

Dec 30, 1983

Dear Jim and Ernie:

Enclosed is the original and a copy of the receipt for the funeral bill and the receipt for payment. What about the bill for the flowers? Did Ernie or Jim pay for the family flowers? Or do we owe somebody something for those.

As soon as you receive the bill for the putting of the date on the marker, send me the bill for that and I will pay it, too.

Here is an itemized accounting of the money we put in a savings account for Dad:

Invested:	\$3229.09
Interest	<u>807.29</u>
Total	\$4036.36
Funeral ex.-	<u>2612.57</u>
Banker's	
Life	- 333.57 (1982 bill pd by Tracy Jr from our account)
Balance	<u>\$1090.22</u>

I can't put my finger on what Ernie said the marker engraving would cost, but when you get that send it along, too, and we will pay for that. That will leave 700 and something left in the account.

Enclosed, also, is the letter from Banker's life which, apparently did pay the part of the hospital bill which wasn't covered by Medicare.

I guess you have enough headaches as it is to settle the estate, but from all the forecasts we have been hearing, interest rates are not going to be coming down. I would not put too much money into the house to fix it up. It will probably sell faster if someone thinks they can put a little money into it and make it worth more. In some cities they have special municipal loans to give to low income people to remodel and restore old homes. Unfixed, it might qualify for something like that. One of the grandchildren or children might be interested in applying for something like that and fixing up the house themselves. Or maybe Jim would. Get a couple of appraisals and put it on the market and sell it as fast as you can., would be my idea. Even then, it might take awhile to sell it.

Whoever you sell it to, do not take a mortgage. Let whoever ~~xxx~~ buys it get their own mortgage and cash it out to the inheritors.

You can subtract the \$700, or so from any share I might have in the estate, if that is agreeable to you. What it amounts to is that it is part of the interest that is left, and it's a good thing we invested it where we could get good interest.

Love,

Ida-Rose