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January

Dear Ida Rose & Tracy,

Perhaps Irma has called you by now and told you how both Jim & I are.

I intended calling you right after I called Irma but we talked so long - I knew I could not put another long distance call on our phone this month.

Jim is home for all the coming week. He worked in Las Vegas last Monday, & until 11:00 on Tuesday. Then he came home & went to see my doctor, an Internist (Epellet One).

The doctor said he was not having a heart attack then but after tests, he & the heart specialist determined Jim has had two massive heart

attacked in the past. We do not know when. One could have been associated with his stroke - that is just a guess. Anyway he had a special test with Isotopes Friday and was at the hospital nearly all day. The results will not be known until next week - he has an appointment with the doctor Friday.

We both know since he had his stroke and surgery just after your Dad died, he gets tired very very early.

Anyway I did so want to stay to your Nonnary Doctorate Ceremony. I was sick that night - Saturday I went to LDS Hospital and on Monday I had my right eye operated on - June 15th. I am still putting antibiotics in it twice a day. On July 23, I was in Salt Lake LDS Hospital again to have a lump ^{-not malignant} removed from under my right arm and started in with sinus, swollen glands, blood in bedpans - vomiting etc - the last of August & here

just the past two weeks been able
to keep food down after four full
months of not being able to. I lost
55 pounds - even tried on my wedding
dress. I weighed 116 lbs with it on
& everything I could think of to make
me weigh more when I've got
nausea.

It is scary to come so close to
dying but I did not even know
it until I got out of the hospital.
The doctors have diagnosed two
illnesses - Lupus & Immunoblastic
Lymphadenopathy and they are
watching closely for a blood cancer.
The second illness is a form of
blood cancer. Maybe I will know
on the 5th after a blood test at
the hospital on the 1st.

Well - it just goes to show we
are here to take whatever the Lord
has in store for us. We are only in
control of our own lives as far as
He wants us to be. I surely
would not have had all these

addresses of I had any control of it.
None of us would.

Glad you had so many of your
children home for the holidays. Glad
you have a large family of children
and grandchildren too.

Tatum is great and it is so good to
be near her and Scott and my
grandchildren. Scott treats Jim & I
like he does his parents and
Tatum does the same with us & his.

Received a letter from Scherwin. We
were happy to hear from her.

I did not send one letter, one card,
nor do any Christmas shopping, nor
have anyone to dinner. I was
so ill. I got out of the hospital
2 days before Christmas.

How are you enjoying winter this
year? By the news it is rough
out that way and everyone says
this is the coldest winter in years
in St. Louis. But it is great
to us. It was 50° yesterday. Jack

Before I went to the hospital in
December, I went outside and
picked a dozen beautiful roses.
Now they freeze and freeze hard.
The leaves were just budding out
again when we had another
bad frost two weeks ago. It has
snowed twice here. When Scott
works it was 20 below at Christmas
time. What a difference 50 miles
can make.

How is your Botique doing Ida Rose?
Is Money still able to help you.
Someday I would enjoy seeing your
store.

Well, enough chatter from me so
so long until the next time.

Love from
Joan & Melba

10 o'clock
Monday

~~August~~

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1 1/2 hrs

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