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July 15, 1992

Dear Creekers,

This is a very sad newsletter for me. I am sorry for such a delay but have found it very difficult to write. Many of you know that Rogene '59 passed away on Tuesday evening, May 26, just shortly before sunset. The last three days of her illness were so hard for us. Jerry Hill was here when she died and he and Sharon Straw lowered the flag to half mast while I watched from our house.

The funeral was held in the Church at Little Creek at 1:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 28. We buried her in the rain at 47° - we chose to believe it was the angels weeping with us. We are sorry that more of you were not notified in time. Somehow confusion and exhaustion left us less than efficient.

Between writing each paragraph, I have been sitting here looking out the window of my newly enclosed back porch trying to guess how much detail you would be interested to read.

First, the entire family want you to know how much your outpouring of love and concern meant to us. Rogene answered every phone call, even when she was so weak we had to hold the phone to her ear. It meant so much to her. We tried to keep track of all the calls. My last count was more than two hundred and fifty phone calls--several from overseas. The word of her illness spread quickly. Somewhere between two hundred fifty and three hundred visitors--many alumni--came to see her before she died. Space precludes listing each name, but they came from far and near. Perhaps the greatest distance traveled was by Jon Larrabee, who came from Hawaii with his three month old son. Besides the calls and visits, she received many flowers and hundreds of cards and letters--some too late for her to read. It seems that the last newsletter was slow being delivered. But your cards and letters were a blessing to all of us. (See separate letter from the Roger Goodge family for their special thanks to you.)

We are comforted that Rogene could be cared for at home. We moved a hospital bed into the living room and she was nursed and cared for by her family and friends. She was very brave, although it was hard for her to leave her mother and all of us she thought needed her.

We visited Eddie Zollinger '51 at Laurelbrook recently. We're happy he is home again from Hawaii. He has been fighting this monster of cancer for four years and we talked about how devastating it can be.

However, I shared with him some things cancer cannot do. Karen (Holiman) Jeske has been in the fight also and perhaps others may take comfort from these thoughts someone gave me. **Cancer cannot destroy love, hope, memories, friends, our souls, our eternal life. We can still have peace, confidence and courage that those who have no hope cannot understand. Joy in the resurrection will be sure and lasting.**

Even though God did not answer our prayers for healing, He faithfully kept His promise to help us bear the pain. We wish we could answer each of you and thank you for the lovely flowers (Rogene's room

was filled with them), fruit, visits and prayers. You were all God's helpers. Someday we'll understand it all.

I'm trying to remember when Karen (Hiner) Holland '81 and husband Brian brought the choir and choir from Oklahoma Academy to give us a program. Karen is now the principal there as well as the director of music. We were just thrilled to hear the beautiful program and our students sensed the disciplined performance. I think they were here in February.

We were sorry to hear that Harvey Williams passed away recently. He had a serious stroke and did not live too long afterward. Our sympathy goes out to the family at this time of loss. In a letter from Betty (Williams) Allen '60, written before her father passed away, I quote, "Kimberly Goodge '88 was supervising the student nurse assigned to Daddy April 8. It was so good to see her. I just got to visit with her for a few minutes. She helped get Daddy ready to go to surgery that morning."

On a happier note, on June 14 the campus was all astir with preparations for Bruce Myers' '85 wedding, which was held at 11:00 A.M. There was a lovely reception afterward in the cafeteria. Rogene so much hoped to live to help with and attend, but that wasn't to be. We were happy she could give them her gift. Bruce married Lisa Heinsman. Her sister married James Gully '83, so this turned out to be a Gully reunion as well as a Myers & McNeilus one. Alumni involved in the wedding included James Gully, Brent Myers '78, Denzil McNeilus '79, Carl Sellars '83, Doug Dewey '85, & Jeff Hill '85, plus some other alumni-in-law & alumni children. Bruce and Lisa have moved into the girls' dorm as Lisa will be the assistant dean next year.

The John Dysinger '82 family, on furlough from Maxwell Adventist Academy in Nairobi, Kenya, and the Edwin Dysinger '77 family on leave from the self-supporting school in Mafinga, Tanzania, came to us. What fun we had hearing about their work. Since we visited the Riverside project when we were in Africa we were especially interested in Edwin's work which is similar--teaching health and agriculture. A recent letter from their brother, Wayne Dysinger '78 says, "We moved from Guam to Loma Linda last September so I could finish my preventive medicine residency. After the move, June decided she wanted to pursue a career in nurse-midwifery. She was accepted at Emory University, where she started classes this month (May). We will be in the Atlanta area for at least two years while she completes her course work. I will be working in Family Practice and Preventive Medicine in the Atlanta area."

Karen (Holiman) Jeske '68 has been nursing in Kender Adventist Hospital in Kenya, East Africa, for four years. However, her bout with breast cancer has been a trial for her. She returned to the U.S. this spring for reconstructive surgery and then hopes to pursue a course in midwifery at Loma Linda which will be helpful if she can return to Kenya. Remember her in your prayers.

David Hamilton '86 came to visit and I asked him to write a bit about his work. He says, "I am the editor-in-chief of *The Student Echo* at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and that's about it. I'm also the evening librarian at the Chattanooga Times and have written a few things for them over the past few years. Here are the last four issues of *The Student Echo* We have a new copy editor this semester so unfortunately you will have to excuse an error here and there. It's kind of incredible how with three editors, three assistant editors, a copy editor and a computer (that will spell-check all of your copy) we still run into problems." Maybe this poem will comfort David as it does me:

Spellbound

I have a spelling checker,
It came with my PC;
It plainly marks four my revue
Mistakes I cannot sea.
I've run this poem threw it,
I'm sure your please too no,
Its letter perfect in it's weigh,
My checker tolled me sew.

-Quoted by Pennye Harper

Since writing the first part of this letter we have attended the memorial service for Eddie Zollinger '51 who lost his battle with cancer on July 7. Leland played Eddie's favorite song on his violin, *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*. Eddie spent about twenty-five years at Laurelbrook. His own family gave the service and told of his life which began with sorrow as his mother died when he was twenty months old. He came to Little Creek when he was in the fifth grade. The last few years he spent in Hawaii with his brother Glen '45. But he wanted to come home to Laurelbrook. Betty '44, Shirley '43 and Bob '48 accompanied him home from Hawaii and he stayed with Bob for the last two weeks before he died. His whole family was with him during the July 4 week-end so he knew how much he was loved.

I wanted to say, "Remember, Eddie, what cancer can't do. We still have our memories of your beautiful life and our hope of seeing you soon when Jesus comes. Then we'll have all eternity together with your mother who hated to leave you."

We wish lots of "Good Luck" to Albert Heidinger '79 in his flying career. He is currently a DC-10 Captain with World Airways. His next trip will be taking one load of the U.S. Olympic team to Barcelona, Spain. Albert was flying Muslem pilgrims from Medan, Indonesia to Mecca while Rogene was ill, but he did call her from Saudi Arabia and talked with her before she died. Albert has arranged to take his old flight instructor, Ken Straw, on a trip to Frankfurt, Germany as soon as he is back from Spain. We hope all goes well with the DC-10. Our congratulations also to Laury Weitzel '79, who has just finished obtaining all seven flight instructor ratings and all ATP ratings. There are only thirty-six pilots who hold all flight instructor ratings. Laury can now instruct single & multi engine land and sea, helicopter, gyrocopter, glider, as well as all instrument ratings in all aircraft eligible for instrument flight.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

James Micheff, who was elected president of Little Creek in February, 1991, accepted a call to return to the ministry in Grand Haven, Michigan. At a recent board meeting, Richard Garver was elected president of Little Creek. Mr. Garver has been president and director of the LaVida mission for native Americans for the past six years.

ALUMNI NEWS

GRADUATIONS:

Southern College:

Pamela Draper '88, A.S. in Accounting (Cum Laude), B.B.A. Marketing-Management

Sheila Draper '87, B.A. in English, Secretary of Senior Class

Kimberly Ann Goodge '88, B.S. in Nursing

Richard Mitzelfelt '88, B.A. in Mathematics

Heather Wise '88, B.S. in Nursing

Summer graduates:

Kimberly Stairs '87 B.B.A. in Accounting

Lindy Weitzel '83 B.A. in Biology (Magna Cum Laude)

Andrews University:

Joe Capps '87, (Details missing - Ed.)

WEDDINGS:

Bruce Myers '85 and Lisa June Heinsman, Sunday, June 14, 1992, 11:00 A.M., Little Creek Church
Dr. Dennis Eugene Clark '74 and Sharon Beth Clark, March 22, 1992, 3:00 P.M., Calimesa Adventist
Church (New address: 12841 Darwin Ave, Grand Terrace, CA 92324)

Kathryn Alicia Sparks & Heriberto Hernandez, June 10, 1992, 6:30 P.M., at Life Abundant Missionary
Institute, 40416 123rd Avenue, Ct. E. Eatonville, WA

Joahanna Evans and Dr. David Graham, May 24, 1992, Doe River Gorge

NEWCOMERS:

Steve '86 & Denise Frey, 7791 A Johnson Lane, Arpin, WI 54410, a son, Ethan Charles, June 23, 1992.
7 lbs. 6 oz.

Jeffrey and Debra (Odell) '82 Coston, a daughter, Chelsea Lynn, May 18, 1992, 6 lbs. 10 oz.

William & Sharon (Medanich) '75 Burchard, a son, Aaron Benjamin, June 13, 1992, 6 lbs. 5.5 oz.

Bill '67 and Evonne Richards, a son, Evan Stanley Richards, July 4, 1992, 9:44 P.M., 7 lbs. 8 oz., 20.5
inches

Gene '77 & Sheri Johnston, a son, Blake Aaron, July 1, 1992, 9 lbs. 12 oz.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING ' 92

Make plans now to attend alumni homecoming the week-end of November 6-7, 1992. The honor
classes will be 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, & 1992.

If you plan to come to Homecoming, please let me know so we can plan housing for you. My
secretarial skills start at zero, but maybe I can fill the void Rogene's death has left until November 6-7.
She is greatly missed.

NEW ALUMNI - CLASS OF 1992 - WELCOME

We wish to welcome the seniors from the class of 1992 to the alumni association. They are:

Elena Chai
Debbie Frey

Rochelle Freeman
Delia Kang

Jim Hundermark

LETTER FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Enclosed is a letter from Steve Foster that should have been sent with the last newsletter. We have added some additional information on the reverse of the letter to bring you up-to-date on events that have occurred since the letter was written.

ALUMNI ASSN SECRETARY

At present I am trying to fill Rogene's place as Secretary of the Alumni association until homecoming when a new secretary will be elected. Anything pertaining to the Alumni should be addressed to"

Alice Straw - *Alumni Secretary*
1809 Little Creek Lane
Knoxville, TN 37922

I will try to keep up with a record of new addresses, etc. and will prepare a report on the status of the Memorial Fund.

Please do me a favor and let me know if you sent in a graduation, wedding etc that has not been in a newsletter. Perhaps it was lost in the confusion. I've suggested putting alumni Sect. after my name which may help.

We are busy in the cannery. Will be doing corn next week. We could use some help! But call just as I never know just when.

I like this quote from Ed. p126 "The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. The word imparts power; it begets life". This is marvelous to me. So courage to you - Create today a poem, music, a house, a meal, a garden, a lovely picture - the possibilities are endless and life becomes fun! I wish we could list the visitors - but not know

*Thanks again for all you did to ease our pain -
Much love, Alice and Leland Straw*

Service of Praise
and Remembrance

for

ROGENE LOUISE GOODGE

January 23, 1941 to May 26, 1992

Little Creek Church/Auditorium
Knoxville, Tennessee

May 28, 1992

1:30 P. M.

Meditation of Life

"The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour;
Now is the only time your own:
Work, pray, give with a will--
Place not faith in tomorrow
For the clock may then be still"
--Unknown

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished
my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth
there is laid up for me a crown of righteous-
ness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall
give me at that day: and not to me only; but
unto all them also that love his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:7, 8

Pallbearers
(Cousins of the deceased)

Gary Carlson	Tom McNeill
Burton Goodge	Kenneth Straw
Grant Goodge	Stanford Straw
Marty Gustin	Craig Williams
	Kent Williams

SERVICE OF PRAISE AND REMEMBRANCE

Organ Meditations	Rick Sharp
Opening Remarks	Elder LeClare Litchfield
Congregational Hymn	Hymn No. 12 <i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>
Scripture and Prayer	Elder Doug Martin
Vocal Duet	Kent and Rick Grieve <i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>
Life Sketch	Chaplain John F. Keplinger
Reflections	Rick Grieve, Bob Folkenberg, Various Friends
Trumpet Solo	John Rauch, Doug Martin, Pat Silver
Message of Comfort	Elder LeClare Litchfield
Vocal Solo	Robin Kaykendall <i>Pearly White City</i>
Benediction	Bob Folkenberg, Jr.
Recessional	Rick Sharp

AT THE GRAVESIDE
Highland Memorial Cemetery

God's Word of Promise and Hope	Ministers
Prayer	

In Kindly Sympathy

Sometimes we are called to say farewell
To those we have loved the best,
And our hearts are touched with pain and grief
As they go to their final rest.

But there's One who sees and walks
In every trial we meet,
And we can be sure of His loving care
As we humbly bow at His feet.

We can thank our God for His gift to us
In sending this loved one dear
Whose life has been such a blessing to us
In each succeeding year.

We need not part with the memories sweet
That are scattered along the way,
And the influences that are left behind
Can strengthen us day by day.

So we can march bravely with willing feet
The paths that together we took,
Till Jesus comes and we can be
Together, forever, with God.
--Vera Beall Parker

Dear Alumni,

We learned on April 27 that Rogene had cancer, but it was May 1 before we knew the extent of it. Rogene was looking forward to going to Gatlinburg that week-end with Doris Brown '56 and others of our family. So we took her in a wheelchair and even though she was very sick and failing she enjoyed the weekend and Mother and I drove her home via Townsend. Doris and Dad followed us home on Sunday afternoon and she and I brought a hospital bed home and fixed Rogene a place in the far end of the living room.

Rogene wasn't able to be out of bed after that except for going to the Thompson Cancer Center with Janet Straw and me for four radiation treatments; she was too weak to go for the fifth one.

We could never have made it without Nellie Keplinger, who stayed five weeks with us to cook and help look after things.

Although we know that stress does not cause cancer, the Doctor said that the stress Rogene had been under was a major factor in her illness and death.

Mother, Dad and I want you to know that we were touched with the outpouring of love and concern shown by so many of you.

Love,

Ma. Rogee, Miss Geney, and Ann