

Christmas 1986

Dear Ruth & Pete,

How are you both these days? I am fine so far and do hope I don't catch the flu which seems to be going around at locales. If I do catch it - I shouldn't not have it bad because I have had a flu shot last month.

Sharon & Lance wants me down for Christmas ~~time~~ again. Carl may drive me if the weather is not bad. Sharon wants Dennis to come but he has to work Dec 27<sup>th</sup>. Gary is not keen of going. I think Dennis has a better chance next year because Christmas will be on Friday.

Did you both enjoy your trip to see Angus & Kathleen? How are their children doing in school?

The exterior of my house looks so much nicer after some men put new ivory gutters and fascia on it. Gary says he will do the painting next summer. I won't have to worry about icy sidewalks now.

Gary likes his job with the Alberta Government as a computer programmer for the Solicitor General. He goes by bus every day.

Guess Sharon told you Gary had a nasty fall from his 10 speed bike. He suffered a cracked head & bruised brain last Oct 12<sup>th</sup> which was Sharon & Lance first Anniversary. Gary had very bad headaches for a week and could not lie down flat. He was well enough to go back to work Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. The employees at Gary's place of work gave Gary a helmet. I told Gary when he bought the bike he should

buy a helmet.

Carl was laid off from the job Dennis friend found because the oil prices went down. He is now back on construction - it seems he is working for a better Co. pay this time. He has a month off next week because he have had worked 12 hours a day at Fort Mc Murray in the summer time.

Dennis friend is moving out of the house they rent to live in Vancouver. Carl will move in with Dennis after Christmas.

My sister Pauline & her husband sold their house here and moved to Kelowna. I sure missed my chats with her. They will be in Edmonton next week and stay with their daughter who is expecting her second child around Christmas time. Pauline will have 10 grandchildren.

Heard you were out visiting in Red Deer last summer. Did you get a new tombstone for your father & brothers?

Sharon tells me that Martha and Carol are making their bedroom & living room larger. It would look much better because it did look small.

Ruth I think it is Gusmar's & Irene's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary next Aug. It sure would be nice to see all the relations again in the summer.

I will have two week winter holiday in Mar. I plan to visit my sister in Kelowna for a week. Then have a week at home to paint the kitchen.

Where will you spend Christmas this year? I do hope we have nice weather during the Holiday season. God Bless you both  
Love Barbara & family