

December, 1944

Written by his father, these are details on the death of his mother, Lily, who died on Dec 7, 1944

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Dear Son:

you must know by this time
that Mom died, sent telegram to you
tell me just when you received it? it was so
sudden I could not write until now

Dad got the wire the same night. Mrs Rivie
helped send telegram to you. How come this
sudden death no one know for sure she
was sick only 10 or 12 hours

Mom was well and feeling fine for weeks before
Last Monday the 4th of Dec she went to Chicago
to a funeral Berrie Barrett died.

Tuesday the 5th she went to see aunt Hattie
in the Oak Park Hospital and then over to
her friends Corine. Mom stayed in Chicago
that Monday night at Carl Barrett's

Tuesday I went to a meeting at the Morrises
called Mom up at Corine's and told her what train
I would take and to meet me she did feel good
read a book on the way home

Wednesday the 6th she did some house work
and ~~came to bed~~ in after noon
that night she went with Toots up to church
to Prayers singing got home at 9:30 Eate
Lunch played the piano read the Paper
and went to bed feeling good of course
I was to sleep by the time she came to bed.

Thursday the 7th about ^{4:00} 5 o'clock in the morning
she said she had a headache went to the toilet
took 2 pills came back to bed got up later
and took 2 more. When I came in for breakfast
I went in to see her, she sat on the edge of
the bed I said why dont you lay down toots
has breakfast ready she said she got so dizzy
she didnt want to lay down, and said she had
pain in her chest on right side, her jaws
she said that she came out in dining room
and sat in high Rocking chair at 10:30 she
answered the phone but went back to the chair
she mentioned about her left leg going to sleep
while sitting there at noon ~~she~~ still in the chair
but looking Extra Pale to me I got her to lay
down and had the ~~dr~~ Dr come

He gave her a shot to ease the pain
and left a pill if pain continued
tested for blood pressure and it was normal
She didnt want to be bothered but Len when
in to see her at about 3:30 uneasy and would
not talk much I tried to talk to her at 5:40
when I came in for supper ~~the~~^{her} room was
dark and I didnt turn light on I talked to
her from the door way I know she moved
her arms or something so Luke always she
didnt want to be bothered but before I finished
chairs I made up my mind I was going to
find out if she was getting better or worse
at 7:15 ^{to 20} when I went in there again she was
about all caught up I could not raise her
when Dr. Penning on a rush call came
he said she is gone on the papers it goes
down as heart diseas so in 10 or 12 hours was
all that she was sick aunt Katie died at
2 o'clock the same day. ~~the~~ We had the
funeral 2 o'clock Sunday her friends for miles
came. the church was full. county Police many
flowers and Mom still looked great.

our minister at Diamond Lake church
helped Mr Jerve what a sermon Mr & Mrs
Pine said ^{never} they had a better one and never
more beautiful I cant hardly write now but
time will heal the hurt I hope

Jerve read a poem oh it was good
he said it just belonged to Mamm the last
lines were (you may forget ^{her} my name and
where ^{she} I lived or where ^{she} I came from but you
will never forget the things ^{she} have done) (Pretty near
the words.)
And will become for a week or 10 days
as for what I will do I would like to ~~buy~~
a home in Liberty Hall or mudelin put tools in it
to keep house for Len and I and you
a place where I can call home and no one
can put us out. no matter where we are
or when it will be a place for us to come
to. if you get married your home is with me
until that time and after if it come that way
for Len its the same way if we all go together
and get this home

It will belong to your boys when I pass on.
I can still work this place. But its to
big a job for toots and Lem would like
to work some where Else and so would I
But I want a place so we can go home
at night and have our own pleasures
I dont want our home broken up I think
the world of your boys and our Grand daughter
toots is good and honest and a home some
where she could take good care of it
Now son if you need help or anything Else
any time I know lots of answer
because our Mom is gone dont forget
your Pop will you babe.

so Long son
and Lots of Love

Its hard for me to get the Lump out of my throat.
our neighbors were so good ~~we~~ we have enough
to eat for a week. bought a grave at
Diamond Lake cemetery

Good night

Received Christmas card Greeting from
you today Merry Xmas to you if it could be
Possible