good attendance, interesting day. Pete a former member & leader. Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, June 8, 1998. 62°. A rainy day. I did the laundry, did some ironing. Rested & read. Planned to go to country to get lettuce & radishes, but [weather was] too messy.

Tuesday, June 9, 1998. Had nearly an inch rain last night, 76°, cloudy in morning. Some sunshine in p.m. I made rhubarb crisp & baked peanut butter cookies. Took some to Rons. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Went out home, got lettuce, radishes & onions.

Wednesday, June 10, 1998. 76°. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Stopped to see Mabel. She's about same, no response. We went with Rons to visitation for Ruth King at Morton. Saw Lina & Tom Lehman from Indiana. Jo & I shopped some, nothing suitable. Ate supper at Goodfield. Came home past Farm & Fleet. I got slacks & top. Thanks for Jo's help.

Thursday, June 11, 1998. A rainy day, heavy at times. We went to Aldis in p.m., then to Jackson's. Got 2 boxes Michigan [straw]berries, \$1.79 [a] box. Put 2 jars in freezer. Kept some to eat. Stopped at Osco for medicines and car wouldn't start. 2 kindly men helped us by using the jumpers. They accepted no pay. Went to Bairds, got new battery.

Friday, June 12, 1998. Fair to partly cloudy, 84°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Done some cleaning. Rested & read, watered plants, etc. Had sauerkraut & pork chops for lunch.

Saturday, June 13, 1998. 78°, nice day. Finished weekly cleaning. Went to grocery store for milk. I went to wedding for Pam *Serpette* (sp?) & Tim Estes. Church nearly filled. Visited with Ralph Forney. We went out to Rons after supper, got lettuce & radishes. Allen called. They were going to pick strawberries.

Sunday, June 14, 1998. 80°, cloudy, rained in morning, shower in evening. We went to church. Rons took us to Woizeski Reunion at the Elms. 25 there. Vernon [Woizeski] Jr. from South Dakota. Sharon Gardiner's son & 3 children there. Jeanette & husband. Bev & Bill & 2 daughters. Rons took some pictures along of [past] reunions, etc. Everyone seemed to enjoy them. Reunion to be at Elms again next year.

Monday, June 15, 1998. 87°, periods of sunshine and cloudy. Had little shower at 5:00 p.m. I did laundry. Rested. Went to bank. Called Renée in evening. She is living at Ann Arbor. So sorry things don't seem to be working out for she & Marty. We keep hoping & praying things will be better. Rained in night. Heavy in places.

Tuesday, June 16, 1998. 76°, some sunshine in clouds, fuel light showers. I did usual work. Went to hospital in p.m. Mabel about same. I got chicken at Kroger's, cooked it. Carol brought us a pan of cherries in evening. Tom Yoders moved to their new home here at MRC.

Wednesday, June 17, 1998. 80° – 83°, partly cloudy to cloudy. I volunteered at hospital in morning. I seeded cherries. Put 2 quarts in freezer. Made salad for tomorrow.

Thursday, June 18, 1998. Partly cloudy, 84°, windy in evening. We went to Sr. luncheon at church. I went to B[eauty] shop at 1:00. Pete stayed for program. Earl Kaufman & his musicians gave program. Ron & Steve to conference at Bluffton Ohio. Had storm warnings out again, some rain. Some damage in places, high wind.

Friday, June 19, 1998. Clear, 84°, a nice day. I did the weekly cleaning. Went to Rons in p.m. Jo thought there would be here, but only a few. Doug & Dawn & Christopher Harms here awhile in evening. They came to help Tom [Yoder]s move. I took a coffecake to Toms this morning.

Saturday, June 20, 1998. Mostly cloudy in morning, partly cloudy in p.m., in 80s. I went to Ross Hershberger and Melika Kauffman wedding at 10:30 a.m. Her grandmother Wilma was a Kropf. Jo & I went together. We gave them a blanket. I stayed for reception. Brought Pete a sandwich. I went to Jo's at 2:00 for shower for Marianne Isreal. Lovellettes & Marianne's friends gave the shower.

Sunday, June 21, 1998. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Allen called to wish Pete happy Father's Day. We and Rons to Rays for potluck dinner. I took cherry & rhubarb dessert. Gordon, Diana, Sandy & children, Kens, Ruby C[utter] & Joan & husband, also David [Ropp] & family. Pauls called. They leave Tuesday for Michigan, then to Liechty reunion at Berne.

Monday, June 22, 1998. Cloudy, dark, 70° in morning, some sun in p.m., showers. I did the laundry. Rested. B[lood] P[ressure] low in morning. Went to Lab at 6:30. Went to garden at 4:00. Got some lettuce. Rained in evening, ½ inch.

Tuesday, June 23, 1998. Partly cloudy, 84°, humid. Too wet to work in garden. I made meatloaf and scalloped potatoes for lunch. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Washed some slacks & housecoat. Put some winter things away.

Wednesday, June 24, 1998. Fair, hot & windy, 91°. I quilted at hospital in morning. Stopped to see Mabel. Not much change. We went to bank and out to Rons. Got spinach. Put 2 cartons in freezer. Kept some to use.

Thursday, June 25, 1998. Fair and hot, 93°, breezy. Did usual work. *Bratcher* (sp?), checked air conditioner & heating unit. Glass Specialty here in p.m. Put new windshield in our car. Truck threw [a] rock & cracked it. I cleaned out drawer & did odd jobs.

Friday, June 26, 1998. Fair, hot, 94°. We went to Rons at 8:00. Hoed some. Rons worked in garden yesterday. Jo hoeing this morning. I brought lettuce & radishes home. Ron getting ready to paint our house. Lori Oyer brought a quilt over to me asking about binding it. I went to grocery [store].

Saturday, June 27, 1998. Fair, hot, 93°. I went to beauty shop at 8:30. Did some laundry. Finished weekly cleaning. Ron painting what was our house. Had another wedding at our church, Janine Byler, but [we] didn't go. Steves left this p.m. for South Carolina, Ramseyer reunion.

Sunday, June 28, 1998. Mostly fair, 91°. Severe thunderstorm in evening, warnings. Rain & wind. We went to church. Brought hamburgers home. Paul called from Berne. Andys went to Chicago with Ben and were to get train & get here at 9:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. Andy called. They were at South Bend [Indiana]. Ben's car broke down. So will let us know what arrangements can be made to get here.

Monday, June 29, 1998. 84°, partly cloudy, a very stormy evening. At 4:30 storm warnings over entire area. High winds, 75 – 80 mph. 100 mph reported in places, heavy rain. Many trees & wires down. Some area buildings were down. Andy & Rachel got here at 11:30 a.m. Glad to see them. Rons & Jon here for supper. Had Jo to get pizza for us all. Storm warnings were lifted about 6:30 or 7:00. Thankful again for safe evening.

Tuesday, June 30, 1998. Partly cloudy, 82°. Andy & Rachel to Rons in morning. Several trees down at home. Some streets are blocked with trees & wires down. I got things ready for lunch. Made pasta salad etc. We all went to Rons for kinda picnic supper. Ate inside. Rons busy sawing up trees, etc. Marty got to Rons for supper on his way to Columbia [Missouri].

Wednesday, July 1, 1998. Fair, nice day, 80s. Andy & Rachel left at 7:40 for Chicago [to] get a plane to Thailand. I did some laundry. We got gas & went to pharmacy. Talked to Ray R[opp]. Said they removed feeding tube from Mabel 4 or 5 days ago. Lot of people still out of electricity.

Thursday, July 2, 1998. Fair, nice day, 83°. I had a permanent at Norma's at 8:15. We went to country in p.m. Got lettuce. Jo & I picked few beans & peas. She insisted we bring them home. Ron finished putting prime coat of paint on our house. Suppose Andy & Rachel are in Thailand by now.

Friday, July 3, 1998. Fair, nice day, 80s. I went to take my drivers test but have to get a permit from Dr. Randolph. So hopefully I can get my license. Did some cleaning. Took Pete's suit to cleaners & [went] to hardware store for lightbulb.

Saturday, July 4, 1998. Fair, 80s, cooler in evening. Did usual work. I baked some bars. We went to Rons at 5:00. Had supper with them. Watched the fireworks from Raab road. Allen called. They had storm there on Monday night.

Sunday, July 5, 1998. Cloudy to partly cloudy. We went to church. Had lunch at Grand Café. I wrote to Ruth Miller & Pam. Paul called. They are okay. Ron preached at East Peoria.

Monday, July 6, 1998. Cloudy in morning & had a shower. 88°, humid, some sunshine in p.m. I did laundry. Went out home in PM. Picked cucumbers. Made 3 quarts of dill pickles. Rons say Mabel seems about same.

Tuesday, July 7, 1998. 82° – 83°. Rained most of morning, had over an inch. Had little sunshine late p.m. I baked coffeecake braid. Ran some errands in p.m. [to] bank, cleaners & pharmacy.

Wednesday, July 8, 1998. Foggy in morning, some sunshine in p.m., 88°, humid. I quilted at hospital in a.m. We went to Rons in p.m. I wrapped table services for neighborhood picnic tomorrow evening. Picked cucumbers. I canned 2 quarts dill pickles.

Thursday, July 9, 1998. Partly cloudy. We got ½ bushel transparent apples at Birkelbaws. I made pasta salad & baked apples for picnic. Cooked kettle [of] applesauce. We went with Jeanette to neighborhood picnic at Rons. Large crowd. Nice evening.

Friday, July 10, 1998. Nice day, 84°. I did some weekly cleaning. Cooked applesauce. Rested.

Saturday, July 11, 1998. 84°, nice day. I went to Norma's [for permanent] & [to] grocery store. Finished some cleaning. Went to Rons at 10:30. I picked cucumbers. Helped Jo pick green beans & stem them. She got quite a few. I brought some to eat. Had late lunch, 1:30. I made 2 quarts dill pickles & 2 ½ pints bread-and-butter pickles.

Sunday, July 12, 1998. 82°, very nice day, less humidity. We went to church. Had lunch at Avanti's. Went to country. Got some dill for my pickles. Rested & read. Pauls called. They plan to come July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Monday, July 13, 1998. 88°, nice day, little more humid. I did the laundry. Had a new shield put on turn signal light. Stopped to see Mabel. Isn't much change.

Tuesday, July 14, 1998. Nice day, 85°. I made 3 apple pies, put in freezer. Went out home. Got cucumbers. Canned 3 pints bread-and-butter pickles. Made Apple crisp.

Wednesday, July 15, 1998. 83°, nice day. I quilted at hospital in morning. Alta L[itwiller] & Ruth Ann Schertz here in p.m. Brought us some black cherries. Carol R[opp] here short time, brought me an invitation for Shana Emberton shower. Marge & Mara Weaver here, came at 4:00. They have been on vacation. Ron & Jo left this morning. Ron to hog show & sale at Indiana. Mick Emerick got Jo & takes her to Lima [Ohio]. Ron gets Jo after sale on Saturday.

Thursday, July 16, 1998. Nice day, 86° – 88°. We went to Rons, picked cucumbers. Made quart of dill pickles. Stopped at Wayne Mohrs, got sweet corn. [He] gave us 10 ears. Small ears & buggy. I got some groceries in p.m.

Friday, July 17, 1998. Cloudy in morning, clear, 85°. I did some cleaning. Went to card shop and got a scarf for Lucy Catherine's birthday. I took Pete's talking book machine to post office. It quit working. I cooked rest of applesauce.

Saturday, July 18, 1998. Clear, hot, 89°. I did some cleaning. Went to country, got a few cucumbers. I made meatloaf for dinner. We paid some bills. We were invited to surprise housewarming party for Christine Litwiller who moved to MRC unit, but we didn't go.

Sunday, July 19, 1998. Fair. We went to church. Went with Earl & Ann K[aufman] to lunch at BroMenn. Read & rested in p.m. Jo called. They got home mid afternoon, had a good trip. Paul called. He will be coming the 29<sup>th</sup>. Marj is going to Berne several days. Will come the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Monday, July 20, 1998. Cloudy at times, hot, 95°. I did the laundry. We went to Rons at 10:30. They had picked 2 5-gallon buckets of beans. Jo canned 7 quarts & 15 pints of beans. We got home at 2:45. Carol talked to Jo. She said nurse called. Mabel is getting weaker.

Tuesday, July 21, 1998. Fair, hot, 95°. We need rain. MRC ladies, 13 of us, had breakfast at Paradise Gardens. I went with Joyce Dietsch. Enjoyed it. We meet August 15 at Erma Stutzman's. I made pan of lasagna, put in freezer.

Wednesday, July 22, 1998. Mostly cloudy, had several good showers. We were needing rain. I volunteered at hospital in morning. I baked cookies in p.m. and rested some. Had ½ inch rain. 83°. Had TB shot.

Thursday, July 23, 1998. Nice day, 81°, relief from the heat. I went to B[eauty] shop. Did usual work. Went to bank, pharmacy & grocery store.

Friday, July 24, 1998. 81°. Nice day. I went with Jeanette to auxiliary luncheon. Rons, Pete & I went to dinner with Lucy C[atherine] as her guests. Went to her home awhile. Jo got a cake for our birthdays. Nice evening. Had Chinese food. Rons to Morton in morning, got California peaches. I got little over ½ box.

Saturday, July 25, 1998. A nice day, 81°. Did usual work. Went to garden. Got beans, onions & some sweet corn. First of ours. Helped Jo pick beans. Ron pulled old lettuce, peas & spinach. Did some tilling.

Sunday, July 26, 1998. 82°. Another nice day. We went to church. Brought KFC home for lunch. Jo here awhile. Planted a rose bush that one of her pupils gave her. Allen called. They are okay. I called Arthurs. Georgia is some better. Will have rest of [her] lower teeth pulled. Evelyn B[early] called. They have had lots of rain in Tucson. Paul & Marj called. Paul plans to get here Wednesday [the] 29<sup>th</sup>. Marj comes Friday.

Monday, July 27, 1998. Lovely day, 82°. I went to lab early. Did laundry. Went to Rons, got beets. Canned a quart, little left over. Beets didn't come up good.

Tuesday, July 28, 1998. Nice day, 88°. I put 3 jars California peaches in freezer. Went to Dr. Wera's office, had good report. Went to grocery store. Got some ham to bake. Bryan Oyer trimmed our shrubbery. Looks nice.

Wednesday, July 29, 1998. Another nice day, 86°. I put 2 jars peaches in freezer. Jo took me to Gailey's. Dr. Randolph checked my eyes for drivers license. No night driving. I went to L[icense] Bureau. Got along fine with driving test. He said I was good driver. Am thankful I

passed. Marj, Paul & his friend got here 3:30 p.m. Steve & Cindy brought our dinner. Grateful to them. So was a good day. Mr. Kang [Zhengguo] is staying at Rons.

Thursday, July 30, 1998. Mostly cloudy. Marjorie took me shopping. Got a black dress with flowers & top for skirt. I got a blue skirt with everything on sale. Paul & his friend to [County] Fair. Ben got here in time for lunch. Had Chinese food. Marjorie to Jo's in p.m. We went at 5:00, had big dinner. (Unclear) & all. Steves there too. Marty to Ron's at 11:00. Renée called in p.m., wished me happy birthday. Rons gave me pair of tan slacks & beautiful sweater.

Friday, July 31, 1998. Beautiful day. Pauls took us to 4-H fair. Got wheelchair for Pete. We watched Marty judge hog show. He does a very good job. We all had lunch there. Got home after 3:00. Was tired. Marjorie got supper. Chicken breast with rice. Paul's friend stayed at Rons. Jon entertained him. Ben back to Chicago.

Saturday, August 1, 1998. Another nice day. Pauls took us to Bettendorf to meet Allen & Shirley. Met at Jumers. Had nice visit. Got home at 5:00. Paul's friend with us. Aunt Mabel's condition worse. Pete hurt his shoulder at restaurant. Pulled on a railing going up steps. Didn't sleep too well last night.

Sunday, August 2, 1998. Nice day, 80s. We all went to church. Pauls took us & Rons to Red Lobster. Pete not feeling very well. Stomach little upset from pain pills. Paul out to farm awhile, brought Mr. Kong back for lunch. Had ham sandwiches, etc. Pauls back to Rons awhile in evening. Pauls & I went to see Mabel. She is very ill, no B[lood] P[ressure].

Monday, August 3, 1998. Cloudy, 82°. Mabel passed away at 8:18 a.m. Sorry she couldn't get well. We will miss her. Pauls left for Berne Indiana to see Minda [Liechty]. Wish they could have stayed longer but glad they could come. I did some laundry. I called Beverly & Jeanette to talk about Mabel's visitation, 4:00 – 8:00 Wednesday evening. Funeral at 10:00 Thursday.

Tuesday, August 4, 1998. Mostly cloudy. Had shower at noon, 86°. I made split pea soup & did some cleaning in p.m. Didn't feel very good. Allen called, they are coming tomorrow. Deb called to wish me happy birthday. They plan to come in about 2 weeks.

Wednesday, August 5, 1998. Cloudy, had several hard showers, about 3 inches rain last several days. Much needed rain. Rons & we to visitation at 5:40 for Mabel. Allens got there at 6:30. They had stopped to see Charlene. Saw lots of friends & neighbors. Allens, Rons, Pauls & we gave a beautiful bouquet. Allens, Rons, Cindy & children & we to Perkins for supper. Allens here all night. Steve in Chicago.

Thursday, August 6, 1998. Our 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Much to be thankful for. We all went to Baptist Church at 9:00. Allen, Shirley, Ron & Cindy sang as quartet (In the Garden). Very nice. Was nice service. Allens left for home at 2:30. Glad they could come. Steve came from Chicago. He went back after lunch.

Friday, August 7, 1998. A drizzly day, 82°. I went to bank and grocery store. Did usual work. Don Nesters, Pete & I to Rons for birthday dinner for Pete and Marjorie & Ron whose birthdays are August 19. Nice evening. Dons took us. Marjorie & I brought some tomatoes home. Rons gave us a radio for our anniversary. Evelyn Bertsche sent \$20. Cindy & children here, brought Pete [a] milkshake for[his] birthday.

Saturday, August 8, 1998. Cloudy, 82°. Went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Did some cleaning & rested. Dusted roses. Quiet day.

Sunday, August 9, 1998. Partly cloudy, 84°. We went to church. Brought Arby sandwiches home for lunch. Read & rested. Andys are back in Albany. His school starts now.

Monday, August 10, 1998. 85°. I did the laundry. Didn't feel good all morning, better in PM. Baked cookies for Bible School. Gave Rons some. We went to Rons at 5:30. Steve Estes there. Wanted some of old pictures for a book he is working on.

Tuesday, August 11, 1998. 83°. I baked coffeecake braid. Went to Rons. Got some sweet corn & tomatoes. I went to Gailey's [to] have glasses adjusted. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Cindy talked to Deb. Randys are to come Thursday evening and leave Friday evening.

Wednesday, August 12, 1998. A nice day, 82°. Did usual work. Made bread pudding. Sorted some clothes. Took few things to church. YPU are having a rummage sale Saturday. Ron takes Barrows to [State] Fair at Springfield this evening. Ben called. He & Kelly are thinking of coming down & go[ing] to State Fair. Will call later.

Thursday, August 13, 1998. Mostly cloudy, 82°. Went to grocery [store], rested & read. Called Jo but no answer. She called later, [was] working with corn. [She] brought us a dozen packages. Deb called. They were in it Indianapolis, plan to get here by 8:00. Randys got here at 9:00. Good to see them.

Friday, August 14, 1998. 80s, partly cloudy, more humid. We visited with Randys. Rachel here awhile in morning. Cindy was busy. Steve, Katie & Matthew at Bible School. Randys to Steves for lunch. Randys back here at 4:30. Jo stopped to visit. Randys took Pete & I to Damon barbecued rib place for dinner. Very good. Randys left here at 9:15 for Randy's folks in Iowa city.

Saturday, August 15, 1998. Partly cloudy. Had a shower about noon. 85°. I went to MRC ladies breakfast at Erma Stutzman. Nearly everyone there. Had juice, rolls, coffeecake & melon. I went to B[eauty] shop at 10:30. I did some laundry. Talked to Ron. He got 3<sup>rd</sup> on 2 Barrows. Ben & Kelly are there. They come here in morning for noon [meal]. Allen called. They are okay.

Sunday, August 16, 1998. Nice day, 86°, had a light shower in p.m. Went to church. YPU told of their experiences in Kentucky. Rons, Ben & Kelly here for dinner. Had lasagna & apple pie. Jo

brought lettuce salad. I had some applesauce. Bens left at 1:30 for Chicago. Paul called. They are busy, getting ready for school to start.

Monday, August 17, 1998. 87° – 89°, partly hazy, light shower in p.m. Had another shower in evening. I helped Ron dig onions & potatoes. Got about 2 ½ bushels potatoes. Got all sizes & shapes. The ground was so packed. I did laundry. Pete along to Rons, sprayed the roses. They are full of buds again.

Tuesday, August 18, 1998. Had thunderstorm and 1 ½ inches rain at 1:00 – 2:30 a.m. Mostly cloudy until evening, 82°. I went to post office & grocery [store]. Did usual work. A quiet day. Ron took gilts & boar to State Fair in evening. Paul M[iller] left some vegetables here in evening.

Wednesday, August 19, 1998. Nice day, 83°. I quilted at hospital in morning. Did little laundry. Read & rested. Pete doing the same. Ron celebrating his birthday at State Fair. He enjoys that. President Clinton & family on vacation at Martha's Vineyard after he testified he had an affair with Monica Lewinsky an aide at White House.

Thursday, August 20, 1998. Nice day, 84° – 86°. We paid bills this morning. Had early lunch. We both went to Dr. Seehofer. Pete had check on his head. Seems okay. I had place on my cheek. He opened it up. Rons are at State Fair. Talked to Ron. Said they did quite well. 1<sup>st</sup> on boar & one of gilts. Marty was there today. Went back to Michigan this evening.

Friday, August 21, 1998. Nice day, 86°. Did some cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop & grocery [store]. Read & rested. Got circle letter today. Allen called. They & Randys are going to Ozarks for [a] week. Allen taking his boat.

Saturday, August 22, 1998. Clear, 87°. Did usual work. Cleaned some windows. Read. Quiet day. Called Evelyn to thank her for the check, \$20, she sent. Has been hot in Tucson. Talked to Ron. Jo has been working at school.

Sunday, August 23, 1998. Fair, breezy. We went to church. Rons and we to Dragon Palace for dinner. Pete & I went out home at 5:30. Got tomatoes. Paul called. Andy & Rachel there for weekend. Paul starts teaching this week. I wrote in circle letter.

Monday, August 24, 1998. Fair, hot, 91°. Did the laundry. Pastor Tim Schrag here for a visit in p.m. Watered roses & flowers. Jo at school, having meetings.

Tuesday, August 25, 1998. Clear, 86°. I made split pea soup and tapioca. Barry Weavers here in p.m. for visit. Jo at school all day. We went to Rons after supper. Got eggplant & brought tomatoes in to can. Ron & I sowed some lettuce & radishes.

Wednesday, August 26, 1998. Fair, 86°. Today is Rons 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. I canned 8 quarts of tomatoes. Ron stopped to get their card & \$20. I went to Dr. Randolph. My eyes seem little better. Pressure is okay. Have to use drops every day. School started today.

Thursday, August 27, 1998. Fair, nice, 80°. I went to pharmacy & grocery store. Did usual work. Rested & read. Was tired. Sprayed roses. They are loaded again with blooms.

Friday, August 28, 1998. Had several showers during the day, 78°. I did some cleaning. Went to bank. Paid our taxes.

Saturday, August 29, 1998. Nice day, 86°, less humid. I finished weekly cleaning. Allen called. They got home from Ozarks. Randys [went] on to his parents in Iowa City. Shirley not feeling well most of week. Was dizzy. They saw a Dr., got medication. She is feeling some better.

Sunday, August 30, 1998. Fair, nice day, 89°. We went to church. Had lunch at Denny's. Went to Rons late p.m. They were not home. I got few tomatoes & eggplant. Earl & Ann Kaufman here in evening. Enjoyed their visit. Paul called. He has started school (teaching).

Monday, August 31, 1998. Fair in morning, 82°. More clouds in p.m. I went to Lab. Did laundry. Went to Rons at 4:30. Jo & I did 8 ½ quarts tomato juice. She has canned 14 quarts for herself. Got home at 8:00 PM.

Tuesday, September 1, 1998. Cloudy in morning. Sun came out mid afternoon, nice day, 80°. Did usual work. Washed some bedding. Ron turned our mattress for us. He brought the tomatoes (8 ½ quarts) that we canned yesterday evening. Appreciate all they do for us. I went to Women's Fellowship in evening.

Wednesday, September 2, 1998. Fair, nice day, 81°. I quilted in morning at BroMenn. Rested some, read. Watered roses & flowers in evening. Rachel was to have her tonsils removed today but was running a temp. Hope she soon recovers.

Thursday, September 3, 1998. Fair, nice day, 89°. Paid some bills, etc. In p.m. [went] to take flower container to Casey's. Had new plants put in. Went to grocery store.

Friday, September 4, 1998. I went to beauty shop. Did some cleaning. We went to Rons awhile in p.m. Got eggplant & tomatoes. Allen called. They plan to come tomorrow to Yeakel reunion. Shirley still having some dizziness & shoulder hurts her. [She's] taking therapy.

Saturday, September 5, 1998. Nice day, 94°. Did some cleaning and odd jobs. Allen came about 4:00 after the Yeakel reunion. Allens, Steves & Pete & I to Bakers Square for supper. Rons busy. They were at Oyers for supper. They stopped here on way to visit.

Sunday, September 6, 1998. Fair, hot, 94°. We all went to church. Allens, Rons & we had lunch at North Hill Restaurant. Rather new, good food. Allens left for home at 11:45 AM. Glad to have them though time was short. Paul called. They're okay.

Monday, September 7, 1998. Partly cloudy, warm. Did usual work and laundry. Listened to Cardinals-Cubs game & saw Mark McGwire hit his 61<sup>st</sup> home run this season. Cardinals won the game.

Tuesday, September 8, 1998. Nice day, 72°. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Made meatloaf & rhubarb crisp. Rested. Have been tired. Watered plants & sprayed roses. Mary Ann [Isreal] Lowelette brought baby for us to see. A pretty little girl.

Wednesday, September 9, 1998. 47° and 75°. Beautiful day. We took car to Bairds at 8:00 a.m. to have air conditioner fixed. They brought us home. At 1:00 p.m. they came for me. Had it fixed for \$270. Rested & read. Rachel had her tonsils & adenoids out. Got along all right. She's taking fluids well.

Thursday, September 10, 1998. Nice day, in 70s. Dr. Sawyer called. Pacemaker doing okay. I went to dentist. Have sore place is under my lower plate. Ron here while I was gone, brought eggplant & tomatoes. Pete has a bad cold. I don't feel well, have sore wrist & have been having a fever in evening. Okay in morning.

Friday, September 11, 1998. Beautiful day, 84°. I went to B[eauty] shop and to Dr. Dennis. He thinks I have arthritis in my wrists & hand & right knee. Gave me some Methylprednisolone. Also doing some blood work. Hope [it] helps.

Saturday, September 12, 1998. Fair, hot, 90°. I did some cleaning. Don't feel much better in morning; better in PM. We went with Rons to Ropp Reunion. Small group, 17. Stopped at New Store in El Paso. Jo got pair of shoes. I got pair of pillowcases to embroider. Allen called in evening. Shirley better but still has some dizziness. Pete's cold better.

Sunday, September 13, 1998. 90°. We went to church. Had lunch, sandwiches & salad. Congregation meeting. Home by 2:00. Wrote to Amber. Her B[irthday] card will be late. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, September 14, 1998. Cloudy, 74°. Had light shower. I did laundry. I went to Dr. Seehofer. Place on my cheek is alright. My cold is some better. Ron working on Community Building, painting. Had [a] good shower in evening.

Tuesday, September 15, 1998. Cloudy, 74°, had few sprinkles. Had oil changed in car and took Pete to get a haircut. I made vegetable soup. Rested in p.m.

Wednesday, September 16, 1998. Cloudy in morning, fair, 80°. I volunteered at hospital in morning. I went to Garfield club at 12:45. I was the hostess. Ate at Perkins. This year club decided to eat out & no program. I made arrangements at Perkins. Were 9 present.

Thursday, September 17, 1998. Mostly cloudy. Had light shower in evening, 78°. Went out home in morning. Got some potatoes. No one home. Ron painting on Community Building. I went to grocery [store] & pharmacy in PM. Rested.

Friday, September 18, 1998. Nice day, 84°. Did some cleaning, usual work. Rested. Felt tired. Marty at Rons last night on his way to Michigan after his trip to China. He enjoyed the trip. Ron here a few minutes at noon.

Saturday, September 19, 1998. Fair, 84°. Didn't feel very good. Tired & weak. Had some extra laundry. Went to B[eauty] shop, finished cleaning. Made salad dressing. Allen called. Jeffs are moving to Iowa, south of Des Moines.

Sunday, September 20, 1998. 82°, mostly fair. Had a few showers. We went to church. Went with Earl Kaufmans to BroMenn for lunch. I went to meeting for all MRC residents. Evelyn called. They are having hot weather. I called Arthur. Georgia is about same. Pauls called. They were in Vermont for weekend.

Monday, September 21, 1998. 69° – 70°. Had few sprinkles in p.m. I did laundry. Rested & read. Didn't feel good, weak, low B[llood] P[ressure]. Better in late p.m.

Tuesday, September 22, 1998. 72°, fair, nice day. Went to Rons, got a few tomatoes. Went to Aldis. Paid some bills. I washed some dresser scarfs & ironed them. Farmers are harvesting.

Wednesday, September 23, 1998. Clear, 70°. 44° in morning. I volunteered at hospital, finished a quilt. I went to grocery [store] and did some cleaning in our bedroom. Put clean scarfs on dresser, etc.

Thursday, September 24, 1998. Cloudy, 66°, had rain in morning. I made salad and baked beans. Went to church Senior dinner. I quilted awhile in p.m. (MCC quilt). Ron stopped awhile after painting at Com[munity] Building.

Friday, September 25, 1998. Partly cloudy, 80°. Did some cleaning. We went to Target. Got watchband for Pete's watch. I went to Dr. Dennis. Blood count was alright. My hands much better and I'm grateful.

Saturday, September 26, 1998. Did usual work. Went to B[eauty] shop. Baked an angel food cake for Jon's birthday. Rons, Jon, Julie, Pete & I to Gils near Minier for Jon's birthday. Came back here, had cake & ice cream. Nice evening. Was warm day, 90°. Allen called. They were having rain. Jo brought us some pork (40 lbs).

Sunday, September 27, 1998. 81°. We went to church. Julie Hochstetter, John's friend, did some cleaning for me. She works as therapist every day. Jo & I went to open house for Marie Yoder's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Had big meal and lot of people. Ron had meeting. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, September 28, 1998. Clear, 80°. Did the laundry. Baked quick coffeecake. Rested some & read. Quiet day. We had pork chops and sauerkraut.

Tuesday, September 29, 1998. Had a shower in morning. Cleared off by noon, 82°. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Baked snickerdoodle cookies. Gave Rons some. Allens to Jeffs to help them move to Cummings Iowa, near Des Moines. Will be nice to have them closer.

Wednesday, September 30, 1998. Cloudy, 78°, had shower in p.m. and evening. I volunteered in morning. Ron here few minutes at noon. We went to Rons, got radishes, tomatoes & eggplant & some potatoes.

Thursday, October 1, 1998. Clear, cool, 63°. We paid some bills. I went to bank. Baked some apples. Steves brought our dinner at 6:00. Had roast Turkey and all the trimmings. We appreciate their kindness.

Friday, October 2, 1998. Cool, 55°, mostly cloudy. Light shower in morning and again in evening. I had permanent at 8:30. Did some weekly cleaning. Made some chili in p.m. Rested & read some.

Saturday, October 3, 1998. 54°, drizzly day, cloudy all day. Did usual work. Made salad & eggs for dinner at church tomorrow. Maxine Shultz called. Vernon Lindemann called. Marilyn Thietje Lindemann passed away Thursday night. Funeral Monday. She had been ill.

Sunday, October 4, 1998. Cloudy, [had] sunshine short time in late p.m., 60°. We went to church. Had birthday cakes and potluck dinner. We had communion. Church started at 9:30 on trial basis. Ron preached at Meadows. Allen called. They helped Jeffs moved to Cummings Iowa last week. Paul called. They are doing okay.

Monday, October 5, 1998. Cloudy, 73°, rained in morning, again in p.m. I went to Lab. Pete along. We had breakfast at North Hill Restaurant on Dale St. [in] Normal. I did the laundry. Rested.

Tuesday, October 6, 1998. Mostly cloudy, little sunshine at noon, showers in p.m. and evening. Colder in p.m., 50s. I made apple crisp. Went to grocery [store] in morning. Put some summer clothes away. I went to Women's Fellowship in evening. Talked to Jo. Ron wasn't feeling very well, dizzy. They went to Dr. in St. Louis Monday.

Wednesday, October 7, 1998. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., 61°. I quilted at hospital in morning. Went to Rons garden. Got some tomatoes. Steve & Rachel here during choir practice, also Marge & Mara [Weaver]. Cindy is directing both Junior & Senior choirs. Glad she is doing it.

Thursday, October 8, 1998. Partly cloudy, 61°. I took Jeanette to HEA. Home by noon. I quilted at church awhile in p.m. Went to grocery store. Ron to Michigan to help Marty move. Georgia

called. Cathy & Steve had flooding at their home after the 5 inch rain K[ansas] C[ity] had last week. Everything in basement was ruined.

Friday, October 9, 1998. Beautiful day, 63°, 39° in morning. I went to B[eauty] shop in morning. Did usual work. We sat outside awhile in p.m. Ron got home from Martys. Marty coming tomorrow. Steves to Allens.

Saturday, October 10, 1998. Another beautiful day, 86°. I went to pharmacy for Pete. Finished cleaning. Called Allen to wish him happy birthday. Jeffs had been there. Mick & Pam & girls too. Doesn't seem like Allen should be 65 years old, but time flies by.

Sunday, October 11, 1998. Nice day, 71°. We went to church and to Rons for dinner. Marty there on his way to Missouri to help a farmer with harvest and to look for a place to live. He stored some of his & Renée's things at Rons. I took apple pie for dinner. Ina Sutter here awhile early evening. Paul called, they are fine.

Monday, October 12, 1998. Lovely day, 66°. Did the laundry & usual work. Made hamburger casserole & apple dessert.

Tuesday, October 13, 1998. Another nice day, 63°. 39° in morning. I baked cookies and coffeecake. Went to church a while in p.m., quilted. Ina [Sutter] & Marie H[eiser] there also. Gave Rons some cookies.

Wednesday, October 14, 1998. Nice day, 62°. I volunteered at hospital in a.m. Rested in p.m. Marj & Mara [Weaver] here short time during Jr. choir.

Thursday, October 15, 1998. Clouds, 63°, nice day. Watered plants. Paid bills, etc. Went to bank and Rons in p.m. Got some tomatoes & eggplant. Dr. Sawyer checked my pacemaker in morning. Cindy called in evening. Children have lice. She stayed home today & tomorrow. Feel sorry for them.

Friday, October 16, 1998. Partly cloudy, 70s, nice day. I did some cleaning. We got our flu shots at BroMenn. Had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Took papers to recycle & went to grocery [store]. Did some laundry.

Saturday, October 17, 1998. Cloudy, 70°, very windy. Did usual work. Went to store. Allen called. They had rain intermittently all day. We had rain in evening. Ron in Chicago all day. He received the Certified Fellow of American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Congratulations.

Sunday, October 18, 1998. Partly cloudy, cooler, not so windy. We went to church. Rons & we to Dragon Restaurant for dinner. Paul called. Leaves are beautiful. They are having nice weather.

Monday, October 19, 1998. Beautiful day, 63°. I did the laundry. Took my brown plaid skirt to Lois Jett. It's too large. Have lost weight. Cooked the heart & tongue Rons gave us with the pork.

Tuesday, October 20, 1998. Nice day, 63°. I went to Dr. Capodice (dentist). My gum still sore. He gave me mouthwash. Got [it] at Pharmacy. I went with Jeanette to Auxiliary luncheon at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21, 1998. Nice day, windy, cooler, 58°. I volunteered at hospital, quilted. Went to Garfield club. Met at Denny's on N. Main St. Marge & Mara [Weaver] here during Jr. choir practice.

Thursday, October 22, 1998. Deb's birthday. Beautiful day, 32° – 57°. We went to Aldis & did usual work. Went to B[eauty] shop at 3:00. Paul Millers moved to MRC today. Ron helped.

Friday, October 23, 1998. 62°. Another beautiful day. I did usual work and weekly cleaning. Went to pharmacy and out to Rons. Got some tomatoes & eggplant. They sure did well this year. Also got 3 cucumbers they had seeded from cucumbers that were left in garden. Marcella Lehman & friend stopped. She is here for [Nurses Alumni] Homecoming tomorrow. Good to see her.

Saturday, October 24, 1998. Nice day, 60s. I went to Alumni Homecoming. Good to see old friends. Cathy Hogan told us about ISU taking over our [Mennonite] College of Nursing. Dr. Strand spoke to the group (Pres. of ISU). Ramona Oyer received the alumni award. Was nice day. Pete got along okay. Rons asked him to come. Allen called, has infection in his elbow.

Sunday, October 25, 1998. Another nice day. We went to church. Had lunch at Parkview Inn. Some pretty trees around town. Were home rest of day. Rested & read. Pauls called. They are okay & busy. Andys were there for weekend.

Monday, October 26, 1998. Nice day, mild. I awoke at 6 AM to go to Lab but my body started shaking all over & couldn't stop. Called Ron at 7:00. He took us to ER. Temp was 102° & B[lood] P[ressure] up. They started IVs with antibiotics. Admitted me to [Room] 579 at BroMenn. Took's x-rays & did blood work. Shaking stopped around 10:00 a.m. I felt exhausted. Pete & Ron there most of day. Pete stayed here at home all night. Ron got KFC for him. Got along okay. What a day!

Tuesday, October 27, 1998. Nice day. I felt better. Had a good nights sleep. Ron brought Pete to hospital afternoon. I had some callers. Helen P[atton] brought me vase with Carnation. Jeanette [Colter], Mary [Jantze], Ruth M. came in evening. Tim Schrag & others. Jo stopped after school, took Pete home. Had thunderstorm & rain (1 inch) at supper time. I walked some in hall. Doctors want me to be up more. Dr. Wera saw me too as well as Dr. Dennis. Steve & Cindy were here to see me at different times.

Wednesday, October 28, 1998. Cloudy most of day, 66°. I feel stronger. Ron brought Pete to hospital at noon. Ron had meetings. Allen called, also Deb. She also sent flowers. Doctors dismissed me. Got home at 4:00. So glad to be home. Got flower from Helen P[atton] &

BroMenn administration. Steve made supper for us, Ham & potatoes. Marge W[eaver] brought some chicken soup. Jo stopped after school. We are very grateful for all they do for us. Pauls called.

Thursday, October 29, 1998. Had rain early a.m. & a shower in evening, 69°. We had a quiet day, rested. I feel stronger. Jo stopped after school. I got basket of flowers from College of Nursing, Cathy Hogan.

Friday, October 30, 1998. Cloudy, 63°. I feel better. Did little laundry, rested. We went to bank at 2:00. Quiet day. Allen called. They plan to come tomorrow.

Saturday, October 31, 1998. Cloudy, 59°. Allen and Shirley got here at 12:00 noon. Good to see them. Ron stopped by. He helped Franzie Loepp's move to MRC. We had chili & soup that Marge [Weaver] brought for lunch. Jo took us on a tour of the Recreational Building. Nice building. There is open house there tomorrow. Cindy & children here, trick-or-treats. Allen got Chinese food for supper. They went to Steves awhile. They got groceries for me.

Sunday, November 1, 1998. Cloudy day, 55°. Allens went to church long enough to hear Jr. choir sing. We didn't go to church. Ron here few minutes before church. He was worship leader at N[ormal] Christian church. Allens left at 1:00 for home. Good to have them. I went to open house for awhile at MRC. Pauls called. They are okay. Allen called. They got home at 6:30.

Monday, November 2, 1998. 48°, windy, gloomy, rainy day. I went to Lab in morning. Did laundry. Rested.

Tuesday, November 3, 1998. Cloudy in morning, some sunshine, windy and cold, 40s. I baked pumpkin bread for Bazaar. Went to dentist (Dr. Capodice) at 1:00. My mouth some better. Went to Rons. Got lettuce. Are to have a freeze tonight. I brought some rosebuds in the house. They have been beautiful.

Wednesday, November 4, 1998. Cloudy, cold, 41°. I quilted at hospital in morning. Baked coffeecake braid in p.m. Marj Weaver & Rachel [Ropp] here during Jr. choir.

Thursday, November 5, 1998. Cloudy, 41°. I went to grocery [store], made vegetable soup. Baked cookies. I took 2 coffee cakes & loaf of pumpkin bread to BroMenn for bazaar. Read in evening.

Friday, November 6, 1998. Mostly cloudy, 38°. I did some cleaning & went to the Bazaar short time. I brought our lunch home (chicken salad sandwiches, potato chips & pickles). I went to Dr. Dennis. Says I'm doing okay. Went to pharmacy, got medicine for Pete & me. We went to Birkelbaws, got apples & cider. Ron stopped at 11:00 on his way home. Gave him some cookies.

Saturday, November 7, 1998. Frosty, 41°, didn't warm-up much. I went to B[eauty] shop. Finished cleaning, went to grocery [store]. Bill & Irene Dunn here awhile in p.m. They are here

for the program marking the closing of the Life Care Center. Bill will be speaking. Snowed late evening, enough to cover grass.

Sunday, November 8, 1998. Cloudy, chilly, 40°. Went to church. Had KFC here. Rons took us to Mennonite Hospital for the (Legacy Lives On). It brought back a lot of memories & saw old friends. Makes me feel sad but time moves on. Allen called. Jeff called. They plan to come see us Tuesday & Wednesday. Evelyn B[early] called. They are okay.

Monday, November 9, 1998. Cloudy, started to rain at 4:00 p.m. I did laundry. Baked 2 fruitcakes & apple pie. Pulled up the flowers by the porch. They froze last week, but lasted [a] long time. Very strong winds during the night.

Tuesday, November 10, 1998. Lot of people without electricity. Rons were out all day. Jeffs got here at 12:45. Good to see them. The girls our growing. We spent afternoon visiting. Jeffs took Steves, Pete & I to Avanti's for supper. Jeffs at Steves all night. Strong wind all day & evening.

Wednesday, November 11, 1998. Clear day, 47°, a relief, the wind stopped blowing a gale. Jeffs came at 1:00. Brought Katie & Matthew. Cindy took Rachel to Dr. her neck hurt. Ron & Jo here too. Ron visited with Jeff in morning. Jeffs left for home at 3:20. Good to see them. I wrote in circle letter. Jeff called. They got home at 9:30 p.m. Good trip.

Thursday, November 12, 1998. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., 47°. I went with Jeanette to HEA. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store] in PM. Dr. Sawyer checked my pacemaker. All okay. Allens flew to Las Vegas [Nevada]. McAlexanders from southern Iowa went with them. I washed my summer sweaters.

Friday, November 13, 1998. Beautiful day, 56°. Did some cleaning. Put some summer clothes away. Was outside awhile. Rested.

Saturday, November 14, 1998. Nice day, 63°. I finished weekly cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop & grocery [store]. Baked ginger cookies. Will give Rons some & some to church to have with their coffee.

Sunday, November 15, 1998. 50°, cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. We went to church. Rons & we had lunch at North Hill Restaurant. Jo to school to work. We were home. Paul Millers were here awhile in p.m. Paul called, they are okay. Marjorie is going to Florida this week to a meeting.

Monday, November 16, 1998. Fair in morning, some clouds in p.m., 57°. I did laundry. Ron here few minutes at noon. Wanted him to have chili with us but he was in a hurry. I stirred up rolls to bake in [the] morning.

Tuesday, November 17, 1998. Fair, 50°, nice day. I baked rolls. Went to Dr. Wera at 1:00. Put me on Lasix. My feet & ankles are swelling. Had nosebleed when I got to his office. Got it

stopped. Ron came at 3:30. Put dirt around the roses. Appreciate what they do for us. Gave him a pan of rolls.

Wednesday, November 18, 1998. Nice day. I went to Dr. Capodice about my sore gum. Wants me to come back in [a] week. I quilted awhile at hospital. Went to Garfield [club] luncheon at Country Buffet. Marge Weaver & Mara here few minutes but had to leave for [a] meeting. I made salad for tomorrow.

Thursday, November 19, 1998. Nice day, 51°, windy. I went to BroMenn for blood work, then to Dr. Wera's office for echocardiogram. We went to Senior luncheon at church. Warner Fransen spoke.

Friday, November 20, 1998. Nice day, cool, 42°. I did some weekly cleaning. Had chest pains in morning. Took nitro 3 times before relief. Rested. Baked some cookies late p.m.

Saturday, November 21, 1998. Nice day, cool. I went to B[eauty] shop & grocery [store]. Finished weekly cleaning. Made caramels in p.m. We went with Rons to Towanda to Mona's to celebrate Jo's birthday. Gave her \$25. Jon & Julie there too.

Sunday, November 22, 1998. We went to church. Mission Sunday. Had potluck dinner at noon but we didn't stay. Went to Arby's for sandwich. Read & rested in p.m. Made out our Christmas card list. Allen called. They got back from Las Vegas last Tuesday. They had nice time with McAlexanders. Pauls called. Marjorie got home from meeting in Florida this evening.

Monday, November 23, 1998. Nice day, 61°. I did the laundry. Took papers to recycle & got groceries. Went to get gas and had car washed.

Tuesday, November 24, 1998. Fair, nice day, 58°. I went to Dr. Capodice (dentist). He took biopsy from my gum. Will send it to lab. We're hoping everything is okay. I baked yummy cookies.

Wednesday, November 25, 1998. Cloudy, 58°, sun shone late p.m. Had light shower in p.m. I quilted in morning. Rested. Went to bank in p.m. Arthur called. He & Georgia had colds or flu. They were going to Morris Millers for Thanksgiving.

Thursday, November 26, 1998. Fair, nice day. I baked pumpkin pie. We went to Rons at noon. Had lunch at noon & big Thanksgiving dinner. I took plate of cookies, apple & pumpkin pies. Julie, Jon's friend, there too. Ron got us. Jo brought us home. A nice Thanksgiving but missed Marty & Renée. Allen called. Micks were there.

Friday, November 27, 1998. Another lovely day, 65°. I did some cleaning. Went to pharmacy. I made white bark cookies or candy in p.m. Had letter from Pam and pictures of Amber & Ashley. They are growing up.

Saturday, November 28, 1998. Fair, nice day. I went to beauty shop. Took my wristwatch to Jack Lewis to have it repaired. Went to card shop, got Christmas cards. Renée got to Rons about 4:45. Jo got us. Rons & Jon to N. Main Chinese place. Renée insisted on paying our supper. She left here at 6:00 for Columbia Missouri where she will be living & working. Good to see her. So sorry things didn't work out for she & Marty.

Sunday, November 29, 1998. Cloudy, 68°. We went to church. We ate at Perkins. Home rest of day. Rested & read. Paul called. Ben and Andys therefore Thanksgiving.

Monday, November 30, 1998. Rainy day. Sun shone about 4:00 PM. 68°. I did the laundry. Rested. Have been tired all day. Made turkey casserole for dinner.

Tuesday, December 1, 1998. Beautiful day, 58°. We paid bills. I went to bank and pharmacy. Baked & iced carrot cookies. I went to Women's meeting. Had program & refreshments. I went early & quilted.

Wednesday, December 2, 1998. Fair, another nice day, 61°. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Pete and I to Aldis in PM. Marge & Mara Weaver here during Jr. choir. Ron here few minutes after Wellness meeting.

Thursday, December 3, 1998. Cloudy, mild, 68°. I made peanut butter bars. We went with Jeanette & Ruth Marquis to Prime Timers. Ron & Jo to St. Louis to see Dr. Jo hasn't been feeling well. Rons got home [at] 7:30. They saw several doctors. Doing more tests.

Friday, December 4, 1998. Mostly cloudy, 68°, still mild. Did some cleaning. I went to B[eauty] shop at 1:00. We had our pictures taken at 3:10 for church directory. Lorene Reeser went to hospital per rescue squad. Lorene passed away. Aldine [Combs] called us.

Saturday, December 5, 1998. Cloudy, foggy at times, light rain late p.m. I did some cleaning. Got groceries. Rons had their pictures taken at church. Came here, cut my roses down & put cones on. They brought us a small live Christmas tree. Got decorations down for me. Appreciate their help.

Sunday, December 6, 1998. Cloudy day. Had several showers. We went to church. Came home for dinner. Addressed Christmas cards. I went to visitation for Lorene [Reeser] at church. Allen called. They were at Micks Friday night [for] Amber's Christmas program. Paul called. They're busy.

Monday, December 7, 1998. 41°, change from past several days. We went to Lorene Reeser's funeral at 10:00. Ron sang solo family requested ("God Can Do for You What He Does for Others"). Nice service. I did laundry & made some date balls. Stirred up sugar cookies with Pete's help.

Tuesday, December 8, 1998. Clear, 43°, nice day. I baked & iced sugar cookies. Went to bank & pharmacy. Ron here few minutes, put lights on shrubbery. I stirred up crescents cookies. We finished addressing cards.

Wednesday, December 9, 1998. Clear nice day. I quilted in morning. Came home at 11:00, got Pete's lunch. Back to hospital. Met Jeanette. Zoe, Marie & I to Duff Knudsen Home for Christmas goodies. She's new volunteer director. Baked crescents when got home. Marge Weaver brought Mara over during Jr. choir. She & Barry went to office party. Jenell Ulrich took Mara home. Had chest pain at bedtime.

Thursday, December 10, 1998. Nice day, 40° – 43°. I went to HEA. Jeanette with me. We had mug exchange. I got Joyce Y. She was hostess for brunch. She sent lunch home for Pete. Has quiche (good). I made cherry walnut bars. Ron here awhile in forenoon. Had a registered letter [we] wanted him to see.

Friday, December 11, 1998. Another nice day, 46°. Did some cleaning. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Got a poinsettia for Jeanette. Took it to her. She gave us big can of popcorn & peanut brittle. Dr. Sawyer checked my pacemaker. Seems okay & I'm grateful.

Saturday, December 12, 1998. 46°, beautiful day. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Finished some cleaning. I made sausage – sweet potato casserole (good). Reesers finished emptying Lorene's apartment. Gave Pete her chair. Motorized it. Has a lift. When Pete doesn't need it, it goes to MRC or whoever needs it. Patty & Rich [here] in p.m., brought us some candy.

Sunday, December 13, 1998. 48°, nice day. We went to church. Rons and we had lunch at carryout Chinese food. Ron & Jo put up door decorations for me. Our small group, Litwillers, Erin *Posy* (sp?) & Mannie Oyers, brought us a large bowl of fruit, also plate of cookies & nuts. Allen called, also Pauls. He is coming New Year's Day.

Monday, December 14, 1998. Lovely day, 46°. I went with Jeanette at 9:00 to Bonnie Bolt's lovely decorated home. She had Christmas breads, tea & coffee. Had a nice time. I did the laundry and wrote checks for Christmas to our family. Jon here awhile. He changed locks on Lorene Reeser's apartment.

Tuesday, December 15, 1998. Lovely day, 55°. I went to Dr. Capodice at 11:00. Report from biopsy was okay for which I'm grateful. My gum is some better but still sore. Seems to be a piece of bone there. I went to Dr. Wera at 12:30. Changed little on meds. Went to hospital, had some blood work.

Wednesday, December 16, 1998. Cloudy, some sunshine late p.m., 41°. I quilted at hospital. Put up some decorations in p.m. Marge & Mara W[eaver] here awhile in evening. US started bombing. Ben called. He's coming the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday, December 17, 1998. Fair. I didn't feel good in morning. Kinda shaky again. Rested. Felt better in PM. Made several dishes to take to dinner MRC had at Community Building for MRC board. Ron & Jo there. 46 people there. The community room was full.

Friday, December 18, 1998. Mostly fair, 55°, very windy. I baked coffeecake braid. Went to grocery [store]. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to give one of coffee cakes to Manny & Bryan Oyer for what they do for us. Had light snow during the night.

Saturday, December 19, 1998. Mostly cloudy, 37°. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:00, had a permanent. Finished cleaning, made casserole. Rons here few minutes. Brought several sport jackets for Pete to try on. One too large. They'll look more as they're shopping. I wrapped Scrubbies & dishcloths for the girls.

Sunday, December 20, 1998. Cloudy, light mist at times. I went to church. Pete has a cold. Jo took Louise Crumpler & me to the Messiah at Wesley Methodist Church. Ron sang with the McLean County Choral Society. Very good program. Allen called. They were at Jeffs on weekend. Jeff was commissioned.

Monday, December 21, 1998. Cloudy, colder, sleet, snow in p.m. 31°, falling temp. I did laundry. Made lemon dessert for evening. Steves brought barbecued ribs for dinner at 6:00. They brought our gifts, assorted jellies & candy. Children opened their gifts from us. We enjoyed the evening with them.

Tuesday, December 22, 1998. Clear, cold, zero in morning, 12° high for the day. I made sweet pickles & lasagna. Allens came for Clifford Wick's funeral. They stopped here about 1:30, left for home at 2:45. They brought me a sweater, Pete big box of candy & gave us a check for \$50. Cindy took me shopping. Got a wristwatch at Sears & a diary.

Wednesday, December 23, 1998. Fair, 8° – 22°. Ron took Pete & I to S & K Men's Clothing. Got Pete a jacket, something to wear with brown pants. I paid for it. Jo took me to Dr. Randolph. Made arrangements to have cataract OR on my left eye for January 20. Ben called. He is coming tomorrow. Got box of fruit from Evelyn B[early].

Thursday, December 24, 1998. 27° – 32°. Fair. I went to bank & grocery store. Met Ben at bus at 2:15. We went to Christmas Eve services. We went to Rons after service, had oyster soup & chili. I took tray of cookies. Evelyn called.

Friday, December 25, 1998. Fair, 33°. Pete and I to rays at noon. I took rolls. Were 23 or 24 there. Ben to Rons. We went to Rons at 2:30. Marty & Penny were leaving. Marty will be back tomorrow. We had supper at Rons. Had our gift exchange. Rons, Jon & Julie gave us a sweeper & Pete got [a] razor, me a watch but I had gotten one so they took it back. Marty gave us a basket of nuts, apple butter & meat. I got gown & skirt from Rons. I got Pete a jacket. Ben gave us cheese & meat. Allen called. Talked to Pauls. A very nice Christmas.

Saturday, December 26, 1998. Fair, 35°. I baked Apple pie. Went to grocery store. Did some cleaning. Then to Rons awhile. I washed sheets. Allens & Randys got here around 2:00 PM. I fixed Ben a lunch. He left on 5:30 bus for Chicago. Randys & Allens went to Rons awhile after supper. We had lasagna. Marty got [to] Rons. They loaded trailer for his trip to Montana.

Sunday, December 27, 1998. 46°. We all went to church. Jo worship leader & Ron preached. Allens & Randys left here at 11:30 for Allens home. Wish they could have stayed longer but glad they came. Pete & I were invited to Paul Millers between 3 & 4 o'clock. Dr. Oyers were there too. Ann served cookies & bread & tea. They have [a] nice home. Marty left for Montana. Hope he has a safe trip.

Monday, December 28, 1998. Fair, 38°. I did laundry. Took my watch to Sears to have wristband tightened. We went to Aldis. Saw Ron there.

Tuesday, December 29, 1998. 37° in a.m., temp dropped during day. Windy, few snowflakes. I cooked chicken. Washed bathroom rugs. Cleaned guest bathroom. Went to pharmacy & did some ironing.

Wednesday, December 30, 1998. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m. Started to snow about 3:30 – 4:00. 1° in morning, 11° high. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Coated pretzels with white bark. I went to a get-together at Community Building in PM. Pete didn't want to go. Had snacks & coffee, tea. I took pretzels. I cooked some mush.

Thursday, December 31, 1998. Clear, cold, had 4 inches snow last night. Pretty trees hanging full of snow. I made some chili, tapioca pudding and chicken casserole. Rons stopped. Minutes. Did some cleaning. Paul called. He gets to ISU at 5:40 tomorrow evening.

