

Dear Folks:

Greetings from Tennessee. All goes well here. We were glad that Mary got over to see you before she left. She came home on July 4, and left again on July 17, and is up in Oregon with Dave and Mary Lou. She plans to leave for Colorado mid August.

The wedding was great, and I wished that you all had been there to share it with us. I told Bob last Saturday that I wished we could turn the clock back, and do it all over again, it was such fun.

Bethlehem Church - St. Charles is a beautiful Lutheran church, with a large parking lot. Bob and I were married in the old Bethlehem Church, but this one is probably 25 or 30 years old. There were about 250/300 there, several of her first grade students, came with their parents, and they were so cute. It was a real thrill for them to see their teacher married. They were not invited to the reception, but they all received a cup cake with a rose on top.

Ann planned the wedding completely, and she did a great job, of course it took a lot of people to carry out her plans. She had music both before and after the ceremony, It was a family, the mother played the piano, I am not sure what the father played, as I never got to see them, but the two children played violins. The boy is in 7th grade and his sister is in 5th grade, but Ann had had them both as 1st. graders, and she has been close to the family. That extra music was great, as people had something to listen to before, and as they waited to be ushered out. One of Ann's college roommates has 4½ year old identical twin girls, and they were the flower girls, and they were precious. Their mother had trained them well, so that they would walk slow and together. Our Mary was the assisting minister. She was wearing her new Alb, and a cross that Dad and I had just given her. She looked great. She read one of the lessons and helped serve communion, and then she gave the message. She had written it for Ann & Jim personally, had a little humor in it, but very meaningful.

The reception was at the Baker Hotel, downtown St. Charles. We had brunch there, once when you were with us Clarence & Ruth. It is a great place. The gardens were so well done. There was plenty of room for people to move around, and go outside if they so desired. Dinner was in the rainbo room - the floor lights up. There were 221 for a sit down dinner, They did a great job of serving so many people, with excellant food, and then the bandplayed from 8 to 11. So many dear people, some of our Aurora friends, all of Bob's family, brother, sisters, nieces and nephews, Jim's parents, and his 3 brothers and 1 sister, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, about 50, most of which came from Michigan, a few people that work with Jim in Cincinnati and many, many people that Ann had worked with in Glenview. We were happy that Art and Helen & Jim and their three children could be there. We don't get to see them very often. All in all it couldn't have been better.

They went to Bermuda for a week, but are back in Cincinnati now. She called today. Now they have to get back to reality, and Ann's first project will be to try to find a job. Hope she will be successful.



So now we have a new son - he is a good man and we feel very comfortable with him. We drove back on Sunday. Dave & Mary Lou and our Mary had an early flight on Tuesday morning.

Bob's plant is on shut down for two weeks, so he hasn't been as busy as usual. Our weather hasn't been too bad, and we have had a couple of good rains, so at this point the farmers are in good shape.

Barbara and her husband are in Canada this week on vacation, and Paul stayed in Illinois after the wedding, to do some painting, so I guess that covers the whole family.

You are all most welcome to come and see us anytime you so desire. Take good care and hope that you are all feeling well.

Love,

*Lauraine*