

December 25, 1980

Dear Margaret and Marv,

I'm snowbound today...Had planned to take mom and visit in Ottawa with the grandchildren but the temperature ~~dropped~~ triopped to 25 below...C. of course and the roads were snowed...So I am writing those letters that should have been written before.

My Christmas dinner for this house was made last week so the girls can put it together.. Since they had not expected mom and myself, they had invited boy friends... I'm like a chaperone I guess. Renee is knitting on a machine and mom is crocheting with her needle. Cindy is being a brat I think.

It seems like I have heard fr om you but can't remember when... I must not have answered you because "arv's picture of a steam tractor is still on the phone stand. I think I expected youall to visit and then you went to a wedding instead.

I hope your family is well and that you are enjoying the holidays...I've lost track of the grandchildren.

We are all well. I enjoy cross-country skiing out the back and down the hill, over the tracks and onto the conservation park where the ducks and geese live.

Mother is failing this year... She huffs and puffs and has had a cough for quite a while... She gets depressed when she is bright and coherent that she has lived so long...can't believe that she is 91. I have friends stop in to chat her every day while I am away and she croche ts and fixes the potatoes or carrots, small jobs.

We are happy to have her with us.....

Please visit soon... I enjoy my times with you. Carlos will be back in May and maybe we could camp together for awhile this summer. I would like to go to Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania maybe.

Lots of love,

Phyllis