

The Diary of Anna Kropf Ropp

2000

(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.)

Saturday, January 1, 2000. I went to see Pete in morning. He was feeling quite well. Ron got me at 2:00. Went to their home. Adam & Marie Denzer were there. Wally D[enzer] there short time. We had lasagna. I took some cookies. Ron & I stopped to see Pete on the way home. Deb called. They got home Friday morning at 4:30. I talked to Georgia. She's about same. Allen called, said he & Shirley cleaned out his office. He is now Retired. They had a farewell party for him. Paul called. They are okay.

Sunday, January 2, 2000. I went to church. Went to see Pete. Ron got me and I took them to Chinese buffet. I went back to the home. Came home at 3:45. Pete doing quite well. Rons took me to Eastland. Got a comforter for our bed. Pete had company. Barry W[eaver] family came after church, [also] Marie Heiser & Lucy C[atherine], Brett & Marianne & Emma [Lovellette]. Jo worship leader. Did good job.

Monday, January 3, 2000. Cloudy, had some rain, dark & dreary. I washed 2 loads. Took Christmas decorations down. Went to see Pete at 12:30. He walked in the hall several times. I came home at 3:00. Took papers to recycle & [went to] grocery store. Made vegetable soup. Ron was going to take our Christmas lights down but got real foggy. Ben Krahn called in evening asking about Pete. Allen called.

Tuesday, January 4, 2000. Cloudy, windy. I made a pan of lasagna, put in freezer. I went to see Pete in PM. He's about as was yesterday. Ron there when I got there. He had an accident at Center & Chestnut Streets. He didn't see the light. Feel so sorry for him. [I] miss Pete. The evenings are long. Cindy to see Pete.

Wednesday, January 5, 2000. Partly cloudy, 13° in morning. I did usual work. Fixed chicken broccoli dish for dinner. Went to see Pete at 1:00. Think he seems stronger. We went to hear singers in dining room. Steve there in morning. Ron here in morning. Took outside lights down & put Christmas boxes on shelves. Marge Weaver here during Jr. choir. Paul called. He is coming Sunday evening. Will come on train.

Thursday, January 6, 2000. Clear, nice day, 40°. I went to pharmacy in morning. Went to see Pete. He said he felt better. Steve & Ron there. Helen P[atton] brought him box of cookies. Edith & Rachel Zehr there. I had my hair done there. Beauty shop across hall from Pete's room. Paul to meeting in Chicago today. We had box of meat & cheese (Hickory Farms) from Marty.

Friday, January 7, 2000. Fair, another nice day. I did some cleaning. Went to pharmacy (eyedrops). Went to see Pete in PM. He's up in chair most of time, did some exercise & walked some. Cindy called around 4:00. Wanted me to go with them to Avanti's (Steve in [Camp] Friedenswald). Enjoyed it. They stayed awhile when we came back. I did some of Pete's laundry.

Saturday, January 8, 2000. Cloudy had sun later in afternoon. I washed 2 loads. Went to bank. Made large batch of chili & Jell-O salad. Went to see Pete at 1:00. Came home after 3:00. Said

he felt pretty good. Wanted to lie down awhile in p.m. Jo had word that her sister Rosalee had a severe stroke.

Sunday, January 9, 2000. Cloudy, drizzled some, 40°. I went to church. Jo to school to do some work in case she needs to go to Ohio. Ron & I went to McDonald's for lunch. Went on to Home. Pete seems about same. Up in chair all day. Steve met Paul at train at 5:40. Ron had meeting & they still have one vehicle. Paul & I had chili, relishes & fruit salad. Went to see Pete at 7:30. Marjorie called in evening.

Monday, January 10, 2000. Fair, nice day. Ron took Paul to breakfast. They got back at 10:30. I did some laundry for Paul. Paul & I went shopping. He got a shirt & tie for Pete for Christmas. I looked for shoes but found none. He got gift certificate at Jumers for Rons. We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. We went to see Pete. He seemed pretty good. We went to see Pete after supper. Had chicken, potatoes and broccoli.

Tuesday, January 11, 2000. Fair, nice day. We went to College Hills [Mall]. Got pair of shoes, Christmas gift from Pauls. Stopped to see Pete. His back was hurting some. We went back in p.m. Jon Bertsche, Tim S[chrag], Carol Ropp to see Pete. Rons, Jon & Julie here for dinner. Had lasagna, green beans, salad, apple pie & ice cream & cookies. Paul was good help. Steve stopped by after he was to see Dad.

Wednesday, January 12, 2000. Mostly fair. Paul packing to go home. I fixed lunch for him. We went to see Pete at home. Ron came too. He took Paul to bus. I miss him but glad he came for a few days. I washed a load & went back to see Pete at 2:00. He walked in hall awhile. Marge W[eaver] here during Jr. choir. Paul called at 9:00 PM. Got home okay. Had good trip. Called Pam, thank them for magazines they sent for Christmas.

Thursday, January 13, 2000. Partly cloudy, 31°, chilly wind. I went with Jeanette to HEA at Old Country Buffet. Lady from Cancer Clinic spoke. I went to see Pete and had my hair done. Ron at Pete's. Steve there earlier. He left for Nashville Kentucky.

Friday, January 14, 2000. I did some cleaning, paid bills. Ron came at 1:00. Helped me some. We went to bank. Had CDs that are left. Get higher rates. Ron can write checks now to [for] which I'm glad. Went to see Pete. He was feeling pretty good.

Saturday, January 15, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 40s. I baked coffeecake braid. Finished weekly cleaning. Went to store. Went to see Pete in PM. He was feeling pretty good. Therapist there.

Sunday, January 16, 2000. Partly cloudy. I went to church. Ben Krahn's there. They wanted to go see Pete. I went with them. They took me back to church. Came home for lunch. Went back to the Home in PM. Barry Weavers were to see Pete. Rons went home. He had work to do.

Monday, January 17, 2000. Cloudy, cold East wind, 27°. I did some laundry. Went to see Pete at 10:30 as weather predicted freezing rain & snow by noon but we didn't get any. Peoria & other places had some ice. I put some Christmas cards away & [did] odd jobs.

Tuesday, January 18, 2000. Cloudy, some sunshine in p.m., 31°. Steve here awhile in morning. He went to see Pete too. I went in p.m. Therapist wants to bring Pete home for hour or two [to] see how he does. Want to do that Friday p.m.

Wednesday, January 19, 2000. 28° – 30°. Cloudy. Started to snow about noon and kept it up all p.m. Roads not good. I quilted in morning. Went to see Pete at noon. Came home early, 1:30 – 2:00. Jo called. Ron got her at school. They stopped to see Pete. Got home okay. I embroidered awhile. Had between 5 & 6 inches snow. Some drifting. Wind came up after dark. Lot of fender benders.

Thursday, January 20, 2000. Clear, cold. Manny & Bryan [Oyer] cleaning drives & walks. I went to see Pete. He seemed more tired today. I did some odd jobs this morning. Went to grocery [store] on way home. Pete to see urologist. Dr. Dennis there also. Will wait to bring Pete home tomorrow, on account of cold weather.

Friday, January 21, 2000. Partly cloudy, 14° – 12°. 3° below in morning. I did some cleaning. Went to see Pete in PM. Tim Schrag there awhile.

Saturday, January 22, 2000. Cloudy, snowed most of morning, 31°. I baked cookies & did some cleaning. Went to see Pete. He was feeling pretty good. Took him some cookies. Have some for Rons too. They went to Sullivan, got a car like one they had. Glad for them. Allen called. They had been at Micks. Cut some wood for their fireplace.

Sunday, January 23, 2000. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy. I went to church. Had dinner there. YPP served a meal. Congregation meeting at one [1:00]. I went to see Pete. He's about same. I went to Home Builders meeting at John Bertsche. Went with Oyers & Paul [Miller]. Ron talked about his trip to Russia. Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, January 24, 2000. Clear, 18°, not much wind. I did some laundry. Went to see Pete. He's doing quite well. Gordon stopped to see Pete. Harry Frank and some others [there too]. Paid some bills.

Tuesday, January 25, 2000. Partly cloudy, cold, windy, 21°. Windchill cold. Washed bathroom rugs. Watered plants. Went to Nursing Home at 1:00. Ron & 2 therapists brought Pete home. He stood it well. Girls made some suggestions for us. Think Pete may get to come home next week. I went to grocery [store]. Got chicken legs, were on special. Put some in freezer.

Wednesday, January 26, 2000. Clear, cold, 3° in morning. I quilted in a.m. Had lunch at Atrium. Went to see Pete. He's doing pretty good. Jon came in evening. He fixed our bed so it's lower,

easier for Pete to get in bed. Jo here, also Marge W[eaver] while children are at Jr. choir. Julie here short time. Ron had meeting.

Thursday, January 27, 2000. Fair, nice day, 26°. Ron here in morning, looked over some mail. I went to card shop & bank. Went to see Pete. He's doing quite well. Had my hair done their. Marty came home.

Friday, January 28, 2000. Partly cloudy, 8° – 28°, chilly southeast wind. I went to pharmacy. Ron, Marty & I went to Chinese Buffet. Good food. We went to see Pete. I got gas at Elmo Quinn & went to Aldis. Jon & Brett [Lovellette] to see Pete. Steve there too. [He] is on his way to [Camp] Menno Haven.

Saturday, January 29, 2000. 20s, cloudy, started to snow at 11:00 a.m. Kept it up all afternoon. Let up some about dark. Bad driving. Had lots of ice in southern states. Marty was to go to Indiana & Ohio today but decided to wait until morning. I didn't go to see Pete. Thought better stay in. Did usual work. Long day. Allen called. He plans to come late next Thursday or Friday morning.

Sunday, January 30, 2000. Cloudy, few flurries, 20s. Had around 5 – 6 inches snow. Franzie [Loepp] helped clean off some of our porches. Larry [Reeser] helping too. Rons took me to church. Helen [Patton] invited me to have lunch with she & Jeanette [Colter]. She also paid for my meal. I appreciated it. I went to see Pete. He's about same. Paul called. They are okay. They watched football game with friends.

Monday, January 31, 2000. Clear, 8° – 28°, chilly wind. I did some laundry. Have a cold. Went to see Pete. Took him the Pantagraph. Didn't stay long. He was feeling pretty good. Ron got a bench for him to use when taking a bath. Jo here on her way home from school. She is looking for skirt for our bed.

Tuesday, February 1, 2000. Clear, 28°, nice day. Ron took our car to Duffs, got new muffler. I made pot of vegetable soup & stirred up sugar cookies. Baked them in p.m. Didn't go to see Pete. He called to see if I was okay. My cold better [for] which I'm glad. Jo stopped after school. She got a duster for our bed.

Wednesday, February 2, 2000. Cloudy to partly cloudy, windy. I quilted in a.m. Went to Nursing Home in p.m. Pete about same. Marge W[eaver] here in evening. Made telephone calls for Garfield club at Denny's. Called Allens. Ashley & Pam there. Ashley had her tonsils out. Got along okay.

Thursday, February 3, 2000. Sunshine in a.m., then cloudy, windy, 39°, chilly. I did some cleaning. Coated some pretzels. Went to see Pete. He was pretty good. Plans are all made to bring him home. Hope I can care for him. We'll have some home care. Steve to see Pete. Deb called in morning. Was good to talk to her.

Friday, February 4, 2000. Cloudy in morning, fair, windy. Snow blowing in country. I did some cleaning. Went to grocery [store] & pharmacy. Went to Nursing Home after lunch. Allen got there at 2:00. Ron there also. We brought Pete home. Got along fine. He was feeling good. Glad to have him home. Jo stopped after school. Good to have Allen too.

Saturday, February 5, 2000. Mostly cloudy. Did usual work. Allen made lemon pie. Use lemons from Evelyn (Arizona). We had pork chops & sauerkraut. Ron here few minutes. Jo isn't feeling well, was dizzy. Allen to grocery [store], got a roast for tomorrow. Evelyn Bearly called, talked to Allen. They [Allens] plan to go to Arizona in March.

Sunday, February 6, 2000. 39°, mostly cloudy. Allen went to church. I got dinner, roast beef, carrots and potatoes. I made cherry torte. Ben & Shirley Krahn stopped here after church. Ron here for dinner. Jo not feeling well, still some dizziness. Interim nurse here at 4:00, checked Pete. Filled out papers for some home care. Shirley called & Pauls called. They *saw* (sp?) over weekend he was doing quite well. Jo still not feeling very good.

Monday, February 7, 2000. Cloudy to partly cloudy. Allen & Wally Denzer went to Denny's for breakfast. I did laundry. Pete feeling good. Steve called. He & Matthew sick. They were going to bring our dinner that had to cancel. Man from interim care here at 4:30. He thinks Pete doing quite well. Jo to school but still has trouble with dizziness. Ron took her to school.

Tuesday, February 8, 2000. Hazy most of day, 32°. Allen left for home at 10:00. Ron took us to see Dr. Scafu, urologist. Is to have catheter changed once a month. We took Pete to Gailey's to have glasses adjusted. Had car washed. Ron here for lunch. Home Care [nurse] John here to look things over. Allen called. He got home 4:00. Glad he could be here. Miss him.

Wednesday, February 9, 2000. 36°. I helped [Pete] get dressed. Went to Dr. Wera's office. Had protime taken. Had permanent at 1:30. Gayle at Nursing Home gave it to me. Tangie Rosa (home care CNA) gave Pete a bath. Got along okay. Marge W[eaver] here. Mara came for few minutes before choir. Pete fell as he got out of his chair. We got him up.

Thursday, February 10, 2000. Cloudy. I made meatloaf and apple tarte. Emily Austen here at 9:00 to work with Pete, occupational therapy. Linda Curran, physical therapist, here at 1:15. Pete hurt his shoulder when he fell last night. We put heating pad on, that helped. Think he felt better this p.m. Earl Kaufman here awhile. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store].

Friday, February 11, 2000. Mostly cloudy. I helped Pete. Takes awhile to get him dressed. I made tuna casserole & did some cleaning. Arthur called saying Dave Yoder had surgery, colon. Removed tumor (cancerous). Sorry to hear it. Paul Miller here awhile.

Saturday, February 12, 2000. Clear nice winter day, in 30s. I did some cleaning. Went to bank & grocery [store]. I didn't sleep well last night. Up at 5 o'clock to help Pete with his elimination.

Rachel Zehr here few minutes. Got us breakfast rolls [that] Edith baked. Appreciate it. They are generous girls. Allen called. Their colds some better. Pete's shoulder better.

Sunday, February 13, 2000. A gloomy day. Had shower mixed with snow in p.m. We didn't go to church. Had Rons bring Chinese food. They ate with us, then went to school. Glad they came. Don Nesters came late p.m. They had our small group. They brought us food left from their dinner. Was good & [we] had nice visit with them. I called Dave Yoder at hospital in Reno [Nevada]. He is getting along fairly well. Still uncomfortable. Pauls called. They were [to Albany] to see Ben. Had light snow overnight.

Monday, February 14, 2000. 33°. I did laundry. Steve here awhile in morning. Ron called [to] ask if we needed help. Got along better dressing Pete than sometimes. Jeanette here in p.m., brought heart of chocolates & nice card & some peanut brittle. Very nice of her. Jo didn't go to school, still has vertigo.

Tuesday, February 15, 2000. 50°, very windy. I went to Aldus in morning. Emily (therapist) here at 9:00. Linda came at 3:30. They both thought Pete was doing better. Ron stopped few minutes in evening. [He] had meeting. I made pan [of] brownies.

Wednesday, February 16, 2000. Fair. I went to Dr. Wera's office. Had B[lood] P[ressure] taken, still a little high. Ron took us to Dr. Randolph. He says Pete didn't make any changes in his lenses. Ron helped me dress Pete which helped. I took Chet [Roth]s & Willems some brownies. Chets had their 68th anniversary. Vera W[illems] brought us good potato soup. They are good neighbors. Marge Weaver & girls here awhile. A lady from Home Care was to come give Pete a shower but [she] didn't come.

Thursday, February 17, 2000. Partly cloudy, 38°. I went to grocery store in morning. Made tapioca. Had Marge Nester's chili for lunch. Emily, therapist, here in morning. And Linda here in p.m. I had hair done at 1:30. Tangie Rosa gave Pete [a] shower.

Friday, February 18, 2000. 32°. Cloudy, some rain & freezing rain. Snow north of us. Trees & wires covered with ice. Some outages. I did some laundry. Pete having more pain in his shoulder. Called Dr. Dennis. Ron took us at 2:30, got home 4:30. They took x-rays. No fractures for which we are grateful. Had a letter from Renée. Glad to hear from her. Allen called. Shirley's cold better.

Saturday, February 19, 2000. Partly cloudy, 32°, trees still covered with ice. I did weekly cleaning. Pete not feeling as well. Seems weaker. My shoulder very painful at times. Pete is to force fluids.

Sunday, February 20, 2000. Clear, nice winter day. We listened to our church service. Nice we can do that. I made peach crisp & had neck bones, sauerkraut & potatoes. Jo came [and] ate with

us. Ron preached at Fisher church. We paid some bills & watched ice show. Jo went home after dinner to work on school material. Pauls called. They had 8 inches snow.

Monday, February 21, 2000. Fair, 54°. I did laundry. Ron here few minutes in morning. I cleaned out some material in bookcase. My B[lood] P[ressure] higher again. Woman called at noon about bath for Pete. Said she would talk to someone but never heard anymore from her. That's the second one that never showed up or called.

Tuesday, February 22, 2000. Fair, 67°, nearly broke records. Emily (therapist) gave Pete a bath. Got along okay. Roberta Jaspers, RN, here in p.m. She checked Pete out. Here an hour or more. Linda came too. She exercised Pete. Martha Dyck & Tim Schrag here when others left. Then Russell Oyers came. Brought a coffee cake for us. They're always thoughtful. So busy day, but we enjoyed it.

Wednesday, February 23, 2000. 64°, some sunshine, light shower about 4:00 p.m. I went to Dr. Wera's office. Had protime taken and BP still little high. I'm to take it AM & PM [and] call nurse on Friday. I went to Gailey's at 1:30. Eyes doing quite well. Lady came to bathe Pete as we were ready for lunch. Wish they would call ahead of time so we would know. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. John from (unclear) here. Said the bed rails were to come tomorrow.

Thursday, February 24, 2000. Fair in p.m. Did some jobs in morning. Had early lunch. Bed rails didn't come. I went to have hair done at the [Nursing] Home. Linda here, came at 3:00, worked with Pete.

Friday, February 25, 2000. 70°, mostly cloudy, strong wind. Under tornado watch in p.m., early evening. I had pacemaker checked. Everything okay. I went to Aldis, got grapefruit. Pete had a bath. Did some cleaning.

Saturday, February 26, 2000. Cloudy, had a shower about 4:00 p.m. I made coffee cake (cherry). Finished cleaning. Got circle letter. Quite a lot of sickness in the different families. Went to pharmacy. Got some medicine that Pete is to take. Jo here few minutes. They were going to Chris Reeser's wedding. Ron performed the wedding. Allen called. They are getting ready to go to Arizona Wednesday.

Sunday, February 27, 2000. Very nice day, 50°. We listened to church service. Ron took us to Parkside for lunch. Appreciated going out to eat. Jo went to school to work after church service. She still doesn't feel good. Lucy C[atherine] & Marie Heiser here awhile in p.m. I wrote in circle letter. Paul called, they are okay.

Monday, February 28, 2000. 62°, a beautiful day. I did some laundry. Sercine Lofton, NA, gave Pete a bath at 11:30. Roberta Jaspers, RN, changed the catheter for Pete. I cooked some mush. Haven't had any all winter. I filled the birdfeeder. The birds were soon here.

Tuesday, February 29, 2000. Nice day, 66°, windy. I went to bank & stopped at church. Left our offering check with Kay [Reimer]. Went to bank. Emily, therapist, here in p.m. Thinks Pete is doing well. I went to pharmacy. I was out of 3 medicines I take. Takes lot of money. Ron called in evening. [He] has some clients this evening. He helped Jon today. Allen called. They were packing, getting ready for their trip to Arizona.

Wednesday, March 1, 2000. Cooler. I baked chocolate chip cookies. Took some to new neighbors (Roths, cousins of Chet's). Emily here at 9:30. Sercine gave Pete a bath at 11:30. Had chicken for dinner. Washed several loads. Talked to Ron. Jo still not feeling good. Allen & Shirley left this morning for Tucson Arizona. Hope to be at Bill [Bearly]'s 3 days. Hope they have good trip.

Thursday, March 2, 2000. Fair, 45°. I coated some pretzels, had white bark left from Christmas. I went to B[eauty] shop at 1:00. Edith & Rachel Zehr here awhile late p.m. Pete about same. Ron went to meeting at Elkhart Indiana. Jo had open house at school. Hope she got along alright since she isn't feeling good.

Friday, March 3, 2000. 43°, partly cloudy. Pete feeling pretty good. I did some cleaning. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. CNA here, gave Pete a bath. Ron here in p.m. He got home last evening around 6 PM. He had good meeting at Elkhart. I didn't feel very good late p.m., BP up again.

Saturday, March 4, 2000. Clear, nice day, 50s. I did usual work. Went to store. Quiet day. BP still up. Georgia called. They had talked to Dave [Yoder]. His incision isn't healing. He has CAT scan March 9th and starts chemo the 14th. Sorry he has to go through all that.

Sunday, March 5, 2000. Beautiful day, 60s. Jo still not feeling well. She didn't go to church. Ron was worship leader. He took Pete & I to Chinese buffet for dinner. Appreciated it. Mary Ann Watkins & Katie here about 2 hours. Katie is making a book on Pete & my life. Mary Ann is Katie's mentor. Pauls called, they're okay. Paul has week off for spring break. They go to San Diego Thursday. Paul has meeting. Marj visits her sister Doris. Andy & Rachel got home over the weekend.

Monday, March 6, 2000. Nice day, 69°. I did laundry. CNA here gave Pete a bath. Jo still not feeling good. Hope she can get some help and can feel better. Jo taught until noon.

Tuesday, March 7, 2000. Nice summer day, 78°, broke records. Ron called. Jo went to school. I washed a sweater. Went to church, got pie pans for crusts for MCC [relief] sale. Made 2 crusts. Talked to Jo. She feels little better. Was in school all day.

Wednesday, March 8, 2000. Partly cloudy, broke record again, 77°. Tornado watch out late p.m., lifted at 6:00. CNA here, bathed Pete. I made rhubarb crisp. Had pork chops fixed with potatoes & onions. Made 2 more pie crusts for Shoo-Fly pies. Marge W[eaver] here in evening.

Thursday, March 9, 2000. Mostly cloudy, turned much cooler in night, 40s. I did load of laundry. Baked a quick coffeecake. Had hair appointment at 1:00. Ron called. He helped Jon all day. Jo's dizziness seems some better.

Friday, March 10, 2000. 40°, cloudy, light mist in morning. I did some weekly cleaning. Went to grocery [store]. Rested in p.m. Pete seems weaker last day or two. Had trouble getting him from wheelchair to his chair. Talked to nurse. Jo coming in to help put Pete to bed. Ron at meeting.

Saturday, March 11, 2000. Snow flurries in a.m., fair p.m., colder. Ron came in at 8:00. Helped get Pete dressed. I got lunch. Pete ate quite well. Ron talked to nurse. Decided we should take Pete to ER. Jo & Cindy came at noon. Took Pete to ER. They did blood work, CAT scan, chest x-ray and heart monitor. Admitted him to Room 146. Sorry he had to stay. Has urinary tract infection, is on antibiotics. Steve stopped on way home from Elkhart. Glad he did.

Sunday, March 12, 2000. Fair, 50s, cloudy in evening. I didn't go to church. Rested. Ron went in to see Pete before church. Pete didn't sleep well. Our small group met at MRC building. I ate with them, then went to see Pete. Still on IVs & antibiotics. Marie Heiser & Lucy C[atherine] there awhile. Barry Weavers & Cindy & girls there after church. Called Georgia. Dave [yoder] starts chemo Wednesday. Evelyn [Bearly] called. They had good time with Allens. Paul called. He got back from San Diego California. Allens called Rons. They were in New Mexico.

Monday, March 13, 2000. Fair, 40s. I went to hospital at 8:00. Wanted to see the Dr. but he had gone. Ron came soon. He called the doctor. They plan to move him up to 4th floor tomorrow. Pete quite confused this morning but got better as morning went on. Helen P[atton] came, brought flowers. Also had vase with carnations from [Hospital] Administration. Marge Weaver came. She & I had lunch at Atrium. Ron with Pete. I came home several hours in p.m. Did some laundry. Ron left about 4:00. I came home at 6. Hope Pete can sleep. Allen called in evening. They were at Pratt Kansas. Will get home tomorrow.

Tuesday, March 14, 2000. 55°, fair in morning, cloudy and shower in evening. I went to hospital at 8:30 – 9:00. Pete not as confused as yesterday. They moved him to Transitional floor. I came home at 4:00. Pete was tired after the morning therapist saw him, walked him short distance. Ron there in morning, also awhile in p.m. Vera *Willin* (sp?) stopped to see me. Pauls called asking about Pete. Don Nester in. He is finished with his therapy & feels good.

Wednesday, March 15, 2000. 78°. Had rain in evening. I went to bank. Did few things here before going to hospital about 10:30. Ron came about 12:00. We had lunch together. Pete slept pretty well last night. Had a little confusion early morning. Therapist was in several times. He walked some each time. Marge Weaver here awhile in evening. Marie H[eiser] & Lucy C[atherine] in to see Pete. Earl & Ann K[aufman] in to see Pete. Attorney Turner met with us at 2:30. Ron has power of attorney in all business aspects, also in health decisions.

Thursday, March 16, 2000. Fair, 45°. I did some things here. Went to get my hair done, then to see Pete [at] 2:15. He seems some better, little stronger and I didn't notice any confusion [for] which I'm grateful. Ron came about 4:30. He helped set up for the MCC [relief] sale tomorrow.

Friday, March 17, 2000. Fair, 40°. I went to church, helped package pies, etc. for MCC [relief] sale at Interstate Center. They made 84 Shoo-Fly pies. Everyone missed Pete not helping. I went to see him in p.m. Seems a little stronger. Thought he felt pretty good. Julie took me to MCC sale. We had chicken & fish dinners, was good. I got some sausage & cheese. Got home at 9:00. Rons & Jon worked there all day.

Saturday, March 18, 2000. Cloudy, 44°, had a shower in morning. I went to see Pete. He didn't feel quite as good. His catheter didn't drain. Was very uncomfortable for awhile. I went to Kohl's looking for pillows. Didn't buy [any]. Allen called. They are okay. Said Bill [Bearly]s gave them lemons & grapefruit. Rons at sale all day. Got home 6:30.

Sunday, March 19, 2000. Cloudy, rainy day. Rained came nice, also in ground. I went to church. Rons and I took Pete to cafeteria for dinner. Think he enjoyed it. Roy Dively came to see Pete. We left at 2:00 as had MRC meeting for the residents. Got home at 3:00. Red paper. Got birthday cards ready to send to Steve and Pat. Pauls called. Andys and Ben were there for weekend.

Monday, March 20, 2000. Cloudy, had shower last night, 40s. I did a little laundry and paid bills. Went to see Pete in PM. He is feeling better and stronger. Paul M[iller] & Russ Oyer to see Pete. Tim Schrag came too. We plan to move Pete to McLean County Nursing Home tomorrow morning. Hope he can continue to improve.

Tuesday, March 21, 2000. 50°, cloudy. I got Pete's clothes ready to move. Ron & I to hospital about 10:30. Took Pete to McLean County Nursing Home. He seems satisfied to go. Wish he was able to come home. Got him admitted and paperwork done & there's lots of it. Ron & I went to Chinese Buffet. He went on home. I stayed awhile. Steve there in p.m., brought Pete some cupcakes he had made. Jeff & Pat called. They plan to come next Monday. Allen called too.

Wednesday, March 22, 2000. Some sunshine, in 50s. I quilted in morning. Auxiliary had spring luncheon at 12:00. Jeanette [Colter], Marie [Heiser] & I went to see Pete. He's about same. Therapists are working with him. Marge W[eaver] here awhile.

Thursday, March 23, 2000. Nice day, 66°. I didn't feel good early morning. Was shaky. Took some (unclear) and (unclear). I made shoofly pie. Fried scrapple, took Pete some for his dinner. I had hair done and Pete had haircut. Went to grocery store & pharmacy.

Friday, March 24, 2000. 71°, beautiful day, little breezy. Ron here, figured income tax. He went to Phil Harland [in] Chenoa. He has been doing our taxes. I did some cleaning. Put an apple pie

in freezer. Went to see Pete awhile in p.m. Tim S[chrag] there this AM. Helen Basting in PM. Pete seems some stronger. Therapists are working with him.

Saturday, March 25, 2000. Fair, nice day, 60s. I made coffee cake braid & did some cleaning. Washed some bedding. Went to see Pete awhile. Didn't stay long as I was tired. Ron to meeting in Chicago.

Sunday, March 26, 2000. Nice day, 71°, breezy. I went to church. Home for lunch. Went to see Pete. He was feeling pretty good, slept well. I didn't stay. Tired, didn't sleep well last night. Made chicken casserole for when Jeffs are here. Ron & Jo to Bluffton [to] see Jo's family. Paul called. Ray & Carol are visiting Pauls.

Monday, March 27, 2000. Partly cloudy, windy, 58°. I made chili and baked peanut bars. Did some laundry. Went to Dr. Wera at 1:45. No changes in medicine. Pro time okay. Jeffs got to Steves about 3:00. I went to see Pete. Marge W[eaver] & girls were there. Jeffs went to see Pete, then came here awhile. They are staying at Steves.

Tuesday, March 28, 2000. Mostly cloudy, colder & windy. I got things ready for lunch. Jeffs here, had chili, Jell-O salad, cheese & relishes & cookies & bars. Jeffs back to Steves so all could take a nap. I went to see Pete. He's about same. Jeffs back for dinner. Had chicken casserole, peas, cranberries, rolls, apple pie. Jeff and Pat had small piece of shoo-fly pie. Their first shoofly. They went back to Steves at 8:00. Nice having them. Ron called at 6:00. They got back from Bluffton. Rosalee still no response. Glad Rons are back. Paul Miller & Russ Oyer to see Pete.

Wednesday, March 29, 2000. Fair, nice day, 58°. 28° in morning. Jeff stopped here to say goodbye on their way home. They stopped to see Pete. Was 10:00 when they left here. Was good to have them. I cleaned some silverware, washed windows on porch. Went to see Pete. Linda, O[ccupational] therapist, worked with him. Tim Schrag visited with Pete & I awhile. Elmer Alsene passed away yesterday. So sorry to hear it. Pat called. They arrived home around 6 o'clock. Had good trip.

Thursday, March 30, 2000. 33° – 58°, fair, nice day. I washed woodwork in kitchen in morning. Jo here awhile. We looked for more information for our income tax. I went to see Pete. He's about same. Ron there awhile. Edith & Rachel Zehr there too. I went to pharmacy. Jo was to see Pete also.

Friday, March 31, 2000. Clear, 64°, lovely day. I went to nursing home at 11:00. Ron, Jo & Steve there too. Met with attorney Turner. We had to sign papers for Ron to have power of attorney for our business. We need to make some decisions about staying at nursing home as will have to start paying. Medicare runs out. Rons & I went to Chinese place for lunch. I went back to see Pete. Came home at 1:30. I went to visitation for Elmer Alsene. Allen called. They were going to Jeffs tomorrow. Shirley is having more tests next week. Allen is thinking of coming out again.

Saturday, April 1, 2000. Cloudy, 58°. I went to Elmer Alsene funeral. Had lunch at Arby's with Jeanette [Colter] & Mary J[antze]. Went to see Pete. He's about same. We talked some about what to do. Therapy thinks they have gone as far as they can. Hasn't improved enough to bring him home without extra help. Hard decisions. I uncovered roses. They have green leaves.

Sunday, April 2, 2000. Had a shower last night, cloudy. I went to church. Came home for lunch. Went to see Pete. He seemed pretty good. I came home at 4:00. Ron there later. He preached at Hopedale this morning. Pauls called. They enjoyed Rays visit last week.

Monday, April 3, 2000. 58°, cloudy in morning, Hartley cloudy in p.m. I did load of laundry. Went to see Pete in p.m. Steve there awhile. Ron came at 3:00. I talked to Linda Curran the therapist. They think he is about as far as they can go with him strength wise. I went with Mary Ann Watkins & Katie to see Pete. Katie is making a book about her grandparents.

Tuesday, April 4, 2000. Fair, breezy, colder, 48 – 50°. I did usual work. Went to Nursing Home. Pete about same. Last day the therapists work with Pete. Ron was helping Jon again today. Is to be cold tonight so I put cones over the roses again.

Wednesday, April 5, 2000. Warmer, 70°, very windy. I quilted at hospital in morning. Went to see Pete. Linda helped him walk in the hall. Marge W[eaver] here during Jr. choir. They had good trip to Arizona. Her folks are on way back to North Dakota. Ron helped Jon again.

Thursday, April 6, 2000. Partly cloudy, 62°. I baked a coffeecake. Ron here, got our CDs totaled up. I went to Nursing Home. Had hair done & visited with Pete. Went to store. Got a card for Matthew's birthday tomorrow.

Friday, April 7, 2000. Cloudy, rainy day, 50°. Glad for the rain. I did usual work. Watered plants, etc. Went to see Pete PM. He was feeling pretty good. I came home at 3:30, wasn't feeling very good. BP up, 150/100. Talked to Mary Ann, Dr. Wera's nurse. Felt some better in evening. Ron called. Wants to go to Clinton tomorrow [to] look at car. Steves to Allens. Georgia [Yoder] called to tell us Arthur broke his ankle 2 weeks ago and Tuesday he had a stroke. His left leg & arm are paralyzed. He's in hospital in Independence Regional Hospital. So sorry to hear it. Dave [Yoder] plans to go see him. He's having treatment for cancer.

Saturday, April 8, 2000. Chilly, 40s, also had little snow. Ron and I went to Baums. Looked at car. We drove 2000 Century home for weekend. They had a '99 Century with low mileage but Ron thought [it] best to get new one. I went to see Pete. Ron stopped to tell him about the *plans* (sp?) etc. We want to take him out to eat tomorrow. Wen-lang Lin called from Florida tonight. He plans to come June 9. Good to hear from him.

Sunday, April 9, 2000. Fair, 61°. I went to church. Ron and I took Pete to Stockade for dinner. Pete ate a good dinner. Jo went to small group. Ron went after we got back. Pete enjoyed it. He

was tired. Pauls called. He just got home from Washington DC. Had a meeting there since Thursday.

Monday, April 10, 2000. Cloudy, rather windy. I washed sheets. Ron came at 9:00. Went to bank. Cashed in 3 CDs. Went to Clinton, Baums. Bought a new Buick Century, dark maroon. Kinda hated to trade but boys thought we should. So went to see Pete awhile. Mary Ann Watkins & Katie took me out to [Nursing] Home. Katie interviewed us again for her book.

Tuesday, April 11, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 39°. I went to Aldis grocery. Tim Schrag here at 1:15. Appreciate his visit. I went to see Pete. He's about as usual, had a long nap. Jo & I went to store [to] look at some Lazy-Boy chairs. Found one [I] like real well. Ron had client.

Wednesday, April 12, 2000. Fair, 50s, nice day. I quilted at hospital. Had BP taken at Dr. Wera's office. Still somewhat high. Nurse talked to Dr. but no change in medicine. Went to see Pete and had a permanent. Pete was resting. Marge W[eaver] here while choir practice. Mara came too for few minutes.

Thursday, April 13, 2000. Clear, very nice day, 65°. I went to HEA with Jeanette. Ron & I went to bank. Took out CD (\$5000) for 12 months. Went to see Pete. He is doing fairly well. I went to MRC birthday party. Walked with Vera & Art Willan. Marty at Rons on his way to Ohio.

Friday, April 14, 2000. Very nice day, 74°. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Fed and watered the roses. They look good. Did some cleaning. Went to Pete. Got some chicken at store so put 6 packages in freezer. Ron stopped to see Pete. Ron getting ready for pig sale tomorrow. Mike Emerick coming out. Called Georgia [Yoder]. Arthur still can't use his arm or leg. David [Yoder] isn't doing well. Treatments making [him] sick. Was in hospital several days.

Saturday, April 15, 2000. Beautiful day, 77°. I went with Marie Heiser to Heritage meeting at Metamora. Jeanette [Colter] & Helen P[atton] along also. Robert *Hreitu* (sp?) was speaker. Got home after 3:00. Went to see Pete. He's doing alright, walked in hall. Allen called. They plan to come tomorrow evening. Rons had their pig sale & a busy day. Mike & Ann Emerick were there. Ann was ill so not a good trip for her.

Sunday, April 16, 2000. 77°. I went to church. Came home for lunch. Went to see Pete. Marie H[eiser] and Lucy C[atherine] came to see Pete. Ron & Jo also visited. They did well with their pig sale. Allens got to Nursing Home at 6:00 p.m. They got [here] about 8:00. Glad to have them.

Monday, April 17, 2000. Allen went to Steves awhile. Ron came at 11:00, helped me with paying bills. He had lunch with us, chili, etc. We went to Nursing Home in p.m. Pete was resting. Allens took Steve & I to restaurant (Shell). Was good. Ron & Jon to Michigan City. They're going fishing tomorrow.

Tuesday, April 18, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 55°. Allens left about 8:00 for home. They stopped to see Pete. I went to BroMenn Auxiliary Volunteer luncheon. Went to see Pete. He has a tooth that bothers him some when he bites on it. Allen called. They got home 6:30. Glad they could come. Wish they could have stayed longer.

Wednesday, April 19, 2000. Cloudy, little sunshine in p.m., 77°. Had shower in evening, 6:30. Tornado watch for southern counties. I quilted in morning, then went to Garfield luncheon. Stopped to see Pete. Ron & Marty stopped to see Pete at about noon. Marty left for Montana. Sorry I didn't see him. Ron & boys had good luck fishing. Marge W[ea]ver here awhile.

Thursday, April 20, 2000. Cloudy, a stormy morning. Tornado watch & warnings during morning & watch until 4 PM. High winds. Tree limbs & wires down, power outings. Ron without electricity during day. Turned cooler in evening. I baked sugar cookies & iced them. Went to see Pete. Julie took me to see Gayle (hairdresser) to her shop on Gridley Street at 5:00. We met Jon at Chinese restaurant. He paid our dinner. I appreciated it.

Friday, April 21, 2000. Cloudy in morning, some sunshine in p.m., chilly wind, 68°. I did some cleaning. Set up to have pacemaker checked at 10:00 but no one called until 11:00. I had put everything away. So the lady will call tomorrow, so we'll see. Went to see Pete in PM. I washed some of Pete's sweaters. Pete is to have x-ray of his tooth that has been hurting him.

Saturday, April 22, 2000. 66°, nice day. I baked angel food cake for tomorrow. Colored some eggs. Fixed [Easter] baskets for Katie, Matthew & Rachel. Had pacemaker checked. Everything checked out okay. Next time June 19. Went to see Pete. He was sleeping most of time.

Sunday, April 23, 2000. Cloudy, some rain in evening. I went to church, good attendance. Choirs sang. Ron took Pete & I to Rons for big dinner. Steves there also. Took Pete back to Home at 5:00 o'clock. Were just serving trays. We enjoyed the day. Georgia called. Arthur about same. She thinks she has shingles. Is to see Dr. tomorrow. Evelyn called they are okay. Paul called. He has 1 more week of classes. Dave has no treatment this Wednesday. Next [round] then starts over again.

Monday, April 24, 2000. Cloudy in morning, some sunshine in p.m., 66°. I did some laundry. Went to Dr. Wera's office for Pro time. Ron stopped after lunch. He sold our corn. I took check to bank. He wrote check for Nursing Home. I took it to Home when went to see Pete. Went to see Pete again in evening. Mary Ann Watkins & Katie took me. Katie is working on book about our lives.

Tuesday, April 25, 2000. Clear, nice day, 66°. I wrote in circle letter. Had early lunch. Made some eggs. Took Pete some. He was feeling pretty good. I went to Merle's Pharmacy [to] get support hose. Didn't get [any]. Don't think I can get them off. They are harder to get off than putting them on. I worked in garage, swept [it] out.

Wednesday, April 26, 2000. A beautiful day, 70°. I quilted in morning. Had car washed. Went to spend some time with Pete. Ron there too awhile. Barry & Marge Weaver here awhile during Jr. choir. They went to see Pete also.

Thursday, April 27, 2000. Partly cloudy, 70°, nice day. I went to Pharmacy in morning. Went out to Rons at 10:00. Helped him plant potatoes, peas, sweet corn, lettuce, radishes, carrots & beats. Ground worked nice. I went to Nursing Home at 12:30. Had hair done. Pete about same.

Friday, April 28, 2000. Fair, 73°, nice day. Did some errands & some cleaning. Bratchers men here to check air conditioner. I went to see Pete. He's about same. Cindy & Jr. choir children to Bluffton to Youth Choir.

Saturday, April 29, 2000. Nice day, 60s. I made pot of vegetable soup and did some cleaning. Went to see Pete. He has bad cold. Sorry he has to have a cold. Was in bed most of day. Allen called. They are okay.

Sunday, April 30, 2000. Fair, 70s, nice day. I went to church. Jo & I had lunch at Golden West. Ron & Steve to Flanagan. Churches in that area are celebrating their many years. Great-Grandfather Christian Ropp helped to start some of their churches. Jo worked at school. I went to see Pete. Pete feeling better. Ron stopped there on his way home. Steve & Rachel came too on their way to Bluffton where he has a meeting. Cindy & Katie & Matthew will be home this evening. Don Nester came to see Pete. I went to Rons, got rhubarb. Put some in freezer. Pauls called. They are okay. Ben was there for weekend.

Monday, May 1, 2000. 64°, cloudy, rainy most of late morning and afternoon. Nice rain, 1/3 inch in places. I made rhubarb crisp & did some laundry. Ron here after lunch. Took Service Company shares to Farm Bureau. Went to Nursing Home. Pete is better but still coughs. Cindy called. She & children didn't go to school. Colds & tired from their trip to Bluffton.

Tuesday, May 2, 2000. Fair, nice day, 72°. I went to grocery store. Made cherry salad for mother – daughter dinner tonight. Went to see Pete. He's better but still has cough. I sprayed the roses. Jo & I to dinner at church. Cindy & girls there also. Phyllis Patton & friend Carol gave program on (girl friends).

Wednesday, May 3, 2000. Partly cloudy, 78°. I quilted in a.m. Went to see Pete. Ron took Pete to Dr. Capodice, dentist. Had tooth pulled. Is on penicillin for infection. I planted geranium & fern in 2 flower pots on the porch. Ron & Jo went to a dinner put on by Unit Five School Board honoring the retired teachers.

Thursday, May 4, 2000. Partly cloudy, 80°. I did some odd jobs in a.m. Washed a sweater. Went to Nursing Home. Pete felt pretty good. Didn't have any pain. Had my hair done.

Friday, May 5, 2000. Partly cloudy, 81°. I did some cleaning. Went to grocery store. Went to see Pete after lunch. He was in bed most of p.m. Seems his legs are weaker. Has more trouble getting

up. Talked to Georgia [Yoder]. Arthur still has cast on his leg. Dave having chemo again this week.

Saturday, May 6, 2000. Partly cloudy, 79°. I did some cleaning. Rested. Didn't sleep well last night. Went to see Pete. He's about same.

Sunday, May 7, 2000. Mostly cloudy. Had light shower in morning. 80s. I went to church. Had child dedication and 2 young people baptized and a couple transferred their membership. I came home for lunch. Went to see Pete. He's about same. Ron left this p.m. He's doing a workshop. Ann Miller here awhile. Allen called. They were at Micks this p.m. Paul called. He's busy getting ready for his trip to China, Seoul [Korea] & Taipei [Taiwan].

Monday, May 8, 2000. Partly cloudy, 80s. I did some laundry. Went to see Pete. Went back in evening [with] Katie & Mary Ann Watkins. Katie working on her book. Pam called. They want to come see us Saturday. Hope to be here by noon. Had tornado watches out in evening. A tornado touched down in Downs Illinois, destroyed one home, damage several others about 11:00 p.m. Didn't sleep very well.

Tuesday, May 9, 2000. Mostly cloudy, some sunshine, 76°. Had good shower in p.m., had over ½ inch yesterday. I rested this morning. Went to see Pete. Baked cookies when got home. Ron got home this p.m.

Wednesday, May 10, 2000. Partly cloudy, 78°. I quilted in morning. Came home at 11:00. Ron here, helped with Nursing Home bill. We cashed in a CD. I went to see Pete after lunch. He's about same. I made chili after came home. Paul left today for Seoul Korea & China & Taiwan. Hope he has a good trip.

Thursday, May 11, 2000. Fair, very windy, 82°. I took Jeanette to HEA. Were home at noon. I went to Nursing Home, had hair done. Pete feeling pretty good. Went to grocery store.

Friday, May 12, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 86°. I woke up shaking and some temp, 100°. Took Tylenol & back to bed. Called Ron after 8:00. He came in around 10:00. He's working on papers for Pete's Medicare. He called Dr. Dennis office, got an appointment for 4:00. Ron took me. Have urinary tract infection. Am taking antibiotic. The weather stormy p.m., under tornado & thunderstorm warning most of p.m.

Saturday, May 13, 2000. Partly cloudy, cool, 68° – 70°. I did little cleaning. Mick, Pam & Ashley got here 11:45. Glad to see them. Had lunch for them (chili). We went to see Pete. Micks went to Steves awhile. I rested. Feel better than yesterday. Ashley stayed with Katie. Rons & Steves were busy. Micks & I went to Chinese Buffet, good food. Rons stopped awhile on their way home. Allen called in morning. We got nice bouquet from Paul & Marjorie.

Sunday, May 14, 2000. Nice day. Micks, Steves, Rons and I had breakfast at Denny's. Micks left from there to go home. Short visit but glad they came. Rest of us went to church. We took Pete

to Rons for dinner. Ron cooked dinner. Jon & Julie helped some. Nice Mother's Day but wish Pete could be home. Seems his legs are weaker. Got an Azalea plant from Allen. They had Micks get it. Rons gave plants to put by the porch.

Monday, May 15, 2000. Fair, 70°. I did some laundry. Ron brought some dirt to put on the flower beds. Went to see Pete. I went to Kmart. Got plants but didn't get them set out. I wasn't feeling good, nauseated. Think antibiotic is the cause. Called Marjorie, thanked her for the bouquet of flowers. Paul called her Sunday. He was going to China. He's been in Seoul Korea.

Tuesday, May 16, 2000. Cloudy in a.m., fair p.m., 76°. I went to Pharmacy, had 3 refills, nearly \$100. I was nauseated all day. Miserable. Talked to nurse. Dr. is ordering a different antibiotic. We'll get it in morning. Have no appetite. I set my flowers out in PM. Didn't go very well. Ann Miller here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, May 17, 2000. Cloudy, had several showers, 70° plus. I feel some better. Ron here, went to pharmacy, got Cipro, antibiotic. Cost \$45 for 14 pills. Steve here awhile. He had been to see Pete. Ron stopped also to see Pete. I did little hand work. Was a long day. Steve here short time.

Thursday, May 18, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 70s, dangerous condition throughout Midwest. Had tornado watch & warnings most of evening. Had some hail & hard rain around 6:30 p.m. I went to see Pete. Hadn't been there since Sunday. Had hair done. Jeanette took Ruth M[arquis] & me to Jo's reception at 4:00. Had quite a lot of people. Was very nice. Their small group were taking Jo out to dinner. Tornado warning lifted around 8:00 p.m. Watches on until 11:00 p.m. A stormy evening again.

Friday, May 19, 2000. Cloudy, chilly, 56°. I did some cleaning. Ron here few minutes. Took some papers to Pete to have his name signed. I went to see him in p.m. I rested some. Went to Dr. Wera's office, Pro-time taken. Skipped taking Coumadin at noon. I went to grocery [store].

Saturday, May 20, 2000. Partly cloudy, little warmer. I did usual work. Rested awhile. Went to see Pete. He's about same. Allen called. They too had storm & some hail Thursday. Evelyn [Bearly] called. They are alright. My roses are blooming. Took some to Pete. Jo called. She had vertigo again. Ron helping Jon roofing a house in LeRoy.

Sunday, May 21, 2000. Fair in morning, then cloudy. I went to church, had lunch, sandwiches & finger food. Had Congregational meeting. Ron & I stayed for meeting. Jo to school. We went to see Pete after meeting. He didn't sleep well last night so was tired. Jo came to see Pete. Marjorie called. She is looking forward to Paul getting home. She is planning to meet him in Boston Wednesday. Then Thursday they drive to Albany New York to Andy's graduation from med school.

Monday, May 22, 2000. Nice day, 80° – 81°. Ron stopped by on his way to LeRoy. He's helping Jon roofing a house. He helped me with some bills that need to be paid. I did some laundry & some cleaning in bedroom. Didn't go very well. I was tired for some reason. Went to see Pete. They moved him to 358. Long way to walk. Don't know why they moved him. I went back in evening with Katie [Ropp] & Mary Ann [Watkins].

Tuesday, May 23, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 80° plus. I had protime taken at 10:00. Was okay this time. Go back in a week. I went to see Pete. He likes his room as it's lighter than the other one. His roommate is Allen Brock. Pleasant people. I went to pharmacy. I don't feel very good again, am nauseated again. I have one more antibiotic to take and I'm glad. Think that's my problem.

Wednesday, May 24, 2000. Fair, nice day, 80s. I quilted in a.m. Went to see Pete. Seems the same. Paul was to get home today. My roses are beautiful. They are loaded with blooms. Wish we could be at Andy's graduation tomorrow. Will send card & check. Paul called at 9:30 p.m. They had gotten home. Said had a good flight but was very tired. Georgia called. She is still bothered with shingles. Arthur has been home 2 weeks. Cathy takes him to therapy. Dave is still having some treatments. Goes to work a few hours.

Thursday, May 25, 2000. Nice day, 78°. I made meatloaf for dinner. Went to Nursing Home. I had hair done. Pete had haircut. I went to Rons, got some rhubarb, hoed the onions, brought few radishes home. Pauls went to Albany this morning. Andy's graduation from medical school. Wish we could have been there.

Friday, May 26, 2000. Cloudy, 63°. Had light shower in p.m., steady rain in evening. Came nice, soaked in ground. I did usual work. Fed & watered the roses. Cleaned the vaporizer and put it away. Ron here few minutes in morning. Had paper to sign. Went to see Pete in PM. Russell Oyer brought me pint of strawberries he picked yesterday. Had more rain in night.

Saturday, May 27, 2000. Cloudy, 69° – 70° plus. I made rhubarb crisp & finished some cleaning. Went to Nursing Home while in PM. Went to grocery store. Allen called. Micks & Jeffs are going to Allens Monday. The girls schools are out.

Sunday, May 28, 2000. Cloudy, chilly, 50s, light mist at times. I went to church. Rons & I took Pete to CJ's for dinner. We went to cemeteries and also to Ropp Cemetery. Drove past Rons. Stopped to see the garden. Pete enjoyed it all but was tired. I listened to PBC. Good programs.

Monday, May 29, 2000. Partly cloudy, 70°. I did some laundry & worked some in garage. Went to see Pete after lunch. Rested some. Am tired for some reason. Ron is helping Jon shingling a house. Beulah Roth called, wanted me to come over so I went awhile. Deb called. Talked long time. Good to hear from them. She has been teaching quite a lot. Brittany is a lifeguard now. They plan to come this summer.

Tuesday, May 30, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 81°. I went to pharmacy & to Dr. Wera's office. Had Pro-time done, was okay. Went to see Pete. He was about same. Ron came at 3:00. Helped with writing some checks etc. I went to Rons, got lettuce, spinach & radishes.

Wednesday, May 31, 2000. Partly cloudy, 82°. I quilted in morning. Went to see Pete. He wasn't feeling good last evening. As he was going to bed his leg gave way and the man [who] was helping him tried to keep him from falling and squashed his chest. Was having pain there. Ron and I went to see [attorney] Turner. I had to sign my will. Had several other stops to make.

Thursday, June 1, 2000. Partly cloudy, hot, 89° – 90° and humid. I went to card shop. Nursing Home called. Said Dr. Dennis ordered chest x-ray [for Pete]. Julie called Jon. We took Pete to BroMenn at 2:00. He was exhausted when we got back. Ron & Jo went to Pennsylvania for wedding. Ron called at 6:00. They were in Lima Ohio at Ramona's, staying all night there. They saw Rosalee. They go to Pennsylvania tomorrow.

Friday, June 2, 2000. Fair, cooler, 70° plus. I did usual work. Didn't feel very good, took nitro. Went to see Pete. He was feeling a little better. X-ray showed no fractures but trauma. Cindy called, left their telephone number. Church retreat is tomorrow at [Camp] Menno Haven. Ron called. They are at Altoona Pennsylvania for wedding tomorrow.

Saturday, June 3, 2000. Clear, nice day, 70°. I did usual work. Didn't have much pep. Went to see Pete. He wasn't feeling as good as yesterday. More pain. I went to grocery [store], needed milk.

Sunday, June 4, 2000. Cloudy, 60s, had shower in p.m., again 5:00 p.m. No church as they went to [Camp] Menno Haven Retreat. Didn't sleep well last night so got up late. Went to see Pete. Think he felt little better but still has pain. Allen called. They were at Micks yesterday. Worked in their garden. Pauls called. Marjorie's mother Minda is home again. She is improving.

Monday, June 5, 2000. Cloudy in morning, fair p.m., 63°. I did some laundry. Washed some jackets. Went to see Pete. Ron & Jo got there at 2:00 PM. Glad they are back. Had good trip. Marge & Mara [Weaver] here in evening. They stopped to see Pete.

Tuesday, June 6, 2000. Beautiful day, 45° – 73°. I did usual work. Took care of roses. Ron here at 1:00, looked over mail. I went to see Pete. He was lying down, said his chest was hurting. Ina Sutter here in evening.

Wednesday, June 7, 2000. Another nice day, 78°. I quilted at BroMenn. Stopped at Dr. Wera's office after lunch. My B[lood] P[ressure] up and had hemorrhage in right eye, think on account of high BP. Dr. ordered CAT scan of my head & blood work. All seems to be okay. Have some headache. Dr. ordered (unclear). Got home after 3:00 o'clock. Didn't go see Pete. Ron had been there & went again this evening. Ron here, put some papers in safe. Wen-lang Lin called. They are coming Friday.

Thursday, June 8, 2000. Clear, 88° and more humid. I rested most of morning. Went to see Pete and had my hair done. Jo worked at school. Ron helped her, brought her things home. I didn't feel too good. Feel nauseated at times. The MRC birthday party was this evening but I didn't feel very good. Vera [Willin] brought me some dessert.

Friday, June 9, 2000. Fair, breezy, warmer, 88° – 89°. I did usual work. Wen Lang & Cathy Lin got here after lunch. Good to see them. They brought bouquet of flowers. We went to see Pete. He was in bed but got up to visit with Wen Lang. They left at 3:15 to go to ISU. He was meeting his instructor to look over ISU to see the changes that took place since he graduated. Steve & Matthew here few minutes. There are going to Carolina for family vacation. Bill Ramseyer has cancer of prostate. Sorry to hear it.

Saturday, June 10, 2000. Partly cloudy, 80s, windy day. I went to garden. Got lettuce, spinach, radishes & some onions. Garden looks nice. Peas & beans are blooming. Went to see Pete. He was tired. Allen called in evening. They are okay. I put container of spinach in freezer.

Sunday, June 11, 2000. Cloudy, showered off and on most of day, near 80°. I went to church. Rons & I went to Elms in El Paso to Woizeski Reunion. Good to see them. Vernon [Woizeski] from South Dakota there. 23 in all. Ron spent some time with another group (Chester White pigs). I called Georgia. Arthur is still taking therapy 3 times a week. Puts a little weight on his ankle. Dave is off chemo for 2 weeks but goes on again for 2 weeks. Shingles still bother Georgia. Evelyn called. They are okay. Pauls called. They were in Maine looking for place to have their reunion next year.

Monday, June 12, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 83°, humid. I did some laundry. Ron here before noon. I went to Nursing Home. Pete about same. Rather quiet day. Had rain in night.

Tuesday, June 13, 2000. Mostly cloudy, humid, in 80s. I did usual work. Went to see Pete in PM. Went back at 5:00. The Home had celebration for Father's Day. The barbershoppers sang. Enjoyed them. Also had pie & punch. Ron came too. Steve called. They are having nice time. Our neighbors Art & Vera Willan washed some of my windows. The birds had messed the windows. Arthur has a mop he used. I appreciate it. Had storm warnings out most of p.m. until 8:00. Thankful we didn't have storms.

Wednesday, June 14, 2000. Mostly cloudy in a.m., partly cloudy in p.m., 76°. Had a good shower about noon. I quilted in morning. Went to see Pete. Went to grocery [store] & rested some. Didn't sleep much last night.

Thursday, June 15, 2000. Partly cloudy, 83°. I made deviled eggs to take to Sr. dinner at church. Went to see Pete. Said he felt pretty good. I went to Pharmacy, got medicines.

Friday, June 16, 2000. Cloudy, cooler in p.m. I ran the sweeper. Ron here few minutes at noon. I went to see Pete. He was about same. I went to Eastland, got hose, etc. Allen called in morning

[to say] that he was coming this evening. Allen arrived at 8:15. Glad to see him. Shirley busy with Real Estate.

Saturday, June 17, 2000. Mostly cloudy, cooler. Allen to see Pete. Had a visit with him. I baked brownies for tomorrow. Finished some cleaning. We had chili for lunch. Went to see Pete. He seemed to feel quite well. Allen watered the roses for me. He took me to new Steak 'n Shake for supper. Rons to Louise Crumpler for dinner tonight. I was invited too. Steves got home from their vacation at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 18, 2000. Dutiful day, cool. We went to church. Allen & I took Pete to Rons for dinner. Steves were there too. I took brownies. Had nice day. We took Pete back to Nursing Home at 4:50. He enjoyed the day. Allen & I went to Steves for popcorn & snacks. Pauls called to Rons. Talked to all of us. Deb called at 9:00 p.m.

Monday, June 19, 2000. Nice day, in 70s. Allens left at 9:30. He stopped to see Pete & stopped at Rons. I did some laundry. It was good to have Allen. I miss him. I wrote in circle letter. Went to see Pete awhile in p.m. He seemed tired. Allen called, he got home about 5:00.

Tuesday, June 20, 2000. Cloudy, 77°. Rained most of day. Were under tornado watches & warnings in evening. Ron here few minutes. Wrote check for medications. I went to see Pete in PM. A stormy evening and heavy rain. There was tornado in southern part of state.

Wednesday, June 21, 2000. Nice day, low humidity and cooler. I went to St. Joe hospital to have pacemaker checked by the company who makes them. Everything okay. Went to Nursing Home & grocery [store] for milk. Pete was taking a nap. I didn't feel good in evening, pulse slow & weak. Jo called. She's housecleaning. Elmer Sieg is at BroMenn. He isn't very good, has been at Nursing Home for awhile.

Thursday, June 22, 2000. Beautiful day, 82° – 85°. Ron called. They left at 8:00 for conference at Goshen Indiana. I watered plants. Went to garden, got lettuce, spinach. Picked sugar peas that were too hard for stir frying. Washed vegetables & put them away. Went to see Pete. He's about as usual. Elmer Sieg passed away early a.m.

Friday, June 23, 2000. Partly cloudy, quite warm & humid. I went to see Dr. Randolph. My eyes are doing quite well & I'm thankful for that. Made several stops. Went to Nursing Home. Sprayed the roses. Ron called in morning to see if we were doing okay. We had severe thunderstorm about 6 PM. Spotters think a tornado touched down in downtown Normal. Could hear the sirens very plain.

Saturday, June 24, 2000. Cloudy, had several showers, 78°. I did usual work. Didn't feel good in morning. Had chest pain. Took nitroglycerin twice. Went to see Pete. He didn't seem to feel as good as usual. Rons got home 4:30. Glad they are back.

Sunday, June 25, 2000. Clear. I went to church. Ron brought Pete home for dinner. Rons here too. Had spaghetti. Pete enjoyed it. Wish he could get stronger so he could be home. Allen called. They have had more rain. Had communion at church this morning. Paul called. They were in Albany for weekend.

Monday, June 26, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 78°. I washed a load. Ron took me to Elmer Sieg's funeral at 11:00 at Lutheran Church. Went to see Pete. Took his glasses to Gailey's. The lense came out of frame. I went to meeting at church. Meeting was about changing the name Mennonite for the College [of] Nursing. Quite [a] lot of discussion. Ron there too.

Tuesday, June 27, 2000. Partly cloudy, 70s. I had protime taken at Dr.'s office. Went to see Pete. He felt better today. I went to Rons at 5:00. Helped Jo can beans. They had 5 gallon bucket they picked last night. Jo went to Springfield about her retirement at 3:00. I got home [at] 8:30.

Wednesday, June 28, 2000. Partly cloudy, 74°. I quilted in morning. We finished the quilt for [Auxiliary] Bazaar next fall. Went to see Pete. Talked to Jo. I offered to help her but said she was doing okay. They have small group this evening.

Thursday, June 29, 2000. Beautiful day, 77°. I took my drivers test. Got along okay. Glad it's done. Went to see Pete. He walked from bathroom to his chair. Hadn't done that for some time. I went to Rons, got lettuce & onions. Helped Ron pick green beans, 2 buckets. Jo in town. I waited for her as she had baking to do. She has NorthpPoint staff for breakfast tomorrow morning. I gave Willans some lettuce.

Friday, June 30, 2000. Mostly fair, nice day. I run the sweeper, etc. Went to see Pete, then to Rons. Helped Jo with canning beans, 7 quarts. Brought some home, gave neighbors.

Saturday, July 1, 2000. Another nice day. I baked cookies. Did some cleaning. Went to Nursing Home. Pete has ear drops in his ears. Has both ears plugged and can't hear so hard to visit with him. He was tired. Wanted to go to bed. I watered roses & flower beds. Visited with Art & Vera Willan. They enjoyed the green beans. He cut the sprouts away from the tree in our yard. Allen called. They are okay.

Sunday, July 2, 2000. Partly cloudy, quite warm. I went to church. Came home for lunch. Went to see Pete. His ear is bothering him. Didn't seem quite as well as usual. Ron & Jo came too. They had lunch with Don Nester. I called Georgia [Yoder]. Arthur seems to be some stronger. Dave [Yoder] called. He is starting treatment again. I talked to Renée. Was good to talk to her. She is busy. Pauls called. They have exchange student staying with them awhile.

Monday, July 3, 2000. Clouds and sunshine, near 90°, humid. Chet Roth fell at home in morning. Rescue squad took him to BroMenn. Had a stroke on left side. I did some laundry. Went to see Pete. His ear about same. His eyes were bothering him too. Nurse was going to call Dr. I talked to Beulah [Roth]. Chet's left side is paralyzed.

Tuesday, July 4, 2000. Hazy and humid. I baked brownies. Went to Rons in p.m. Wrapped table service for community picnic Thursday evening. We took picnic supper to Nursing Home for Pete. When we got there he wasn't feeling good and wanted to go to bed and didn't want to watch the fireworks. So we ate our picnic supper without him. It started to rain about 8:00.

Wednesday, July 5, 2000. Mostly cloudy, humid, 84°. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. I cleaned broccoli to make salad for neighborhood picnic tomorrow night. Went to see Pete. Think he felt some better than last evening. Took green beans to Beulah [Roth].

Thursday, July 6, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 87°, humid. I made salad. Went to see Pete short time. Ron came at 3:00. We went home. Got Pete. We went to Rons for neighborhood picnic. Looked rainy at times but we escaped the rain. 110+ there. Julie took Pete home. I came with Jeanette. Think Pete enjoyed it but was tired.

Friday, July 7, 2000. Fair, nice day. Not as humid, 80s. I didn't have much pep in morning. Felt little better in PM. Did little cleaning. Went to see Pete. He was about same. I fed & watered roses. Chet Roth isn't doing very well.

Saturday, July 8, 2009. Nice day, 84°. I did usual work. Went to see Pete. He was feeling fairly good. I made a salad for dinner at church tomorrow. Allen called. They are okay.

Sunday, July 9, 2009. Partly cloudy to cloudy. I went to church. Had dinner there. Met Jane Roeschley who will be a candidate for part-time associate pastor. I went to see Pete. Ben & Shirley [Krahn] stopped to see him after church. Ron there also. Pauls called. Ben has a job teaching English in a school. Chet Roth passed away this evening. I talked to Beulah.

Monday, July 10, 2000. Had shower in morning, 82°, some sunshine late p.m. Jo & I went shopping for shower and wedding gift for Karen Rupp. Got bathroom rugs & set [of] silverware. Had lunch at Red Lobster. I went to see Pete. He was as usual. I took coffeecake to Beulah [Roth]. Cinda there. There will be a private burial for Chet, a Memorial service later.

Tuesday, July 11, 2000. Had some light showers. Ron here. We took papers to recycle & got gas in car & truck. I went to Birkelbaws. Got peck of apples. Went to see Pete. He had company, Zehr girls, Jon, Leons & (unclear). I did some laundry.

Wednesday, July 12, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 82°, some sunshine in p.m. I quilted in morning. Went to Nursing Home. Came home early. Made 3 apple pies and put in freezer. Cooked some apples for sauce.

Thursday, July 13, 2000. Nice, quite warm, 85°. I baked coffeecake braid in morning. Ron & Jo left this morning for southern Missouri to hog sale. I went to see Pete. He was lying down. I cleaned bottom of refrigerator.

Friday, July 14, 2000. Clear, hot, 80s. I was to have pacemaker checked at 9:15, but they didn't call. Went to Gayle's shop. Had my hair done. Went to see Pete. Julie & I took him outside awhile. I called pacemaker company. They checked the pacemaker right away. All okay. I cooked more applesauce. Got nice note from Renée.

Saturday, July 15, 2000. Nice day, 83°. Did some cleaning. Went to pharmacy and to garden. Got some vegetables and sweet corn. I went to see Pete. He was in bed and ready for a long nap, so didn't visit much. Jo called. They got home from hog show. They sold the boar for \$500. Glad they're home. Allen called. They plan to come the 29th about noon. Micks are coming with them.

Sunday, July 16, 2000. Nice day, less humid, in 80s. I went to church. Rons & I had lunch at Arby's. Then we went to see Pete. His dinner was late. Ron & Jo came about 5:00. Had some mail for Ron to look at. He went to church to practice for program for Bible School which starts tomorrow. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, July 17, 2000. Fair, nice day, 84°. I did some laundry. Went to Eastland, exchanged a bra. Made apple crisp. Took Pete some when I went to see him. I stirred up icebox rolls. Watered plants.

Tuesday, July 18, 2000. Fair, cloudy in p.m. I baked pecan rolls. Went to see Pete. Went to grocery [store] for milk. Ron here 3:30. Looked over several letters. Went to see Beulah [Roth]. She still has trouble with her knee.

Wednesday, July 19, 2000. Dutiful day, 72°. I quilted in morning. Stopped at Kroger's, got chicken. Went to see Pete. We take him to Dr. Seehofer tomorrow about his ear. Has been sore for some time and doesn't heal. I cooked chicken in evening. Ann Miller stopped in awhile. Julie here also. She is going to do some cleaning for me.

Thursday, July 20, 2000. Very nice day. I did usual cleaning & paid bills. Rons & I took Pete to see Dr. Seehofer about his ear. Gave a prescription to put on his ear. Got home at 4:00. I watered the roses, also watered flowers for Beulah.

Friday, July 21, 2000. 76°, a beautiful day. I had hair done at 9:15. Went to Rons. Got Jo. We went to Grady's in Pontiac. I got red & white dress and 2 skirts, all on sale. Went to see Pete. Nurse said Dr. Dennis was there yesterday while we were at Dr. Seehofer. He wants to put Pete on antidepressant and family has to give consent. Talked to Ron. We gave permission to give it.

Saturday, July 22, 2000. Another lovely day, in 70s. I finished weekly cleaning. Went to bank and had car washed. Went to open house for Emma Lovellette, Mary Ann & Brett's little girl. Gave her a book. Had lunch there. Went to see Pete. Took some birthday cake. He enjoyed it.

Sunday, July 23, 2000. Temp in 70s, nice day. I went to church. Ron preached, had good sermon. Came home for lunch. Went to see Pete. He fell in bathroom this morning. Scraped his knee. I came home early, 2:00 as Pete wanted to go to bed & take a nap. Had quiet afternoon. Julie here

in morning. Did some cleaning, cleaned kitchen rug. Talked to Allen. They plan to be here next Saturday noon. Pauls called. They are all coming at different times.

Monday, July 24, 2000. Another nice day, 70s. I went to Dr. Wera, Pro time & saw Dr. Says I'm doing quite well. [Am to] see him in 4 months. I did some laundry. Went to see Pete. Made some chili for weekend. Watered flowers. Ron here, brought me a new telephone. The other one quit.

Tuesday, July 25, 2000. Partly cloudy, 82°, nice day. I cleaned the oven and the burners. Made salad dressing. Went to see Pete. He had a haircut. I came home at 2:00 as Pete wanted to lie down and take a nap. I sent Jeff's anniversary card & check, also a card for Hope.

Wednesday, July 26, 2000. Partly cloudy, 83°. I quilted in morning. Went to see Pete, didn't stay long. He wanted to take a nap and I was tired and needed to rest. Paul was to go to Albany this p.m. Tomorrow he and Ben will start for here. Hope they have a good trip.

Thursday, July 27, 2000. Partly cloudy, 82°. I baked a ham. Went to grocery store, then to Rons. Got lettuce, first tomatoes, corn, onions & a pepper. I went to Nursing Home. Pete went to bed early so I came home at 2:30. Rested awhile. Have been more tired. Ann Miller stopped. Had a birthday card for me. They go to a reunion tomorrow. Marie Heiser gave me a card yesterday.

Friday, July 28, 2000. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 87°. Had rain in evening. I had hair done. Got corn & tomatoes at Brown's market. Got some California peaches. Ron to Morton to get them. Didn't go to see Pete. Waited for Paul & Ben to come. Was 5:30 when they got here. Traffic was bad, lot of construction. Andy called. They are rerouted on account of thunderstorms. They were to get to Bloomington 7:30. Paul & Ben to see Pete after supper. I stayed home in case Andy called. 4-H fair started.

Saturday, July 29, 2000. Mostly cloudy, 70° to 80°. Andys didn't get here until 5:30 p.m. I went to bank & got gas in car. Allens & Micks got here at 11:30. Good to see them. Rons and Steves planning for pizza party at White Oak Park. Allens got Pete. Rons, Allens, Pauls Micks were all there. Allens came here late PM. They went to Steves all night. Andys & Ben to Rons. Pauls here. Pauls & I to Rons for supper. Was a good day.

Sunday, July 30, 2000. Mostly cloudy. Micks left at 9:00 for home. Pauls & we to church. Allens there, also Rons & Andys. Jo stayed at home to get a big meal for everyone. Allens left for home after 2:00. Andys & Ben left at 5:30. Glad they all got to come. Nice weekend. Allens gave me a check. Rons an electric can opener. Marty got to Rons at 9:30.

Monday, July 31, 2000. Partly cloudy, nice day. Put 2 jars peaches in freezer and had some to eat. Pauls & I went to 4-H Fair. Saw Marty. He was helping Adam Denzer in show ring. Also saw Gordon, Carol & Ray. Ron has exhibit of old barns in Farm Bureau tent. I saw some longtime friends. We had lunch there & milkshakes. We took Pete one. Went there about 2 o'clock. Took Pete outside awhile. Nice to be outside. Marj watered plants.

Tuesday, August 1, 2000. Fair, 86°. Pauls left at 9 AM for Berne to see Marjorie's mother. Will be back Thursday. I did some laundry. Finished rest of the peaches. Put 4 more jars in freezer. Went to see Pete. He said he felt pretty good.

Wednesday, August 2, 2000. Partly cloudy, 89° & more humid. I quilted in morning. Went to see Pete. I did some laundry, sheets & towels. Went to Pharmacy for medicine. Marty, Jo & Jon went to see Pete this morning. Marty left for Indiana.

Thursday, August 3, 2000. Partly cloudy, 70s. I went to Gayle, had hair done. Went to see Pete. Pauls got here at 3:00. Stopped to see Pete, then went to Rons. Got beans at Wayne [Mohr]'s, tomatoes & corn at Rons. Pauls put up my new can opener Rons gave me. Watered plants. Gave Willans some tomatoes.

Friday, August 4, 2000. A pleasant day. Marjorie made split pea soup. We went shopping. Pauls got gift for Karen Ropp. They got a camp chair for me to use when I go to see Pete. Ron stopped about 12:30. Brought me a check. Pauls & I went to bank. I took out \$5000 CD. Went to see Pete. We went to show at Normal Theater at 7:00 about *Memphis* (sp?).

Saturday, August 5, 2000. Mostly cloudy, had a shower. We did some cleaning. Marjorie went to grocery store. Went to see Pete. Pauls took Rons & I to Mexican restaurant in evening. Enjoyed it. Rons stayed here awhile. Marjorie made 2 blueberry pies.

Sunday, August 6, 2000. Cloudy, few sprinkles. We all went to church. Marjorie got our dinner. Rons & Jon here too. Rons brought Pete, and think he enjoyed it. He rested after we ate. Jo brought me a dozen beautiful pink roses & Pete a potted plant. Evelyn [Bearly] sent money to Rons to get something for us. Pauls gave us \$50 coupons each in Chinese coupons & Avanti's \$50. Got beautiful cards also. Pauls gave Pete good supply of chocolate candy. We have so much to be thankful for, a loving family. Just wish Pete could be home. Our 68th anniversary.

Monday, August 7, 2000. Fair. Paul & I got Pete at 8:30 a.m. Went to Rons for breakfast or brunch at 9:00. Earl Kaufmans, Paul Millers, Gerlof [Homan]s & Tim Schrag. Jo had pancakes, fruit, juice, blueberries & peach toppings, etc. I baked coffeecake & pecan rolls. Was nice morning. Pete got cards. Marjorie Weaver and children were also there. They brought Pete a plant. We took Pete home about 3:30. Paul got the U-Haul hooked up. We went back to Rons to load U-Haul at 7:00. We had blueberry pie Marj had made when men finished loading. Marjorie left at 7:00. Took shuttle to O'Hare. She called at 6 PM. She got home at 4:00 p.m. Had good trip.

Tuesday, August 8, 2000. 86°, more humid, had shower in forenoon. Paul left at 7:10 for home. Helped to get to Erie Pennsylvania tonight. Sure miss them. It's lonely. I did laundry. Went to see Pete. He was still in bed at 1:30 but they got him up. We had a nice 2 weeks with our family home. Thankful we could celebrate another anniversary & birthdays.

Wednesday, August 9, 2000. 89°, humid. I quilted in morning. Went to see Pete, then to Rons. Got beets to can tomorrow. Terry S[tutzman] Mast is visiting. Saw her in church Sunday. She called late p.m. and wants me to meet her at Pete's room at 7:30. Terry & her 2 girls had a visit for ½ our. Visiting hours close at 8:00. Terry has 2 active girls. Paul called at 10:10. He had just gotten home. Had a good trip, but tired. Adam Denzer took some of Ron's barrows to Springfield. On the way there an end gate came open. Rons hogs fell out. One hurt, had to bring it home. Too bad.

Thursday, August 10, 2000. Fair, 86°, less humid. I canned 3 quarts & 3 pints pickled beets. Went to see Pete. He was lying down. I watered roses & flowers. Ina Sutter here in evening.

Friday, August 11, 2000. Fair, 86°. I did some cleaning. Went to Gayle's, had hair done at 9:30. Went to grocery [store]. Went to see Pete. Julie & I took him outside for awhile. Ron to see Pete this morning. I put 3 pints tomatoes in freezer. Sprayed roses.

Saturday, August 12, 2000. 80s, nice day. Finished some weekly cleaning. Rested some. Rons & I went to Karen Ropp's wedding. She married Robert Sessions. Large wedding. Saw some of my old friends. We went to Palomar for the dinner. Had regular dinner and wedding cake. Many people asked about Pete. Wish he could have been there too. We got home at 7:00.

Sunday, August 13, 2000. Cloudy, fair in p.m. I went to church. Came home for lunch. Went to Nursing Home to see Pete. He seemed as usual. Rons came also. Allen called. They were at Pam's. Got cucumbers, apples, beans and tomatoes. Mick's Garden is producing very well. Evelyn B[early] called. They need rain. Has been hot too. Pauls called. They are rested up from their trip.

Monday, August 14, 2000. 89° – 90°, good breeze. I baked peanut butter cookies. Done some laundry. Went to see Pete. Manny [Oyer] here, worked on the garage door. Went to pharmacy, got medicine. Jo & I to City Hall. Katie and Matthew got Citizenship Awards. Very nice.

Tuesday, August 15, 2000. Fair, 92°, hot. Paid some bills. Met Lucy Catherine at Bob Evans for lunch. Late getting together. She gave me box of Fannie Mae candy. I gave her \$20 gift certificate at Red Lobster. Went to see Pete. He felt pretty good. Marty came home. He & Pete [sic, Ron] took hogs to State Fair.

Wednesday, August 16, 2000. Nice day, 82°. I quilted in morning. Went to see Pete. Nothing new, he was feeling about as usual. I didn't stay long as was tired. Jo called in evening. She plans to go to [State] Fair tomorrow. Ron shows breeding stock tomorrow. Cindy, Matthew & Rachel here few minutes.

Thursday, August 17, 2000. Cloudy and fair, hot in p.m., 89°, humid. I went to BroMenn, had blood work done. Haven't gotten report. Went to Senior luncheon at church. Went to see Pete.

No change. Ron got 1st, 2 3^{rds} at Fair. Had thunderstorm watch & warnings out. Had storm in Springfield. Light shower here.

Friday, August 18, 2000. Partly cloudy, 78°, nice day. I did some cleaning. Had hair done 9:30. Went to see Pete. Took him outside awhile. Did usual work. Vera [Willan] brought me some strawberries.

Saturday, August 19, 2000. Partly cloudy, nice day. I went with Rons & Marty to Cracker Barrel for breakfast. Went to church at 1:00 to Memorial services for Chet Roth. Ron sang with quartet. Nice service. Went to see Pete awhile. At 5:00 went with Jeanette, Marie H[eiser] & Helen [Patton] to church in Stanford to ice cream supper. Zoe & Alma Denny's church. Saw Garnett & Harry Frank & Nadine Reining.

Sunday, August 20, 2000. A lovely day, in 70s. I went to church, home for lunch. Went to Nursing Home. I went to Rons at 4:30. Got some tomatoes. Paul called at noon. They are going camping tonight, taking Christopher along. His first experience in camping. Sounds like fun.

Monday, August 21, 2000. Partly cloudy, 83°, nice day. I did some laundry. Ron here about 2:00. Helped me with some bills. Went to Nursing Home. Got Pete. Jo & I took him to Dr. Seehofer. Ron followed us to help get Pete in chair. Pete's ear still has some sore places. Dr. treated them. He looked at the little cysts on my neck & face. He removed several. I got gas & got medicine at Pharmacy. Deb called. She, Brittany & Allen are coming Wednesday noon. Will be glad to have them. Randy has meeting.

Tuesday, August 22, 2000. Had rain early a.m. Rons had 1 ½ inches. We needed it. I baked coffeecake braid. Went to see Pete. Department of Public health visiting the Home. I went to grocery [store]. Jo left at noon for Ohio. Ron got the sticker for my car & brought me potatoes.

Wednesday, August 23, 2000. Mostly cloudy. Had an electrical storm in evening, hard rain, few hail. Allen, Deb & Brittany got here at noon. I made chicken salad & apple pie. Ron ate with us as his classes were over. We went to see Pete. We took him outside. We ate at Chinese Buffet at 8:00. Waited for storm to pass. Ron & Jo ate with us.

Thursday, August 24, 2000. Fair, 80s. We did some laundry, sheets & towels. Allen & Deb made up the bed & that helps. We went to see Pete at 11:20. Steve was here most of morning. Allen brought me home. They left for home at 12:15. Was glad to have them though time was short. I rested in p.m. I went to MRC birthday party. Tom Larson showed slides of their trip to Africa. I walked over with Art & Vera [Willan].

Friday, August 25, 2000. Fair, 86°, nice day. I did some cleaning. Went to B[eauty] shop at 9:30. Went to Aldis on way home. Went to see Pete in PM. Took him outside awhile. Tim Schrag saw Pete this morning. Tim asked if he would like to take communion. Pete said he would so plans

are to go Monday a.m. I went to see Beulah [Roth]. She's doing pretty good. Jo home from Ohio. Rosalee is no better.

Saturday, August 26, 2000. Mostly cloudy, had shower at noon. I finished weekly cleaning. Went to see Pete. He was about same. I took him some roses again. They are full of buds. Rons helped Julie moved her things to Ron's garage. She sold her trailer & bought a home. Allen called. They had good trip home. Micks were there for supper.

Sunday, August 27, 2000. Cloudy in a.m., fair in p.m. I went to church. We had communion. I had lunch at home. Went to see Pete. He was pretty good. Julie here short time. Got her carpet cleaner that she left in our garage. I called Arthurs. He answered the phone. He's doing fairly well getting around. Pauls called. Ben was there over weekend. He went to a Retreat. He has part-time work at Library.

Monday, August 28, 2000. Had to showers in a.m., 80s, some sunshine in p.m. I did some laundry. Went to see Pete in morning. Tim Schrag came at 11:00. He gave Pete communion. Just the 3 of us. Was meaningful.

Tuesday, August 29, 2000. Partly cloudy, hot and humid, 93°. I did some odd jobs. Went to see Pete. Did some reading. Watered plants. Saw in Pantagraph Chris Imhoff funeral at Washington Illinois. Rons & I plan to go tomorrow to visitation.

Wednesday, August 30, 2000. Hazy and hot, 90° plus. I quilted. We finished the quilt we have worked on for awhile. I went to see Pete. I went to Rons. They & I went to visitation for Chris Imhoff. We met some of his children. We will miss Chris. We got home at 6:15.

Thursday, August 31, 2000. Hot, 93°, some breeze. I did usual work. Did little ironing. Washed some slacks. Went to see Pete. Didn't stay long. I watered the roses in evening.

Friday, September 1, 2000. Fair and hot, 93°. I did some cleaning. Had hair done. Went to Dr. Wera office, had Protime taken. Went to see Pete in PM. Ron saw Pete too. He taught his class at ISU. He's enjoying it. Pauls got a telephone put in for Pete.

Saturday, September 2, 2000. Fair, hot, 90° plus. I did usual work. Went to pharmacy. Ron brought a check for the house. Went to see Pete. He seems the same. Took the Ropp Reunion invitation to Pete. Think Rons & Steve did a good job.

Sunday, September 3, 2000. Partly cloudy to cloudy late p.m. I went to church. We had Installation & Licensing of Jane Roeschley who will be part time pastor at our church. Rons, Pete and I had dinner at Old Country Buffet. We had gift certificate from WJ BC on our 68th anniversary. I came home at 3:30. Allen called. They got home from Ozarks this p.m. Was hot. Pauls called, they are okay. Allen called Pete. Think Pete enjoys the phone although he said he didn't need a telephone.

Monday, September 4, 2000. Cloudy, 70° plus, quite a change from past week. I did some laundry. Went to Nursing Home in p.m. Paul called Pete at noon. Had a quiet Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 5, 2000. 70s, beautiful day. I baked cookies. Gave Rons some, also Art & Vera [Willems]. Went to see Pete. Rons here short time. I went to bank, deposited check Ron gave me.

Wednesday, September 6, 2000. Lovely day, 78°. I quilted in a.m. Went to see Pete. Took him outside for awhile. Cindy, Katie & Matthew here awhile before [Jr. choir] practice. Ann Miller out walking, she stopped awhile. I watered flowers.

Thursday, September 7, 2000. Fair, warmer, 89° – 90°. I had hair done [at] 9:30. Went to Rons, got tomatoes. Jo working on program for Ropp Reunion Saturday. I went to see Pete. He was as usual. Went to see Beulah [Roth].

Friday, September 8, 2000. Nice day, 88°. I did some cleaning. Went to grocery [store]. Got gas in car and went to Dr.'s office for Pro time. Went to Nursing Home. Took Pete outside awhile.

Saturday, September 9, 2000. Partly cloudy, 82°. Rons took Pete and I to Ropp Reunion at the Elms. 40 there. Most for some time. Lot of visiting going on. Rons & Steves are doing a good job keeping things going. We miss Christian Imhoff. Allen called. They had been to Micks, brought vegetables back. Earl Kaufman to see Pete just as we got back from Reunion.

Sunday, September 10, 2000. Cloudy in morning, some sunshine in p.m. I went to church. Came home for lunch, went to see Pete. Don Nester went to see him this p.m. Pauls called. They are okay. Ben is working at Library part-time and at restaurant part-time.

Monday, September 11, 2010. Fair, hot and humid, 90s. I did some laundry. Don't feel good in morning but better as day went. Went to see Pete after lunch. Weatherman predicts rain & thunderstorms tonight. Had rain at midnight, had an inch here. Jo called. She was putting History papers away.

Tuesday, September 12, 2000. Clear, 76°, nice day, less humid. I wrote some checks, etc. Did some ironing. Went to see Pete in PM. Took him outside awhile. Got medicine at pharmacy.

Wednesday, September 13, 2000. I quilted in a.m. Went to see Pete. Irma & Helen Sieg there. Was surprised to see them. Irma has moved, near White Oak Lake, not far from us. I watered flowers & roses.

Thursday, September 14, 2000. Cloudy and partly cloudy, cooler. I went to HEA. Got some apples at Birkelbaws on way home. Mrs. B gave me some doughnuts for Pete & me. Went to see Pete, then to pharmacy. I tripped on a basket that set at end of counter. Cut over my left eye, required 5 stitches. Cut on both wrists & arm. Store called ambulance, brought to BroMenn.

They called Rons. They came in. I can't believe this all happened. Jo stayed with me all night as she was to awaken me every 2 hours.

Friday, September 15, 2000. Clear beautiful cool day. Jo went to dentist at 9:00. Then we went to Gailey's to have my glasses straightened, then to Rons. Was there all day. Kept ice on my face. Dark red eye. Jo brought me home at 8:00. Ron picked her up. Jo & Jon moved to Julie's things to her new home. Ron had class & counseling. I surely appreciate all Rons [do] for us.

Saturday, September 16, 2000. Fair, nice day. I did usual work. Got some dinner. My face on left side more swollen. Jo thought we should see Dr. again, so went to ER at 2:15. They x-rayed my face. Have a fracture just little above left eye. Then they wanted (unclear) of my head. We had long visit. Stopped at Walgreens for antibiotic. Was nearly 9:00 when we got home.

Sunday, September 17, 2000. Beautiful day. I didn't go to church. Ron stopped after church & to see Pete. He has (unclear). Evelyn B[early] called. She & Bill are okay. Pauls called, they are busy. Andy & Rachel are in Maine. Andy has a week off. He was glad for it. Has been real busy. Vera W[illems] brought me 2 pieces of pie. MRC meeting but [I] didn't go. Jo & I went to see Pete. Took him outside awhile.

Monday, September 18, 2000. Nice day, warmer, in 80s. Jo took me to Dr. ware. Had Pro-time taken. Tim Schrag came just as we got home. Jo went home to mow lawn. I rested most of p.m. Marge Nester brought some apples. Allens called. They had been to South Dakota to see *Pattersons* (sp?).

Tuesday, September 19, 2000. Wendy, 86°. Jo took me to Dr. Dennis. Had stitches removed. Went to grocery [store]. I went see Pete. He was glad to see me. Manny O[yer] here when I got home. He dug the shrubbery out at corner of our house. Am watching the Olympics.

Wednesday, September 20, 2000. Cloudy, had rain in p.m., cooler. Did some laundry. Went to see Pete. [He] had several telephone calls, Lucy C[atherine], Lori Oyer, Ann Kaufman, Martha Dyck, Ina [Sutter] & Beulah [Roth].

Thursday, September 21, 2000. Clear, cool, nice day. I went to BroMenn for Pro time. Went to see Pete at 1:00. Had an accident when I went to turn in at N[ursing] Home. Another car going south hit me on right side. My first accident after many years of driving. Am thankful no one was hurt. The other car didn't have much damage. A gentleman called police. Also called Jo for me. She & Jon came. Police lady made out reports. Jo & I went to see Pete. She brought me home about 3:00. Ron had meeting, then he & Jo took car to their house. I feel bad to cause so much trouble. Ron came in about six. Was glad he did. Don't know what we would do without them. Edith Z[her] & Marie Heiser called.

Friday, September 22, 2000. Cloudy, had some sunshine in p.m. Jo took me to Gayle [at] B[eauty] shop. Got a permanent at 9:30. We had lunch at Grand Café. She took me to see Pete.

Ron brought me home at 3:00. Rons took my car to Baums & brought one back for me to use while mine is fixed.

Saturday, September 23, 2000. Cloudy, had shower early. I did usual work. Went to see Pete. Have a Buick LeSabre car to use. Larger than mine. I went to store, got puzzle book & candy for Pete. Rained in night.

Sunday, September 24, 2000. Cloudy, windy, chilly, 59° – 60°. I didn't go to church. Still have a lot of discoloration in my face & neck. Rons brought Kentucky chicken & ate with me. Marge W[eaver] & girls came after church. I went to seep Pete. Marge & Mara there to see Pete. Edith & Rachel Zehr here awhile, brought me some dessert. Allen called, they are okay. Talked to Arthurs. Georgia is about same. Cathy is feeling better. Cindy & Katie brought me [a] piece [of] warm apple pie. Katie made it. Pauls called. Andys got home from their trip to Maine. Ben is working 2 jobs.

Monday, September 25, 2000. Rainy morning, cold, fair in p.m. Jo got me at 7:50. Went to Eastland. She had an appointment with her doctor at 9:30. I had an appointment with Dr. Emerson. She looked at x-rays & CAT scan that BroMenn had taken. Have 2 small breaks & cracks around my cheekbone. Came home. Jo filled out report for my accident & sent them check for \$75. Also Jo got in touch with insurance lady for Jewells store [where I fell]. I didn't go see Pete. Talked to him on telephone.

Tuesday, September 26, 2000. Clear, nice day, warmer. I did usual work, did some laundry. Rons & I took Pete to Gailey's, had glasses adjusted. Had mine taken care of also. Ina Sutter here awhile in p.m.

Wednesday, September 27, 2000. Clear, 70s, nice day. I quilted in morning. Had protime taken, it's okay. Also had TB shot for Volunteers. I went to see Pete. He was as usual. I came home at 3:00. Took a nap. Had headache all day. BP up. Felt better in evening.

Thursday, September 28, 2000. Lovely day. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Went to Nursing Home. Pete doing pretty well. Ron came at 2:30, cut Pete's hair. The Beauty Operator quit. Didn't give any notice.

Friday, September 29, 2000. Another beautiful day, 70s. I did little cleaning. Went to Gail's, had hair done. Stopped at BroMenn. Had no reaction to TB shot. Went to see Pete. He was okay. I came home at 2:30. Wasn't feeling very good. Wish I could feel better again.

Saturday, September 30, 2000. Little warmer, few clouds. I made meatloaf. Did some weekly cleaning. Went to see Pete. Went to pharmacy & got milk.

Sunday, October 1, 2000. Fair, breezy, 82°. I went to church. Glad I could go. Rons & I took KFC dinner to Nursing Home. Pete ate with us on the patio. Was nice outside. Pete enjoyed it. I

came home at 2:45. Pete was ready to lie down. Allen called, they want me to go out there for a week or 2. Pauls called, they are alright. They & Rons think I should go to Allens. We'll see.

Monday, October 2, 2000. Partly cloudy, 81° plus. I did some laundry. Went to see Pete. He had to wait long time before they put him to bed for a nap. Guess they're short of help.

Tuesday, October 3, 2000. Partly cloudy, 81°. I did usual things, watered plants. Jo took me to Murray's for shoes. They were on sale. Jo got a pair [of] soft spots. Al Gore and Gov. Bush are debating this evening. Sent Marty B[irthday] card. Had rain and thunderstorm.

Wednesday, October 4, 2000. Cloudy in morning, cooler, 61°. I quilted in morning. Went to see Pete. Barbara Beemer stopped to see Pete. I had a visit with her at hospital. Marge Weaver brought Erma Martin & her husband & daughter to see me. Marge here again during Jr. choir practice. She brought me vegetable soup & piece of pumpkin pie.

Thursday, October 5, 2000. Rainy day, chilly. I sent some cards. Worked in garage. Didn't go to see Pete. Not very nice out. Rained stopped in evening. I went to John & Erma Stutzman's for dinner. Cheryl Rempel there. Enjoyed the evening. Was good to visit with Cheryl. She came for nurses homecoming. I talked to Pete. He was as usual. I did some packing. My family thinks I should take a break and Allens want me to come. Sorry Pete can't go.

Friday, October 6, 2000. Fair, cold & windy, in 40s. I had my hair done. Went to pharmacy and to see Pete. Jo brought Cheryl Rempel to see Pete.

Saturday, October 7, 2000. Partly cloudy, 29° in morning, 40s. Rons took me to nurses alumni homecoming at Edwards Hall. Very nice and latest things [?]. 50 there. Had box lunch. I received a beautiful blanket, Mennonite nurses blanket. Rons got me at 2:00. We stopped to see Pete. He seemed pretty good. I finished packing to go with Steves to Allens. Cardinals won division. We left here at 6:00 PM. Got to Allens [at] 10:45.

Sunday, October 8, 2000. Clear, cold, heavy Frost. We all went to church. Had delicious dinner at Allens. Visited & rested. Talked to Pete. Rons stopped to see him. Paul called in evening.

Monday, October 9, 2000. 50s. Jeff & Grace & Haley got here at 8:00 [in] time for pancakes & bacon. Pat couldn't come. Hope has temp & earache. Allen & Shirley delivered Mobile Meals at 11:00. Steves & Jeffs left about 1:00 p.m. Steve called. They got home about 7:00. Katie has temp. Ron called to tell us Rosalee, Jo's sister, passed away last evening. Funeral is Thursday. Ron & Jo going to Ohio Wednesday p.m.

Tuesday, October 10, 2000. Clear, nice day, 50s. Allen's birthday, 67 years. Doesn't seem possible. Years fly by. Shirley to office. Allen & I to their church where they served salad luncheon to 306 people. Allen & Shirley both worked. Got home at 2:00. They both went for a walk.

Wednesday, October 11, 2000. Warmer, 60s. Shirley to work. Allen mowed the lawn. I emptied flowerpots, cleaned leaves off of deck. Was nice working outside. Dick Pilgrims took us out to eat. Appreciated them doing that. Had good visit. Allens to choir practice.

Thursday, October 12, 2000. Fair, 70°. Shirley to work. Allen worked some outside. Allens took me to Ames shopping for Christmas. They got me pair of slacks & blouse. We had supper at the mall. Watched World Series. Cards lost 2 games.

Friday, October 13, 2000. Nice day. Shirley had some calls to make. Dick Pilgrims invited us to eat with them at little restaurant near here. Enjoyed being with them.

Saturday, October 14, 2000. 70s, nice day. Allens did some cleaning & laundry. We went to Jeffs at noon. Had steak dinner. Allen made chocolate pie in morning. Jeff's children are growing, lively little girls. We talked to Pete. He seems okay.

Sunday, October 15, 2000. Another lovely day, cooler. We went to church. Went to Mick & Pam's. Jane [Quigley] there too. Had big dinner about 4 – 4:30. Allen took the chocolate pie. Talked to Ron. Allen plans to take me home tomorrow. Paul called. They are okay.

Monday, October 16, 2000. Cloudy, 50°. Allens delivered mobile meals. Allen and I left for home at 1:00. Got to Nursing Home at 6:00. Pete seems pretty good. Was glad to see us. We ate supper at Denny's. Thankful for safe trip. I enjoyed being with Allens. Talked to Arthur [Yoder]. Dave is visiting them. Georgia isn't doing very well.

Tuesday, October 17, 2000. Foggy in morning. Allen left at 7:15 to have breakfast with Ron. Will see Pete and then home. I did some laundry in morning. Went to see Pete in PM. He seemed to be about same. Ron stopped about 4:00. Looked over the mail. Seems rather quiet and lonesome.

Wednesday, October 18, 2000. 60s, some fog again. Went to beauty shop at 8:00. Stopped at grocery [store]. Went to Garfield luncheon at 12:30. 10 of us there. I went to see Pete. I watered flowers, etc. Marge Weaver here during Jr. choir. Her father isn't doing well. Mara here short time. Marge brought me cauliflower soup.

Thursday, October 19, 2000. Nice day. I made deviled eggs for the senior luncheon at church. Ron and Jo there. Ron had program and showed slides of barns. Think people enjoyed it. Jeanette took me & Ruth Marquis to visitation for Lawrence Aaras. Maple Lawn brought Lucille [Aaras] over to funeral home. We & David Colter ate at Carlock.

Friday, October 20, 2000. Another beautiful day, 76°. I paid some bills. Went to Nursing Home. Pete about same. I went to grocery [store]. Got Pete puzzle book. Wanted to water roses but Manny had hose disconnected. I ordered a Barn Calendar for Ron.

Saturday, October 21, 2000. 76°, fair. I did some cleaning. Dave Yoder called. He is visiting Arthurs & Cathy. Jo offered to take me to see them but am afraid it's too much for them even if we stay in Motel. I went see Pete. He didn't feel quite as well as some days. I cut off some of frosted flowers along the porch.

Sunday, October 22, 2000. Cloudy, 60s, had few sprinkles. I went to church. Came home for lunch. Went to see Pete. He wasn't feeling as well. They changed his catheter Friday evening. Said it hadn't been comfortable since. Has blood in his urine. They were going to check it. I called Arthur this morning. Told him Jo & I wouldn't be coming. Georgia isn't up to seeing anyone. Paul called. Andys were there for weekend.

Monday, October 23, 2000. Cloudy, few sprinkles, 70s. I did laundry. Washed my bedding. Went to see Pete. He felt little better today. Has sore bottom. They are treating it. I went to Rons awhile on way to Lynn Raders to get pumpkins for birthday party but they were all gone. Linda gave me 2 sacks of gourds. Allen called. They are okay.

Tuesday, October 24, 2000. Cloudy, 70°. I baked cookies. Took some to Pete & [his roommate] Allen Brock. Got some for Rons. I was home from Nursing Home at 3:00. Watered the roses and dug up some of frosted flowers. Took few cookies to Art & Vera [Willems].

Wednesday, October 25, 2000. Sunshine in p.m., 76°. I quilted in morning. Went to see Pete. They were working with his ears. Has to have more drops. Ron stopped for short time. Sorted some mail. Still don't have my car.

Thursday, October 26, 2000. Partly cloudy, 77°. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Dick Baum brought car at noon. Looks nice. Glad to have it back. Just sorry it happened. Went to see Pete. Took gourds to Community Building for birthday party tonight. Went to party with Cinda & Beulah [Roth]. Lotus [Troyer] showed slides he took of flowers etc. at MRC.

Friday, October 27, 2000. Cloudy, nice day. I went to beauty shop in morning. Went to see Pete. Still having ear problems. Came home at 3:00. Stopped at church. Helped Jo & Louise R[eeser]. They were getting dinner for Bluffton College alumni. I came home & changed clothes. Walked back for 6:30 dinner. Met Lee Snyder, Pres. of Bluffton. She is granddaughter of Frank Kropf of Oregon. About 50 people there.

Saturday, October 28, 2000. Cloudy, cooler, 57°. I did some cleaning. Vera Willems, my neighbor, stopped, said Art was having chest pain. They went to BroMenn then transferred him to St. Joe [Hospital] as he needs double bypass. Is to have it tomorrow. Went to see Pete. He's about as usual.

Sunday, October 29, 2000. Mostly cloudy. I went to church. Rons and I ate at Ming's Chinese food, then went to see Pete. Still has problems with his ears. I came home at 3:00 as Pete wanted to lie down. Allen called. Today is their 67th anniversary. I called Cathy Doyal. Arthurs were

there for Arthur's birthday. Evelyn [Bearly] called. They are having rain. Pauls called. They are okay. Had word that Art Willems (our neighbor) came through heart surgery and [is] doing okay.

Monday, October 30, 2000. Mostly fair. Sun not so bright, 69°, nice day. I did some laundry. Went to grocery [store]. Ron came at noon. Set my clocks back and took my papers to recycle. Appreciated it. I wrote in circle letter. Went to Nursing Home. Think Pete could hear a little better.

Tuesday, October 31, 2000. Partly cloudy, 72°, nice day. I baked some bars & apples. Spent some time with Pete in afternoon. Sorted some papers. Art Willems is doing well after his open-heart surgery Sunday.

Wednesday, November 1, 2000. Nice day, 78°. I quilted in morning. Went to see Pete. He's about the same. I rested awhile when got home. Jo here in evening, brought me some mums. Ron had meeting at church. Marge Weaver here, brought me a salad & hamburger. Mara came after choir practice. Had pro time checked. BP too high. Art Willems, neighbor, came home from hospital.

Thursday, November 2, 2000. Cloudy, 60s. Had shower early a.m. I baked coffeecake braid for [auxiliary] bazaar tomorrow. Made tapioca. Gave Art & Vera [Willems] some. Art is doing well. Jo here in evening. Ron at another meeting. I went to Nursing Home in p.m. Pete seems to be doing okay.

Friday, November 3, 2000. Another nice day, little cooler. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Took 2 coffee cakes to BroMenn for the Bazaar. They didn't have as much baked things as before. I went to Dr. Randolph at 10:45. Got along okay. Went back to the Bazaar for lunch. Went to see Pete at 1:30. He was in bed for a nap. Helen P[atton] sent some coffee cake to Pete.

Saturday, November 4, 2000. 57°, nice day. I did some cleaning. Worked in bathroom. Went to see Pete. He seemed pretty good. Paul called him at noon. Said he could hear him real well. His ears are better.

Sunday, November 5, 2000. Fair, 57°. I went to church, home for lunch. Met Rons at the Nursing Home. Took Pete for ride around Lake Bloomington & Comlara. Got home at 4:00. Julie was waiting for me. Went to her house. Made 2 apple pies. She wanted me to show her how. We went to Olive Garden for supper. Jon brought me home. Allen & Pauls called.

Monday, November 6, 2000. A rainy day, windy, 55°. I did some laundry. Didn't go to see Pete. Talked to him. Said he was okay. I was glad to stay in. I worked some in clothes closet.

Tuesday, November 7, 2000. Partly cloudy, 40s. Election day. I worked in bedroom. Washed dresser scarfs and some sweaters. Went to see Pete. He seems to feel pretty good. He got his flu shot. Voting very heavy.

Wednesday, November 8, 2000. Fair, cloudy and some rain in evening. I quilted in morning. Had protime done at noon. B[lood] P[ressure] little better. Went to see Pete in PM. He was okay. Marge Weaver here in evening, brought me some soup. Enjoyed having her come. Jo called. She is sorting school things. Everyone thought Bush won but State of Florida has to recount all ballots, so still don't know who the President of US is.

Thursday, November 9, 2000. A dark rainy day, 39°, windy. I went with Jeanette to HEA. Home by noon. I went to Carle Clinic, got my flu shot. Came home as was rainy, windy & cold. Called Pete. He said was okay not to come. Paul called to tell us Minda Liechty, Marj's mother, passed away Tuesday.

Friday, November 10, 2000. Cloudy, cold, in 30s. I went to beauty shop, then to Aldis & Pharmacy. Did little cleaning. Went to see Pete. He was pretty good. Still don't know who our president is. Still recounting ballots. Jo to Retreat.

Saturday, November 11, 2000. Cloudy, 30s. Went to Kohl's, got 2 shirts for Pete. Went to see him. Did little laundry. Watered the plants. Marty & his boss got to Rons this evening.

Sunday, November 12, 2000. Fair, 30s. I went to church. Had lunch at church, Congregational meeting. Went to see Pete. Marty & friend there short time. I came home at 3:00. Pete took a nap. Allen & Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, November 13, 2000. Cloudy, cold, windy. I did little laundry. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Went to Kohl's, exchange one of Pete's shirts for larger one. Went to see Pete. Paul Miller there awhile. Furnace man here, cleaned furnace.

Tuesday, November 14. Cloudy, cold, 33°. I did some cleaning in kitchen. Went to Gailey's [to] have glasses adjusted again. Went to see Pete. He was feeling about as usual. Ron here few minutes at noon. Brought check.

Wednesday, November 15, 2000. Fair, 21° – 34°. I quilted in morning. Went to Garfield [club] at Denny's. Stopped to see Pete. Was about as usual. I pulled up the flowers. They had hard freeze last night.

Thursday, November 16, 2000. Windy and cold, 30° – 33°. I went to B[eauty] shop, got permanent. Went to see Pete. He was feeling quite well. I came home at 3:00. He was ready for a nap. Manny O[yer] picked up the flowers for me.

Friday, November 17, 2000. 31°, few snow flurries in morning. I did some weekly cleaning. Went to grocery [store]. Went to Nursing Home. Pete about as usual. Sorted out some of cookie recipes. Allen called. They're going to Osage Beach tomorrow.

Saturday, November 18, 2000. Some sunshine, 31°, chilly. I baked Yummy cookies. Rons came. He cut down roses and put cones on them. I appreciate what he & Jo do for us. I went to see Pete. Got home at 3:15. Iced the cookies.

Sunday, November 19, 2000. Cloudy, chilly, breezy. Joe & I left at 6:45 for Berne Indiana to funeral of Minda Liechty at 1:30. Was good to see all of Paul's family & Marjorie's family. Very nice service. Went back to church after burial. Had lunch at church. After much visiting and saying goodbye, Pauls, Amy & CJ went to Bed & Breakfast place where Pauls had made reservation. Paul took Andys & Ben to Fort Wayne to get their plane for Albany. Pauls & we went to Decatur Indiana for supper. Had good visit with Pauls & Amy.

Monday, November 20, 2000. Cloudy, 20° most of day, windy. Had some flurries for several hours. Left Berne at 8:45. Got home at 2:40. Thankful for safe trip and family thanked us for being there. Thanks to Jo for taking me. Steve took Pete to Dr. Seehofer as Ron had meeting. Thanks to Steve. Called Pete. Said he was okay.

Tuesday, November 21, 2000. Fair, cold. I did some laundry & went to store. Went to see Pete. He's doing alright. Ron had little birthday surprise for Jo, 4:30 to ?. I went with Kay [Reimer]. Was where Ron has his office. Jo brought me home. Paul called. They didn't get home last night until 11:00. Their flight from Detroit was canceled. They were exhausted.

Wednesday, November 22, 2000. Fair, little warmer, 27° – 32°. I went to B[eauty] shop and to [Dr.] Wera's office. BP high. Pro time okay. Went to see Pete. I made filling for pumpkin pies. Will baked them in morning.

Thursday, November 23, 2000. Inks giving day. Fair, warmer, 37°, nice day. I baked 2 pumpkin pies & apple pie. Went to Rons. Had dinner at 1 – 1:30. Ron got Pete. He enjoyed the day. Don Nesters, Gerlof Homans & John Reimers they are. Had big dinner. Paul called in p.m. They had company for dinner. Ben & Andy there also. We have much to be thankful for.

Friday, November 24, 2000. Partly cloudy, warmer, 40s. I made caramels. Went to pharmacy. Did some cleaning. Went to see Pete, he was okay. Called Arthur [Yoder]s. Talked to Georgia. She still has pain in her face. She thinks Arthur is gaining some strength. Dave is to have some tests this week.

Saturday, November 25, 2000. Cloudy, rained most of day, 43°. I baked carrot cookies. Did usual work. Watered plants. Didn't go to N[ursing] Home. Talked to Pete. He was alright.

Sunday, November 26, 2000. Cloudy, 40s. Went to church. Rons & I ate at Golden West. I went to see Pete. He was doing okay. Allen called. They & Micks got home this p.m. from Branson Missouri. Paul called. They had some ice this morning & had rain.

Monday, November 27, 2000. Cloudy, 32°, chilly. I did laundry. Made date balls. Went to see Pete. His catheter was bothering him some. He had haircut at the Home. I stirred up crescents cookies.

Tuesday, November 28, 2000. Nice day, 40°. I baked Crescent cookies. Went to see Pete. He was about same. Made some Rice Krispie [squares].

Wednesday, November 29, 2000. Cloudy, chilly, few snow flurries. Jo & I went to Eastland. I got Christmas cards. Jo got few things. Went to West Mall. Got Christmas tablecloth. Jo got one too. I made white bark cookies. Marge W[eaver] here awhile. I called Pete, he was okay.

Thursday, November 30, 2000. Cloudy, in 30s. I did some odd jobs & baked a quick coffeecake. Went to see Pete. I did some cleaning. Marge W[eaver] brought me some food. She forgot it last night.

Friday, December 1, 2000. Cloudy, 30s, had snow flurries most of day. I went to Gail, [had] hair [done]. Got gas at Elmo's. Nancy , Dean at College of Nursing brought my uniform to have it laundered. I had given it to Library. Pacemaker finally called. It's been long time since it was checked. Everything okay. I'm grateful. Talked to Pete. He has kidney infection again.

Saturday, December 2, 2000. Partly cloudy, cold, 30s. I baked and iced sugar cookies. Ron here, looked over mail, wrote several checks. Gordon brought us a Poinsettia. I went to see Pete. Nurse said he had been on medication for infection. Hope it clears up. I got things ready for dessert for our small group. Going to eat with Pete at Nursing Home tomorrow.

Sunday, December 3, 2000. Clear, nice day. I went to church, then to Nursing Home. 9 of us there. Several were missing. Had fried chicken. Pete didn't sleep well last night, so wasn't feeling as well. Allen called, they are okay. Evelyn B[early] called. She & bill are alright. Paul called. He has a ticket to come Christmas day at 6:00. Leaves the 29th p.m.

Monday, December 4, 2000. Fair, windy, 39° – 40°. I did little laundry & ironed the uniform that Nancy Riednauer (sp?) brought last week. Found that it isn't my uniform. Don't know where mine is. Went to see Pete. He was about same. Rons stopped in. Gave me a check and looked over the mail. Cindy came in evening. Addressed my Christmas cards. Sure appreciated her doing it. Arthur [Yoder] called. Dave had a good report. Georgia is having a lot of pain in her face. Hard to eat & talk.

Tuesday, December 5, 2000. Fair, cold. I went to card shop & grocery [store]. Went to see Pete. Jeanette called, wanted to take me to Women's meeting so [I] went. Hadn't been there for some time.

Wednesday, December 6, 2000. Cloudy, windy and cold. I quilted in morning. Jeanette, Zoe & I went to Bonnie Belt at 11:00 to 1:00. Had soup & salad and Christmas goodies. Her home is

beautiful. She's a good hostess. Had snow flurries most of day. Went to pharmacy. Dr. increased my Vasotec. Hope it helps my B[lood] P[ressure].

Thursday, December 7, 2000. 43°, mostly cloudy. Busy around here at home. Went to see Pete. Had trouble with his catheter this morning. They changed it. I baked cherry bars when I got home.

Friday, December 8, 2000. Fair, 34°. Did little cleaning. Went to beauty shop, then to see Pete before lunch. Jo came. She cut up a squash for me. I had doctors appointment. Saw Dr. Wera. He had knee operation this fall. Dr. recording [my] medicine. I went to grocery [store].

Saturday, December 9, 2000. Cloudy, 32°. I did usual work. Went to see Pete. Allen called him. Called me at 11:30. They were having their friends for dinner this evening. I made salad for tomorrow.

Sunday, December 10, 2000. Had little sunshine. I went to church. Had surprise luncheon. I went to Barry Weavers. Went with Tom Yoders. Had 10 guests. Glad I could go. I took salad. Went to see Pete short time. He had problems again with catheter, but okay today. Paul called. They're okay.

Monday, December 11, 2000. A gloomy day, misted and snowed most of day. A stormy day. North Chicago & northern Illinois & Iowa, Des Moines. Turning much colder. I was to have echocardiogram but couldn't. Jo stopped few minutes. I did some laundry. Wrote checks for grandchildren. Mailed nearly all Christmas cards.

Tuesday, December 12, 2000. Clear, 8°. -1° overnight. I fixed plate of cookies for neighbors etc. Went to see Pete. He was okay. Nancy Ridenour came for uniform I laundered. She gave me a scarf & tree ornament. Ron here few minutes at noon. Brought lightbulb for floor lamp.

Wednesday, December 13, 2000. 70°. Snowed all day. Our 2nd snowstorm in a few days. Did usual work. Went to store and pharmacy. Canceled my appointment for Pro time. Fixed some cookies & candy for Pete. Talked to him. He was okay. Driving wasn't good.

Thursday, December 14, 2000. Nice winter day. Jo took me to BroMenn. Had an echocardiogram. Went to Wera's office, had Pro time taken. My Prottime numbers [?]. Talked to Dr. Wera. B[lood] P[ressure] still high. He ordered another medicine. I went to see Pete. His left hand seems to be hurting him. I went with Willems to MRC birthday party.

Friday, December 15, 2000. 25° – 28°. Started to rain in p.m. Getting slick in places. I went to B[eauty] shop in morning. Run sweeper. Went to see Pete. Didn't stay as long as usual. Went to bank. Pete's left hand is swollen, has been for several days. He says it hurts when he uses it. Nurse looked at it.

Saturday, December 16, 2000. Cloudy, 33°, foggy in morning. I did usual work. Ron & Jo came in morning. Put lights on garage & shrubbery, also made hanging for the door. Sure appreciate all they do for me. Talked to Pete. Said his catheter bothered him again. Allen called, also talked to Pete. They plan to come next weekend. Hope we have better weather.

Sunday, December 17, 2000. Clear and cold, 4° above yet at noon, -22° wind chill. Rons took me to church. We had lunch at Col. Sanders. I called Pete. Rons thought it was too cold for me to be out that much. Pete was doing better than yesterday. Talked to Arthur & Georgia. She felt some better. Paul called. Was raining there, had thunderstorm.

Monday, December 18, 2000. Little sunshine early morning, cloudy. Started to snow at noon. I did some laundry. Went to see Pete. Didn't stay long as was snowing. Wrapped some Christmas things. Went to pharmacy. Got little basket with 3 jars of preserves for Jeanette. Rons were here. He wrote some checks for me. Put batteries in lights of little tree. Jo took invitations around MRC for Wednesday Christmas tea.

Tuesday, December 19, 2000. Clear and cold. I made chicken casserole, put in freezer. Baked lemon bars for tomorrow's Christmas tea. Talked to Pete. He was alright. Stayed at home. Cold & icy places in parking lots. I finished putting up some decorations.

Wednesday, December 20, 2000. Cloudy, 17°, more wind in p.m. Watered plants & did some odd jobs. Jo got me at 2:00. Went to Christmas tea at MRC building. Jo & Rachel were in charge. I took plate of cookies & lemon bars. Gave Manny & Bryan [Oyer] cash & jacket for Larry Reeser in appreciation of all they do for us here at MRC.

Thursday, December 21, 2000. 20° but windchill is high. Clear. Jo took me to BroMenn for blood work. Everything about normal. Dr.'s office called. Rons & I had breakfast at Atrium. Cinda Roth home. She wanted to see Pete so she took me. They had Christmas party. Pete [got] sweater, books & candy. Helen Patton to see him, also Ezra Byler there too, and Steves. They came here about 5:00. Gave us coupons from Avanti's.

Friday, December 22, 2000. Clear, cold. Allen called. Said they were coming. They stopped to see Pete at 5:30. Glad they got along okay. Jo & I went to grocery store. I baked 2 pumpkin pies & made chili. I coated pretzels with white bark. Steves left for Ohio in morning. I took some cookies to neighbors.

Saturday, December 23, 2000. Cloudy. Rons, Jon, Julie & Allens & I went to Cupboard Post for breakfast. Allen baked butterscotch pie. He went to see Pete awhile. I washed some slacks. At 5:00 we & Allen got KFC and we had supper with Pete. Also had pie. Pete enjoyed it. Allens & I went to Rons awhile. Saw Marty. He got a dog in Missouri.

Sunday, December 24, 2000. Clear cold day. Allens left at 9:00 for home. Was nice having them. Time was short. Near zero all day. Rons got me & Pete. Spent the day at Rons. Marty & Jon had

their girlfriends there. Ron took Pete to Nursing Home at 4:00. They stopped at home, got my car. We got home 11:00 PM. I got 2 skirts, brown and red, and pair of slacks. While hanging from Julie. Got boxes of candy, nets. Pete got popcorn from Helen, several sweaters.

Monday, December 25, 2000. Fair, cold. Ron got me and Pete, took us to their place. Marty & Jon's girlfriends were there also. Pete got jacket & shirt, candy, popcorn, & meat from Marty. I got red & brown skirts, pair of slacks, amaryllis bulbs. I gave family checks. Ron also got Barn calendar. I got billfold & necklace. Got a necklace from Deb & Randy. Nice Christmas.

Tuesday, December 26, 2000. Cloudy Snowed all morning. Paul put up wall hanging from Julie & took papers to recycle. Went to Aldis. Went to see Pete at 1:00. I didn't feel good, have urine or kidney problem. Called Dr. Dennis. Ordered some meds. Paul helped me. Appreciate his help.

Wednesday, December 27, 2000. Fair, nice day, 18°. We went shopping. Paul got me a pair of shoes. Had lunch at Garden Paradise. Went to see Pete. He is doing okay. Paul took Rons & me to Japanese restaurant. Very good. Ron helped me with paying bills.

Thursday, December 28, 2000. Cloudy, in 30s in p.m. I did some laundry. Fixed box of cookies for Paul. Had hair done. Paul took me. Went to bank & to see Pete. Deb called at noon. They plan to stop Saturday. I wrote in circle letter.

Friday, December 29, 2000. Cold, 19°, had snow flurries most of day. I made coffee cake braid. Paul helped. Rons took Paul to airport & had lunch there. They came back to take me to Dr. Wera. Ron stayed with Don Nester awhile. My Pro time is high. Have to go back next Tuesday. Enjoyed having Paul and I miss him.

Saturday, December 30, 2000. Cold, cloudy, snow flurries in morning. I did some cleaning. Randys got here at 3:00 PM. We went to see Pete. We went to Rons for supper. They brought me home & took off for New Jersey at 8:30 p.m. Paul got home last night at midnight. Thankful as they were having a blizzard in N[ew] E[ngland].

Sunday, December 31, 2000. 18°. I went to church. Home for lunch. Didn't go to see Pete. They have lots of flu at [Nursing] Home. Sure hope Pete doesn't get it. Deb called. They got home 5:00 a.m. Had a flat tire. Had some flurries. Ron called. Wanted to bring Pete for dinner but he wants to stay there. So will take some food to Home.