

Trip to Norway 1989
May 29 - July 3

Wells contact arrived shortly
after 6 a.m. - the reverse our trip
& left for the airport. It was a
beautiful calm, sunny day.
Checked our bags, etc. with
'Canadian' and went to the
Cafe for toast & coffee.
Went then directly to the
restaurant in the plane (at side)
& were off at 9:30 a.m. in the
plane. There we met Sue &
Jordan. Had a nice wait
for us and then a buffet.
It was so nice to have them
& to know we knew each
other. It's after 2 in Calgary.
We had coffee there with them.
Sue & Jordan had an outfit
about 11 a.m. so had to leave just
but then stayed until about 12.

We expected to board the plane before 2, but the plane from Vancouver was over booked - many were paid to re-book to make room for those who needed to go that day. It was for that reason our flight was delayed more than 4 hours, so we missed connections at Amsterdam. We phoned Ingebet from Amsterdam so he met us much later than first planned.

D.C. 10 When we boarded the plane at Calgary we found another couple in our seat (it was double booked!) We had to wait in another part while the stewards & stewardesses got things righted. I believe that couple had to leave the plane & re-book. Anyhow we got our seat, and finally we were on our way. The plane was completely filled and there wasn't much room to spare. Walter was able to get one leg out in the aisle.

We were served lots of meals and lots of hot or cold drinks on

the way, so there was no chance to get uneasy or bored, and no chance to sleep either!

~~Earlier~~ We met a nice group at the airport in Calgary. A mother, daughter & son were returning to Stavanger after visiting their son (& wife) who is taking helicopter flying there. A lovely group. We were with them both in Amsterdam & Stavanger airports too. They live on a small island between here & Karmsøy.

We have it so nice at Skurtveits. They have a large 2-storey home & live upstairs. Down on the main floor are 2 bedrooms (one for each of us) bath rooms & a large hall & stairway - so we sort of have our own suite! The upstairs is furnished beautifully, and we've had delicious meals. The first meal Tues eve. - was a pork roast with all the trimmings. In the eve. we went for a long drive - to Tasta was sad to see. The buildings were burned down the day of Sofie's funeral.

We slept in Wed. a. m. and then Walter & I went for a long walk. We found Missionsveien and Karen & Salles' horse. It was wonderful to see them. She is still so pretty & was dressed nice even tho' we weren't expected. She didn't even know we were in Norway. She remembered so much of her Canada trip - which she has lived over & over again. She has had surgery (it seemed it could have been thyroid) & said she wasn't the same after that - has become forgetful. He is very sharp tho'. We are invited there for 5 pm on Sat to meet her family.

Then we walked back - got ~~at~~ some traveller cheques cashed & bought some oranges, & some flourishes for Inger & Mame.

Then we came back here. For supper we had soup, & boiled cod (slightly salted) It was delicious!

In the eve. we drove out to Baardssons. Walter phoned them & talked to both of them.

Ingebrut took us there & Le & Marie came at 10:30 to meet them and to pick us up. A full day!!

Thurs. - after we had breakfast we decided to go by bus down town. It rained so we had to use umbrellas. Marie was with us. We picked up some post cards, and some decorations for Kruse Kake - for Folkfest.

Then we met Dagfinn Halund at the Dom kirke (this was planned) We had planned to take them to a cafe for coffee, but instead they took us to their place & we had a wonderful time. They took us to all the schools (Faste) & I got pictures - this is one thing I didn't get to do in 1968 but it worked out today and I am so glad for that. We are to go there again when Garth & Kristen come.

We also went to a Bookstore & ordered (& paid for) the books Irene ordered - so that is done.

Dagfinn drove us home & now we are just relaxing here before we have another bite of supper.

Friday - I washed a few clothes - shorts & socks for Walter & filled the machine with bath towels. Ingebet was away all day ^(hours) on an outing with church stuff, and Marie went to receive a gift certificate for - years with her nursing with the city. Walter & I walked to the church where Inge works - ~~Inge~~ made a hair appt for me with a hairdresser who works at the church - gives shampoos, sets or perms for seniors for about 1/2 regular price. It took about an hour & cost 70 Kroner.

We walked back "home" and stopped at the store near here - interesting to see their lovely fish & meat displays, Komla, warm fish cakes, thin pancakes with a strip of bacon fried in it etc. Walter wants to take some video pictures there - to show the good fish, prices, etc.

Sat - We got dressed up & walked to Karens for supper at 5. Brought her some flowers - she had two trays of fancy open faced sandwiches and blötkäke for dessert. It was so very nice to be there & meet Kaare & his wife (works in Rogaland bank)

and ^{Karen's} daughter Anne Grete (she reminds me of princess Anne.) We took video pictures here & had a good visit.

Kare & wife took us home here, and said they'd like to have us (& Karen) to their place after we come back from Skudenes. We really ^{all} liked them.

Friday evening ~~we~~ ^{Eldbjørg} & Einar came for us at 5 pm & took us to the Scandic hotel for supper. It's an expensive place - very nice. We had baked salmon with vegetables baked with it - ^{all} in tin foil. It was delicious!! We had Caramel pudding (sliced, & on a plate) for dessert - & so much coffee!

Then they took us to their place & we had a nice quiet time just talking & visiting. She played & he sang for us.

Then she absolutely wanted ~~us~~ to serve us coffee on her coffee table - also a fancy dessert (like a large jelly roll with lots of whipped cream) It was late when we got home.

They were taking her Mom with them next morning to Karmøy for weekend. - staying at a new hotel at Koppervik.

Sat. morning - all 6 of us went (in 2 cars) downtown - did some sight seeing at a large new building, "Arkarden". Walter bought lunch ("risengrön grädde" + some waffles). Walked around quite a bit down town before coming back home.

Sunday - Had a nice breakfast (even boiled eggs in egg cups) + walked to church (where Inge works) It took $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. ^{Pastor} He spoke my nose so I didn't get it all. There was communion too. They served tea, coffee + juice outside after service. Then we walked home again. A beautiful sunny day (18°C) with no wind. Albert + Charlotte came here for dinner which was served on their patio outside - cold meats, tomatoes, cucumbers etc bread, jam etc, cake.

Then about 3 o'clock we went for a long drive - to Ardal, Bryne, Jäven - + drove back by the coast. Had supper at Tananger in a nice restaurant. (Walter pd).

Talked to Torgeir Ueland ~~off~~ this eve. - also Hendaal. Walter has appt with Hendaal Mon at 11:45 a.m. at Hellaal church. We'll try to meet Ueland's after we've been på karnias.

Mon. Walter, Marie & I were home alone in forenoon. Walked over to the store - took pictures (& video) of there. Marie bought fish () which we had for supper - fried, with onions & baked potatoes. Had lunch before Ingeborg came home to take Walter down town - to Kellandi's church to meet with Martha Larsen etc.

I washed some clothes & we hung them on a line over the patio. It was a nice day so Marie & I sat on lawn chairs outside. She has a nice yard - lots of flowers. I did some handwork on my "Grandpa's farm." Enjoyed the fish supper. Walter was tired when he came home. He had visited Karen again while Knadal had a nap. Then they went to a farm Harristadi. They have been mowing the grass on the tomt. She & Marie have been friends all down the years. Nice people. Phoned Jennie - seemed to be a poor connection. Heard Anne Berstad died. Also phoned Magnus J. - we plan to go to Sk.havn Wed. ~~at~~ 4 pm ferry.

Three. Nandaal phoned. He will pick us up at the store at 12:15 today

Waiter. I walked in the room

(had an umbrella) to the store

and Nandaal came about on time

drove to their place where I saw

Nandaal served four sandwiches &

potato cakes & dinner party. also

a nutted cake (like pley roll) next

with margarine & chocolate

dinner — was there and after

dinner we 4 (Donna stayed home)

left in Nandaal's old car on our

trip to the mountains. We drove

past Sanderson, Bryce, all of them

— with a heavy downpour all

the way. I was hoping we'd get above

the clouds, but we didn't get that high.

Wed. We got packed for our trip to Karmøy.
Left our "purchases" at Skurtveit as
we'll be back to meet Garth & Kristin.
Johanna phoned & said it would be
better for us to come on the 4 p.m. ferry
(instead of 1:40) as Princess Sonja would
be at Skudenenes at 3, and all streets
would be blocked until we'd come later.
Ingebrut took us to the ferry & we had
a good trip across. The sea was calm,
and we visited with a young man
who goes back & forth to Stavanger daily.
He's in the military (navy) for 7 yrs
& lives in Raugesund area. He
helped us with our baggage in Haon.
Magnus, Asleng, Anne Marie met
us & took us to Johanna's - Anna also
there, & Astrid. I set my bag on a
chair & looked up right into Mom's
eyes - her picture was on the piano
& faced the door. After supper &
a good visit I went with Magnus, Asleng
& Walter to their place - phoned Jennie &
Mary Knop - took a while to get there.
(Asked for addresses of the families)
Then Magnus drove us all round
Lyr & Haon - so many new & large
houses! and the trees have grown so much.
Weather nice - but it feels cold.

Anna came over after breakfast - also Walter - he got
a ride in with Aisling, all of us walked down town -
many changes there. We bought 2 bouquets of flowers for
John & Anna - flowers shop in what used to be bank, & Johannes also
there. Cloudy & completely overcast all day
and it rained again. No sun,
and I felt cold all day - in house too.
Walter came over & we had
coffee, bread, cheese, cookies etc
in living room. For ~~supper~~ ^{midday} (3:30)
we had potatoes, cauliflower, carrots
(from Israel?) & home made fiske pudding
in a casserole with a lovely white
sauce. Then we had blueberries
& whipped cream. Magnus J came
for Walter while we were still
at the table. They were going to
see about a car for Walter.
Walter came back about 3:30 with a
silver 4-door ford car. We⁴ left after
4 for Koppervik for a concert in the
school auditorium. It was great!
Everyone sat around tables - there were
paper plates with 2 open-faced sandwiches,
yellow cheese on bread & 2 waffles - all
covered with saran wrap. A lady opened the
service with a devotional, & everyone
sang several verses of
Then it was turned over to the leader of a
"blanda kor" - they also sat around tables
on a platform (not high). It was so informal
like - soloists came to the mike, & the group
would sing along. The lady director was
dressed in white slacks with a red/white

Alitta's - { Sigrid Asald Dal (Min one - eldest) - 80 this fall.
daughters - ~~Sigrid~~ Anna Löberg (father one) - 75

casual pullover - but she made everyone want to sing. Many were familiar melodies, but not all. They were accompanied by a flute, accordion, 2 guitars, & a piano - but it was soft & beautiful.

- We had complimentary tickets for this! Then the leader said - "ska ve ha kaffe ná?" - so there was an intermission

All the singers got up & served everyone coffee - it was such a happy group.

Before the program began a lady came to greet us at our table - it was Wenche! She had seen us when we came in. (We haven't seen Aines & Magnus yet).

The last half of the concert was very good - Walter got most of it on video - until he ran out of film. After the

concert they presented flowers to some - among them was a lady who was 102! They helped her up the steps & interviewed her. She spoke well.

We also met 2 of Alitta's daughters there & were introduced to others (one was a niece of Louki's (Karen's), so was ^{related} on that side.

We went to the car but were blocked in for a while. Saw a man ~~at~~ distance - recognized him as Chris G. - Walter went to talk to him, but he was about to leave - got a ride with someone - so I haven't talked to him. Now that we have a car, we plan to take 2 days next wk. out that way.

When we got back here we walked up to Arne's house - busy doing some cement work on an outside wood-burning barbeque. Met Uta briefly, & youngest son of Jacob Con and his wife. He works in Stavanger during the week. - A young couple.

Sat. I got up after 7 - had a shower & shampoo. Hope my hair will be OK. Walter came before breakfast (9:45) and had coffee with us. Finished up around 10 & went down town - parked ^{the car} ^{the car} & walked down some of these narrow streets. Gunnar's bakken, søra gate - took pictures of Starnveien - boat from Stavanger that came in slowly & turned in to the pier. Met Agnes Ness - they had "gjester" from south Norway and had frokost at the new cafe that just opened this morning. So we went there too & had lunch. Three men entertained us - one played trekkspel, & one (the local Dr) played guitar, the third sang. We learned later that the singer was son of Magne Dale & was a teacher here. He was to play the organ ^{for church} on Sunday. We spent 2-3 hrs down town, & after getting groceries, went home & had ~~lunch~~ ^{lunch} ~~supper~~ - (1:30-2:00)

It was a beautiful, sunny day & the warmest so far (Magnus said - first day of summer). We just stayed home this afternoon - on the deck, etc. Johanna. Astrid made rice for midday - good! (They have it always on Sat.)

~~After~~ Later we went to the church to see the graves. Astrid brought white & blue lilacs & put on the graves - all were so well tended & had fresh flowers. Took pictures.

Then we went to Sjøe & had a lovely visit with Magnus & Aslaug. Got her Læsbøen recipe book - Astrid wants me to make pie one day, & apple dumplings. —

Hagene dices - are so lush & green, & beautiful flowers. So many rhododendrons - different colors. Aslaug had a Clematis.

The yard here at Johanna's Arnes is a real dream - so nicely manicured & landscaped - lawn, flower beds, rocks etc.

It was late when Walter took us home. I got ready for bed, but Johanna came to my room & said I had to sit with them & talk for awhile in L. Kvorn!

Sun. I stayed in bed until 9 - & got ready for breakfast - am completely spoiled! We cleared the table & sat & watched a church service at 11 a.m. from Lade Kirke - an old church near Trondhjem. It was their 800th yr. jubileum - a good service - ^{clear} easy to understand. The king was

Lade Kirke - Trondhjem 800 yrs old jubileum ^{There too for this special day.}

The singing was also good - with trumpets & other instruments ^{accompaniment}. We are now on the deck - the sun feels good & warm (its cold inside)

Walter is coming for us after 1 - & we're going to the new Akra Surke for a special service & concert, & then going out for dinner.

Walter will come for us 3, and Aslaug will take her sister & Anna, so we'll be 7. (So glad for good weather.) Being we had reservations for this Johanna thought we'd not go to church, but had such a good service on TV.

We plan to spend Mon & Tues out at Akra, Ferdingsstad etc. Agnes & Magnus have invited all of us for Wed. and Anna is taking us out to the Cafe where they serve Komla on Thurs. So I'm not on a strict diet.

Later - ~~The~~ Aslaug, Reidun (her sister) & Anna led the way to Akra - we parked at a large building - an art display; and on the other part was a weaving display - beautiful things. How Florence would have enjoyed that. Then we drove to a restaurant - it was upstairs. Anna treated us (7) to a big turkey dinner. Large ~~big~~ ^{size} ~~big~~ ^{size}.

Then we walked to the new church
We arrived early so ~~we~~ Aslaug
showed us around. A daughter of a
friend of hers had woven 3 pieces -
one for Gethsemane, one for Easter & one for
of Ascension. It was beautiful.

Walter took video of the concert. It
was hard to hold the camera steady
for so long - should have had the stand.
I hope it will be a good recording
and we can play it often.

When we came back here Walter
^{here} phoned Anna. She is 90 now, but
asked us for 2 pm tomorrow (Mon)
He went back to Lye & we 3 watched
TV for a while. A symphony played
at Holmentollen - people were
seated on both sides - thousands!

Mon. - I'm waiting to get in to the bath
room - Walter is picking us up to
go down to the bank (for money)
I need more films too.

at the bank ^(Kogalands) we met Jan ^{Dalby}
- nephew of Lars - he works there.

The girl who waited on us was a friend
of Anne Marie (M. & Aslaug's oldest girl) who
remembered Walter from 12 years ago.

Then I bought 4 films - from Berdun
- sister of Aslaug - who we were with
us on Sun. to the concert at the church.

Johanna bought some mackerel & bread, etc. We washed clothes - undies, & Walter's shirts - on 5
Went to Magnus & Aslang at 4:30
Beautiful weather everyday.
Had dried fish, fried salt pork, & dried peas (everything was delicious!)
We had rhubarb & cut up prunes for dessert. Later we had coffee cream ^{with Kiwi's} cake, bise, carrot cake fruit cake - so much good food!
It was Johanna, Astrid, Walter & I Anna. Reidun, husband & daughter, Elin & wee daughter also (from way up north) came to meet us. Elin is leaving for home on Thurs.
We had such a lovely time there.

Tues. - Walter came for dinner - we had mackerel, fried with cream poured over it. Yummy!
- Gun salad - with cream dressing. and a fruit soup (goose berries, & some apples in a sweet sauce. Very good served with fried mackerel.
For coffee Johanna baked fresh waffles - I got her recipe - & we ate on her deck. The weather has been exceptionally nice & warm (22°C) every day.

Aslang phoned us to come out to John's (6 or 6:30) so we

got to see Johns cozy place - took pictures & video. Sat around his coffee table - Aslang brought carrot cake, lefse etc. It was so nice to be there. He has a very nice home there right beside Lyré plast - & we stayed until almost dark. Walter drove again round "Erik's by" - what lovely homes there, & beautiful views!

Wed. - Walter came at 11:30 today. (We were dressed up as we're to be at Magnus & ~~Agnes~~ Agnes at 2). We inquired about a Spark - found one downtown, & will decide after we find out about shipping, or bringing it home. Then we went to Melhus Møbler foraging - beautiful furniture - a lot of leather (soft & comfortable) (Saw several chairs good for Walter.) We want to take Lärth there next wk. Then we went to the museum. Didn't have time to see everything as it was almost 2 - but will go again. How nice to be at Agnes & Magnus again! Karin was there, & Anna (we were sat table) Had salmon again. A perfect meal! A delicious meringue & fruit dessert.

Weache came after dinner too. While we were visiting after dinner - several boats came in - a wonderful view. He has a new boat now - Walter was in it. We took pictures & video and visited. Sat around coffee table & had a marzipan cake (too pretty to cut) & "mor monson" cake (a freshly baked cake with raisins)

All of a sudden it was 7 pm - time went so fast. We drove around town to places Anna said she had never seen before. Walter went up to Arnie's before he went to Syre. They showed him all around their home - guess it's quite a place. They want me to see it too. They've been so busy out in their yard getting a barbecue built.

Thurs - got dressed up after breakfast
- another beautiful sunny day (23⁺)
Went to the cafe for Komla
dinner - us 3: Anna & Walter.
Aslany couldn't come as she was
alone at the store (J. Con was painting
the bldg outside). Magnus had
planned to come but didn't make it.
The Komla was OK - ^{they} always use
some "bygg smel" with theirs, and
a lamb roll slice, with bits
of bacon ^{crisp} & fat poured over. Oh
yes - large pieces of sausage.
So it was different.

~~We~~ Before we went to the cafe
we went to the museum -

Drove to the "Home" - pointed
up to Tabitha's room - they don't want
to go in there yet. - It's all very nicely
furnished, so clean, etc.

Then we went to get some
groceries for Johanna - can't find
cleaner here - or shortening for pie.

About 3:30 Walter & I went to Erik's
again - had coffee, fresh waffles,
a fancy cake, cookies - & a good
visit before we went to the Home
to see Kris & Bertha. Their supper
had been delayed so we waited
in the lobby until they finished eating.

✓ went up to their room to visit. They had each a bed, ✓ some easy chairs, lamps, etc. Cozy, but small. They are satisfied to be there - she hasn't been well, ✓ had to be cared for, so he moved in with her. (She said she is 82) She wished she could have served us some food ✓ "stelt for us" - I'm sure she misses those things. Kris showed us some old albums ✓ gave us one of Mom from '58-'59. Walter took some video - but missed getting some things he told about. He has such a good memory for names, dates, and asked about so many people ✓ things. We saw him at a distance after the program at Ake church, but he didn't quite grasp it was Walter who came ✓ spoke to him, ✓ he was whisked away for his ride back home. It bothered him so he couldn't sleep that night wondering who it was who spoke to him, so I'm glad we had a good visit with them. He hugged me many times, ✓ they walked down to the car with us. When he said goodbye again he said "me har Jesus med os, og himlen i vente. Gud velgjerne dere alle!"

Then we drove over to see Tulo & Martha. They were waiting for us. It was easy there too, & hard to get away. Took video & pictures. He played the piano, & had me play. About 2 mos ago he had what ~~they~~ they think must have been a blood clot on the brain. He said he wasn't sick, but couldn't walk, etc. They x-rayed & saw he'd had a small one once before. He looked well & fit. She was good. It was really nice to ~~be with~~ Erik & have him as "guide". It gets late at night so we have to sleep fast.

Fri. Have started getting things ready to pack today - & will have a bath & shampoo after breakfast. Walter came & took Joh & Astrid down town to shop. When they came back my hair was dry & so Walter & I walked downtown - I cashed more tr. checks. We looked at beautiful gold chains at J. Conis - so expensive. They sell more silver right now - but after we left Aslang said an American (who left Norway when 16) came in & bought the heavy gold chain for his wife.

Astrid made cheese omelette, & John fried some meat balls for lunch. We were invited to Lysa for 5 pm dinner - a kind of cod, fried with fried onion, butter to pour over, boiled potatoes & salad. She had just bought a beautiful glass pyrex (oval) casserole with silver lid, & silver gravy bowl today from a gift certificate she got at Xmas so used it ^{today} for the first time. She had a fancy ice cream sewing for dessert. We were ^{all} invited to her sister Reidun for 7. She lives in a beautiful home up the hill beyond Johanna. They had lived in US (east coast) for 5 yrs (1958 - 1963!) so speaks good English. She & her girl friend from there had been on a trip to Rome, Vienna, Paris, etc.

- leaving from Copenhagen - & showed some beautiful pictures. I like Reidun (& Aslaug) - R. works at a Drug Store downtown, & her husband works with the oil. He works 2 wks & has 2 wks off, and 2 weeks & has ~~3~~ ⁴ wks off - or however.

I packed my big bag, Walter put it in the car - his too.

Pat. I got up early, dressed & finished
packing. I hear the other's packing
Walter will come for breakfast & will
leave for "Kaimosi" - hope to get on
the 9:30 bus for Hanga-roa.
Had a good trip over the road -
didn't have to have the car so we
It wasn't as clean as when we
went to Skinderson - more boys at
the house. We drove right "home"
to Skinderson & unpacked our bags
(they will return later today from
gray beard). We drove right to Joe
& had a lunch there as there was
lots of time before Smith's flight.
~~that~~ I went to the washroom as
Walter wanted a second one for
after a couple with a little girl
Ray came & sat at the next table.
It was the blonde with them
green children: What a coincidence!
Walter had phoned Tom after we
arrived & phone were made to
meet when we came back from
Kaimosi, so it was a real surprise
to meet now. They had just stopped
by for coffee. We waited until
Smith's flight came in. Tom came
out alone - in his flight doesn't

arrive with him so they were trying to trace it.

We drove to ~~the hotel~~ ^{Skurteveit's} Tasted and showed them around a bit before they went to their hotel. (Garth got a nice red car) We decided to go to Taster Kirke tomorrow (Sun) at 11. Garth was to phone us in the a.m. if he needed clothes etc. He didn't call so we thought they must have been too tired. At 8 a.m. on Sun Walter was just getting up, & heard something outside so looked out the window - just as Garth was pecking in!! How he ever found us without an address or map! He came in & used Walter's razor. We all met at Taster Kirke at 11 a.m. - took pictures. What a view! A nice service - baptism + communion. We bought a hymn book there.

Drove around after service & ~~after~~ at a small cafe. (Many are closed - when weather is nice they'd rather be out at the beach)

Walter & I were invited to Petrus' house to visit Per, his wife & fam, Guri Haugen & her daughters Inger & Liv. Showed us around the house - he has made many improvements

He had Skurteveit's address but it was in his suit case!

Mon. we

~~Mon.~~ himself (His wife has her beauty parlor in the basement. I may get my hair done there before we go home.)

They served fresh waffles, cake & pink ice cream. We had a lovely time & were treated royally! It was worth a trip over for that visit. They remembered our folks & Walter. Per even remembered we stopped by in '68 when I met him. They shared many good things about Uncle Alfred & the aunts - how Jager & Per would stop in after school & visit there the same as at their Grandmas. They said my hands were like Aunt Marie's - under fingers pointed some way. Hope we can visit them again. It was midnight when we got home.

~~Mon.~~ - Mon. we (W & J, Garth & Knud)

~~Tues~~ - met Hendel at the Hotel at 1.

We were at Dom Burke ~~together~~ together.

(We ~~were~~ were at Kelland in the forenoon. (Mon) & saw the graves. Took pictures.)

Tues. Bev phoned in a.m. from London - is coming here at 9:45-p.m.

We 4 (W. & J. G. & K.) went on a fjord cruise to Lysefjord at 1:30 - it was beautiful weather & the sea was calm. Took many pictures - & video. Drove around ^{Tasta again.}

Had a little rest when we got back & got ready to go to Ingjerd & Kare Nilson - took Karen & Salla along. They have a beautiful home. (Garth & Kris came later) For supper we had cold sliced salmon, ^{oyster crabs} shrimp,

good bread & rolls, a platter of speake kyot (lamb) ham, sausages, & cold cuts, chunks of watermelon, cherries, etc. The table was set so nice

- fresh flowers (white daisies, purple pansies with long stems, yellow lily like flowers ^{or large yellow} etc.)

Everywhere - you see pansies, in pots, window boxes, or flower beds. In the houses you see so many violets - mostly purple. Also beautiful paintings, & wall hangings.

It was so cosy to visit these lovely people.

Kare Phoned the airport - Bev's plane on time.

We drove our car & Kris & I went along to meet Bev. So nice to see her! We went back & visited briefly (as it was getting late)

~~Wed.~~ and we ~~thought~~^{travels} to take Karen, Salli back. Garth & Kris went to their hotel. Inge & Marie were still up & wanted to meet Bev so we waited a while. Bev slept upstairs in their room.

Wed. I got up early & packed a few things for our trip back to Kvernøy. It's a bit overcast today & seems cooler as there is a wind. We left "home base" & drove down town & to Helland church so Bev got to see the graves. Took pictures. Uncle Alfred's gravestone was taken away to have her name added so it wasn't very nice^{there}. Then we drove around as it was Bev's first view of Stavanger. Parked the car at Hauøy hotel & walked to the harbor & Dom kirke & market place. (There wasn't time to go in the church today as we have to be early at the ferry^{place}.) Then we saw a man selling sweaters (near the open market place) so we spent enough time there for Bev to pick out matching sweaters for Al & Patti, & one for herself. I got one too. Then we drove out to Randeberg (Bev took pictures at Tastad.) Got in the line up for the ferry & went in to the washroom, & had each a hot dog & cold drink. Then Garth & Kris came. It wasn't as nice a day - quite breezy, & we were giving Garth a hard time on the ferry. Were out on dock

a lot of the time & took pictures & video.

Johanna said we were to drive directly to her place for coffee, so the table was set & looked "special" with hand-dyed cloth, flowers, & food. A platter of fresh waffles, soft toy, trunfla (a rich cake with raisins, etc) & then ~~so~~ big platters of big cream puffs! I'll have to really diet when we get home (& use some lemon on my face)

We had a tour thru Arne & Uta's place, & they gave each of us a painting on silk (made by Uta) ~~to~~

We were all at Magnus & Aslaug for fancy open-faced sandwiches. Anne Marie & her 2 were there, also Leiden & her girl.

They served tea & "brus". Aslaug said she made it all "from her whole heart" for us. Magnus hoped she kept some of her heart for him! John was there. So nice for Bev to meet him.

They all like it in Norway. Garth plans to come again in 5 yrs with Carol, and Bev says she wants to come again!

They finally found a way to play the video thru Garth's camera. It was ok, but not in color. So they got to see Mom's 100th b'day, and there was also a bit of swathing & combining at Peter & Dick's.

Aslaug has
Garth & Walter
out there, &
Bev & Kees in
another room.
Boy - what
special people
they are!


Thurs. It got late again last night. I'm
up & dressed - the others are just up,
so I can start in my journal:

I took some of Bevi's clothes home
last night so we'll get them
washed this a.m.

We had Komla at the Lantern again at
noon - had to sit downstairs as there were
bus loads of tourists upstairs. (We had
the same room as when Pete & Ruth were here)
It was Anna, Astrid, Johanna, Bev & Kees,
Garth, Walter, me. I think they all enjoyed
the meal. Then we had a good tour thru
the museum. And then on to Jacob Conis.

Aslaug was kept busy waiting on us all.
(That store is a very busy place - everyday).
Garth got his shopping done there, & Bev,
& as Aslaug was off Fri & Sat, we did ours
then too. Hard to make choices as
there are so many beautiful things.

While we were doing our shopping then,
Astrid went with Garth's car ^{road} to Falnes Church.
Then we all drove out to John's - & he
served fancy ice cream, & an apple cake
Aslaug had made (warmed a bit in his microwave)
after a good visit here we ^{all} drove up to
Anne Marie's beautiful home & watched a
video ~~of~~ from the oil rig (where he works)
Another big - & interesting day.

Fri. I had to get up early, bath & wash my hair. It was barely dry when Walter came for me. We (2 cars) drove out to Langager - for Garth to meet Erik & his wife. Then we drove to a bank in Akra when Garth got some copying done. Then out to the harbor, on to Egilo where they had a big midday. Large rich tart shells with cut up fish mudding in a cream sauce with a shrimp garnish on top (so pretty!) fancy open-faced sandwiches, a large platter of beef cakes (hot) & other things (ham etc) A delicious meal. ~~for~~ Garth's car left for Haugesund where they were to do some sight seeing & buy a table cloth for Carol. Egil went with us to Sigdis - another nice home. Dagny, Jacob came too. Walter got Dagny, Egil singing a bit of "Kingdom" on video. She served such a big meal on coffee table - large pancakes (à la Sigdis), a rich & iced kringla, open faced sandwiches and finally a beautifully decorated cream cake with raspberries on top, raspberries, ^{red} currants & wh. cr. between layers, & sides decorated (up & down) ~~or~~  And we were invited to Aslango for 7 where we had a big midday - ^(decorated with white cream etc) roast beef & gravy, platter of vegetables - carrots, peas, cabbage. - ^{red} currant jam -

We got
a book
from
Arne & Mag
today.
We'll empty
reading that.

~~Jan~~ Tor & his family were here - Gunvor,
Marianne & Tor Magne. A nice family.
She is a teacher here & they have a beautiful
home, high up on Erub by.
We drove around & saw a house ~~where~~ ^{that}
was childhood home of our grandfather - &
also the house where grandma & grandpa
lived & where Lisa & Lena were born.
It has been built larger now, but was
originally more like John's house, only larger.
Another full & wonderful day!

Sat. I'm ready for breakfast, & gathered
my things sort of ^{to be} ready in case we
return to Stavanger today. We plan to
visit Magneheld Dale, & then Mag & Aelung
will go with us to Jacob Conis "lytte". That
will be very interesting for me - my first time.
Then Johanna & Aetrid are making medley
for us later..

~~Astang came with Walter~~

Garth & Kristan came in the forenoon
to say goodbye to us 3, & to Anora, as
they are leaving for Bergen & Trondheim
(flying) & will get another car at [↑].
Walter ~~picked~~ picked up the "spark". Then he & Ber
& Aelung came to pick me up & we went
to Magneheld Dale. She had a nice
lunch ready for us, & we had a
real nice visit. We are to greet
everyone from her.

Then we went on to Jacob Con
& Signe's "hytte". What a beautiful
place - we could have stayed
there for days! They are lovely
people & treated us royally.

Hope our pictures give an
idea of how really nice it was.
Had ice cream & raspberries
there, and had to leave as
Johanna expected us at 5.

She had the best leg o' lamb
roast for us. Also turnips, Caulflowers
etc. - and a lemon dessert.

It rained today - but was
nice & sunny at Jacob Con's.

We got on the 7 o'clock ferry.
It was windy & rainy so
we weren't out on deck at all.

It was good to get home again
to Skurtveit. Had a good
time with them - tea etc in h.r.

Then Eldbjørn & Einar came
and after a while Einar
sang for us (Mare too) while
Eldbjørn played the piano. It was
very enjoyable - & of course got
late again.

Sun. It's a rainy day - so we drove
23rd. to Kampen church (where we
were 3 wks ago) It was a good
service - 2 baptisms - no Communion.
Coffee was served after - and we
met a missionary couple who
had been in the ^{1949-60 and 1971-73} Camerouns
- knew Paul & Dorcen Posthalm
Gudrun & Ove Aasen

Then the pastor came & sat with
us. He spoke good English - had
been in California & China.

We also met another couple.

Then W. Bev & I drove to Jasta
Kurke & took pictures, and
out by Uncle Alf's & the school.
Not a nice day to be out - so
we drove to Havly hotel & had
a bun & tea. Then walked to
Tom kirke for Bev to see

Then it was time to meet Edbj.
& Einar (they came to our place & took
us in their car to Hummeren.

Had an absolutely delicious dinner
- Einar & Bev had kolbaste & smorg. We
had the buffet. Visited a lot and

then went to the new
SAS hotel downtown - very
beautiful - & had tea & ice cream.

Now we are back "home".

Visited our hosts a while
up stairs before we retired.

Mon.

Walter, Bev & I went downtown
after breakfast. Did some window
shopping (bought each a Stavanger
T-shirt) & had coffee & each
an apricot (v apple) turn-over.

Bev stayed downtown - we went
to meet Hurdal & Ingebet at Kampen
church - he had coffee for us,
& Hurdal brought bread & cheese,
& each a danish roll. We 3 (w. H & I)
had an appet at Landaberg with
a "lemman", near the home where
Sofie was. He got all the family
names, etc - so ~~all~~ the estate
can be settled now. It takes time.

We drove in to Haaland to thank
them - only daughter (from U.S.)
was home. She said they will
have us over again before we leave.

We got home about 3:15 - in lots
of time to take Bev to Sola.
Gunnar, Eldbjorg & her mother (Jennie)
were also at Sola & we visited
together until Bev had to board.

~~Then~~ Tue had supper with them at the airport - & visited more.

We felt so tired when we got back. Its been cloudy & dull all day but not as cool as yesterday.

They say this is ~~is~~ typical July weather. We visited upstairs - & I had a sleep on the havenport - Walter went down to his room.

Guri Haugen had phoned & asked us to call back. She wants us to meet her at the highway (near Tasta syke hjem) Wed. at 5:30 & we'll visit with Bergit Bø there.

Walter phoned Ueland, & we're to go there Thurs. afternoon.

Ingebrigt & Marie will go along.

Tues. I am washing clothes today. ^{Bleeds}

We're not planning anything extra - will be nice to have a day off visiting.

Hung clothes on neighbors line (they are away for the summer).

Trashed our morning & Marie's before we had midday (4:15)

Then Walter & I drove to Tasta & took more pictures. Have copied some recipes tonight. Tomorrow we meet some Natloip about 1-2 p.m.

And at 5:30 meet Guri at Bergit Bø.

Wed. A rainy dull day!

We have to go down town to try to exchange sweaters for Bev - the sweater-man was to be back today. Hope we can get matching ones in right size.

- 12:30 - ~~back~~ back home, and we did get a larger sweater for Al. We are ready now to go to Tampa church to meet Hendal, & go with him to Natloys for coffee.

(Still raining) We bought flowers & wrote on cards for Bengt & Bô (when we go tonight) & for Luri Haugen. We're also giving flowers & a card to Hendal.
9:45 pm back home again.

It's been a full day, and very nice too. Natloys have a beautiful home - many oil paintings, flowers & blooming plants indoors, and their large yard is like a park. They have lived there all their married life, (over 50) and have a veg. garden, trees, bushes, flowers, lily pond, and large peis. If it hadn't been raining they said we'd have been out door.

She showed us an album -
great book - of Uncle Alfredo
, gave it to us. Nendal was with
us - & it was very pleasant.

Nendal had to leave, so we
took him home, & just drove
around until it was time to
go to Berg's Bp at 5:30. Geri
was there, also Berg's brother -
Hamilton & Wilfred Appelund, ^(wife)
and his brother's widow,
Signe Appelund. Her husband
had died ~~about~~ a month ago
- about the time we arrived here.
Walter hadn't seen Hamilton
for 30 years, so took video &
pictures of the whole group.
Hamilton asked us to call in
at their place on the way here
- close to Uncle Alfredo. His
son (a teacher), his family
were there - The son & father
are building a boat in the yard
~~now~~. It was interesting to meet
them all. There is lots of
construction around there - for
roads etc. They want to tear down
the house, but have promised they
won't so long as they are alive.

They have company upstairs
- Charlotte's mother & a^{unt} ^{Albert}.
They don't speak Norwegian
(Danish) so it was good we
had plans to be away. They
may invite us up to meet
them - before they leave.

Thurs. - Thought of Bee when I awoke
as she is to leave London this a.m.
There was lots of thunder & lightning
in the night - and RAIN! Have
been many showers this morning
with sunshine in between.
There was a long letter
from Gertrude this a.m. So
nice to hear from her. We'll
see her when we get home.

We had some soup etc, &
Marie came with us down
town. Bought a bag (reduced)
for our tax free items, and
Walter got 2 pullovers. One
was reduced so much & is nice.
Marie bought one the same for
Albert. We're back home
now & can rest a bit & have
coffee with Inge when he comes
off work. Then we'll get ready
for our trip to Uelands by 6pm.

The drive to Naarb was real nice. Ingebrigt drove. Torger met us at the door - a new apartment block - & we walked up many (3 anyway) flights of stairs (They were on the top floor). It was big, roomy & bright, & furnished nice - white ornaments & ~~two~~ candleholders - pink candles & pink serviettes - etc.

Anita came home & greeted us - a lovely girl of 18 now.

Haldis set the coffee table - pancakes (lapper) & strawberry jam, lefse, cakes (I think they call kringla) and beautiful open-faced sandwiches.

Then she brought in a Can. pie - ga wafel crust, Cream ^{wh.} filling with cherry preserve filling. Just jummy!

They got along well with the Skurtveits - hadn't met before. Had a good visit.

Just before I got to bottom of stairs I fell! Boy did my left foot hurt! Marie wrapped it when we came home - I couldn't put my weight on it.

I didn't sleep all night - took aspirins as often as I dared.

In the morning she phoned emergency as she thought a small bone could be fractured.

Fri - Walter brought me coffee etc,
& Marie re-wrapped my foot.
Had to cancel my hair appt
as I couldn't walk. Went to
emergency after 9 a.m. - sat
for over 2 hrs - but results
of X ray showed no fracture.
I was so relieved. Dr. said I
should walk as much as I ^{dared} could,
and it's been getting easier all day.

~~He~~ We picked up Karen & Sallie
& took them to Anne Grete by
12:10 - Such a nice couple.

First time we met her husband
Gustav, and 3 sons (youngest was Leo).
They had a very interesting
home - we sat in the sun
room - beautiful plants all
over - grapes growing all ^{under} ~~over~~
ceiling with large clusters.

Walter wished I could have
seen the basement & rest of the home.
They are both teachers. Hope our
notes & camera pictures will be good.

Sat. I had a sponge bath & washed my hair. Marie set it for me & I dried it with her dryer. We 4 left before 2 - met Hindals at Kampen church & followed them to a hytta - just beyond (Randaberg). She is a widow now - not 80 - but she & her brother were classmates of Hindal - & have been good friends over the years. Her cabin ~~was~~ is in a beautiful spot. They've planted all the trees there - ~~there~~ & have fruit bushes, evergreens, and lovely climbing roses - one in red, & one yellow. They are just off the fjord & have a wonderful view from the window, of boats & sailboats on the water. The cabin has a big deck facing the water, & a large L.R. with corner fireplace - table, chairs etc. The kitchen is long & narrow with a window at each end, & a table at the window facing the water. There are 2 B.R. rooms, with bath room in basement (I wasn't ^{down} there). A house like that would be great to have at the farm. It was finished in wood inside (ceiling, walls, etc). Very cosy. & a beauty spot outside.

We rested after we got home -
then packed the Tax-free
items, completed forms, etc.
Then we drove over to Tjorten
Lackö's place. Her son-in-law
& 2 of the boys were there, & we all
had coffee, lefäse, etc. Then he
& one boy went home, & later
Kanne & Gunnare came with the
older boy (They have 4 boys)
Kanne is still small, blonde
& young looking (is 37 I believe)
Then we had strawberries
ice cream or cream & sugar!
What a treat! They are

leaving tomorrow for their bytke
- Kirsten goes along.

Sun. - A beautiful, calm sunny day!!
We went to Kampen Church
again - (could say "Takk for seg")
As soon as we met before
Walter & I packed our big bags
while waiting for dinner.
Then Ingebjørg came down
stairs & said there was a phone
call from Kirsten Helene - that
Johanna died about 11 a.m. today!
We can't seem to believe it!
Then Kirsten phoned. I guess they
had taken her to the hospital about

8 a.m. - & 3 hrs later she was gone!
She hadn't wanted us to leave
Skudenenes - we were to stay with her,
she said. They don't expect the
funeral sooner than about Friday
- so we can't stay that long.
We'll just plan to leave in the
morning, but will phone
Astrid or Arne before we go.
It's so sad when ~~at~~ things like this
happen. Will be hard on Astrid.

We've had our dinner now,
& dishes are in the d. washer.
All are to have a nap now.

— We sat out on the patio - just
a beautiful warm sunny day
(like at home) - and had coffee.
Ingbret cleaned some strawberries
he had picked for a neighbor who is
away - & we had them, cream & sugar.
Hadn't heard from John, who was
coming for the car - so phoned
Aslaug. It would be over an hr
till he came, so we 4 got in the car
& drove to Njæs at Sandness.
We didn't think it would be possible
to make it there, but glad we did.
Had a good visit, & she insisted on
serving us ice cream & peaches (canned)
& a cold drink. They want Skurtveits to
come again.

We dropped Marie off at the bridge near "home" and sped off to the ferry. We were $\frac{1}{2}$ hr late, - but so was the ferry!! Walter took video as it was coming in, & as it was unloading - then someone tapped his shoulder. It was John! Walter hadn't noticed when he came. We drove past Tasta so John could see his tomt. When we got here Eldbjorg & Einar had arrived. They brought Al's gift for us to take. Marie made tea. Had a good visit. Walter & Inge put the rack on Inge's car, & tied the spark on it, to be ready for morning.

Mon. I woke early & washed before Walter came. Finished the last packing - so we're about ready!! Inge had breakfast ready & table in D.R. set so nice when we got upstairs. Marie came later - we were all together for the final meal. It's a lovely clear warm day again - we've been so lucky. Left for Sola - a really nice drive we've made several times while here. Got 2 carts ~~to~~ to wheel our luggage in - the "spark" went on top!

Had a
good
trip to
Amsterdam
& a short
stop there

We were plenty early so had time to visit with Skurtweets before we had to go "in" - we had to present our tax-free purchases there (the 5 sweaters, things from Jacob Con) and get our refund. Then we waited in that waiting room until time to board our big plane (KLM). Our seats ^{from Amsterdam} were right by the doorway - so had lots of leg room! The lady on the 3rd seat looked almost oriental, but must have been from Holland - had visited her sister there for 2 mos & was returning to ^{east coast of USA}. She was reading a foreign language, & the stewardesses spoke to her in another language (could have been Dutch) - but she seemed nice. Talked a bit to me before we reached Toronto. The trip was fine - were served lunches & meals & hot or cold drinks - watched a movie - so time went fast.

There was a long walk in Toronto & so crowded. We had to claim all our baggage & go thru customs, & then re-check it for I'toon. It took so long! Not our favorite airport!!

We didn't find Carolyn & Robert
- had expected to meet them here
as we have 4 hrs to wait!
Looking up their number was
impossible as we found about
20 Robert Youngs! We even ~~tried~~
looked for Tasted - not there.
Tried Angus & Kay - no answer.
Then we called Martha for
Carolyn's no. - no answer!
So the time seemed very long.
Tried to get something to eat
- hungry for a hot dog - as
we thought there would only be
a lunch on our flight home.
There were several bars but
no lunch rooms, but found a
place where ^{we} bought each a Danish
pastry roll (it didn't taste fresh)
I did too much walking - my
foot bothered me a lot - so
many ramps slanting up or
downs hurt to walk on.

Air Canada flight was on
time & comfortable seats. There
were a lot of noisy young men
(teenagers) returning from New York
where they had some competitions
(German dances, I think)

A girl came to our window seat
(next to me) & she is on way back
to Stoun too. Works in a Beauty
salon downtown. (Had a red
scarf around her head, red blouse
& shoes) We felt really tired -
Walter slept most of the way - I
dozed once in a while. It sure
was nice to hear the announcement
that we were landing in Stoun!

We were
served a
big chicken
dinner on
the plane!

Walter spotted Bud, Bernice,
Jenne & Eddie as we were coming
down the escalator. How good to
see them all & to be home.

Picked up all our luggage
& Bud drove the van home.
It didn't take long to notice
our place has been having
excellent care for 5 wks! The
bushes N. of front door were trimmed,
grass cut & watered. Bernice had
washed the car, house, driveway
besides the many other regular
things. Guess skid been over here
several times every day.

We didn't unpack all our bags,
but did try some video tapes - were
curious to see if they were good. And
they are - very good

Tues. Even tho' it was midnight
or later when we got to bed,
we woke early, so got up
and unpacked our bags.
Phoned Jennie, & decided to go
there for breakfast. She
came back here with us &
at lunch I opened a can of salmon.
Walter had a low cut appet so
Jennie left too then, & I had a
rest. My foot bothers - & is
much more swollen. Guess
I shouldn't have walked so
much. Eddie wanted to
take us out for supper so
we went to Justins.

After