A short description of the life and times of

JOSEPH JAMES ZETTLER

Part Two 1947 - 1987

A life of tragedy, struggle, addiction and achievement

July 10, 2007 MJZ

TESTIMONIES TO JOE ZETTLER

- 1. Helen fine poem that she wrote.
- 2. His brother Bill:

"When Joe came into a room, he lit it up [with his personality]. It's too sad to look at the pictures of your Dad (in my big book)."

3. His sister Mary:

"Joe was such a good person. He is was so soft-hearted. He had a heart of gold. He used to help me with my math (Mary was two years younger than Joe)."

- 4. His brother Dave:
 - Your Dad was a gentle person like my Dad. I thought he was a very good teacher. He taught me how to use a shovel." (Joe dug graves when he was fourteen).
- 5. Bob Luke, his subordinate, who later took his position as Sales Manager and who was known to go behind Joe's back:

"Joe was the best boss I ever had."

6. Rita, his sister:

"Joe was our life-line. Without him, we wouldn't have survived," (Rita was about six when Joe started on his first milk route bringing home food money). [Carl, the oldest brother, didn't want to share the money he earned as an auto mechanic. Bill said, "Carl cut out."] "Joe was so kind-hearted."

7. Bill Saunier - Superior salesman:

"Your Dad was a great boss. I hated Bob Luke." When asked if Joe ever talked about his job or his position at the Dairy, Bill responded, "No, Joe was very reserved."

8. Art Dent - Manager, Hardening Room:

"I always liked your Dad. He was a real gentleman."

Carl Stock - Superior milkman who started at the Dairy in the 1930's:

"Your Dad was a real go-getter. He brought in a lot of business for the Dairy. Later on, they would bring in people from the outside - over his head. They never worked out. The Dairy made big mistakes doing that."

10. Mike, his middle child:

"I don't ever remembering having a serious conversation with my Dad. Prior to age fourteen, I don't remember talking to him or him talking to me. Later on, after he was sober, he would pass the football to me, but he stayed silent. But, he still didn't say much. I don't remember any of my brothers or sisters saying they had a serious conversation with him except Mary Jo in 1968 when he mentioned his brother Tom, and the tie-in to his emotions. But I know this now, after having managed hundreds of people in my lifetime - He was gentle and good-natured. He had a sense of humor. He was honest and hard-working, but he was also the most silent, distant."

11. Fred Postlewaite:

"Joe was a great boss and a very good friend."

12. Ron Miller, Fisher Manager - 1997

"Your Dad was a great guy. Everybody liked him. And other employees at the Dairy really thought highly of him, too."

13. Monica; see her great poem at the end of this Book.

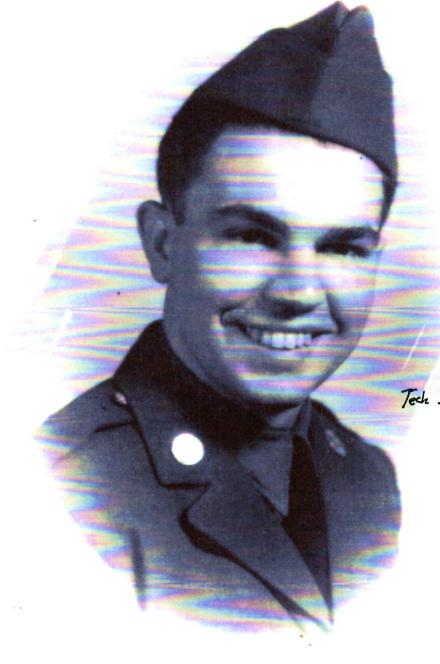
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DAD AT 26 - AWARD WINNER



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Joe's best friend

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Her third child,

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Summit school one block from the house above Toby and I played touch football there with a "sock" football every lunch time

LARGE SALE

SUPERIOR PAIRY 5 LARGEST CUSTONER 15 SOLD BY JOE ZETVER CA. 1950



FISHER FOODS Supermarket Chain



1950 Atlantic City Superior Dairy Convention

Frances & Emil Soehnlen, Leo & Isabel Soehnlen, Helen & Joe Zettler and Dutch & Martha Bedlion.

















Coolidge Cabins on Lake Erie



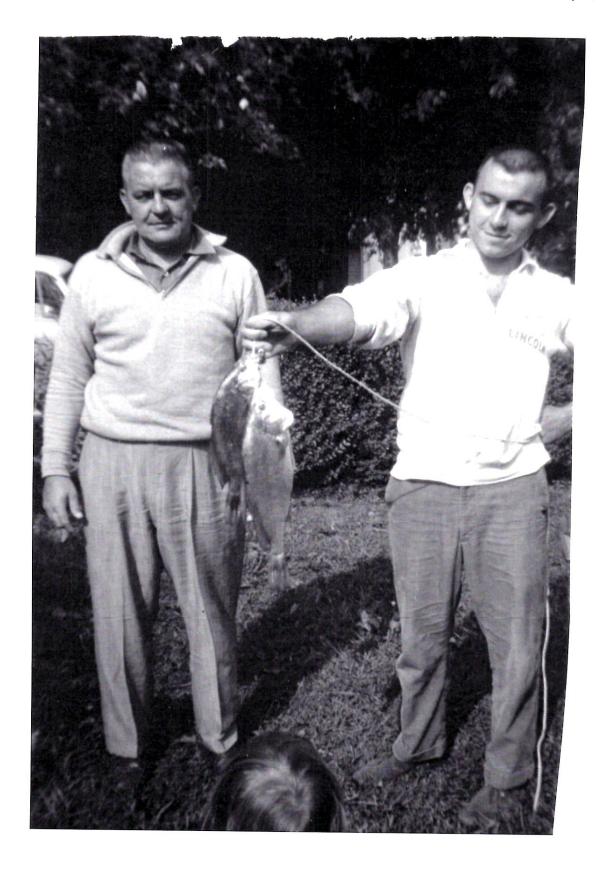
MONICA LEAVES FOR COLLEGE

DAD AT 40 - SALES MANAGER





SECURITY AND STABILITY
Promotion to Management, Stopped Drinking
Cold Turkey
1954-1970



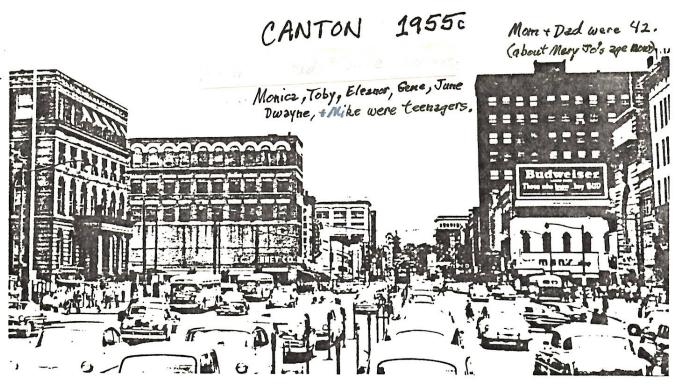


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MARKET AVENUE LOOKING NORTH - - - CANTON, OHIO

CANTON'S BIRTH AND HISTORY

Compiled by E. T. Heald

Today Canton, Ohio is a flourishing city of 283,194 metropolitan population (116,912 within the city limits; 173,917 within the urban limits), county seat of Stark County, the world's greatest center of electric furnace alloy steel and of stainless steel, home of the world's greatest tapered roller bearing company, the world's greatest electric sweeper company, and home of world leaders in printing presses, steel presses, forgings, brick manufacture, internal combustion engines, safes, bank vaults and portable microfilming outfits, pretzels, water softening compounds and toilet bowl cleaners, street lighting standards, rubber gloves and titanium steel, — a city of diversified industries.

One hundred and fifty years ago Canton started when it was laid out and recorded by Bezaleel Wells at Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, November 15, 1805. The surveyor, James F. Leonard, with his compass and overlong chain, had little company that first winter. Forests of virgin timber stretched in every direction except westward and northward where plains, free of trees and shrubs, spread towards present Massillon and North Canton, - giving the name to Plain Township. Bezaleel Wells picked Canton's site in the center of a proposed new county, not then named nor created. He chose the first break in the wilderness, where the land was free of trees and shrubs, making forest clearing unnecessary, but lying next to the forest where the timber was handy with which to erect the log cabins. Indian territory, which extended westward from the Tuscarawas River, at present Massillon, had only been opened up to white settlement by a treaty the preceding July 4, 1805. Throughout the region known now as Stark County, but then a part of Columbiana County, - there was no other village, only Indian trails and bridle traces, and a handful of settlers.

The story of how this uninhabited plat of 1805 became the thriving city of 1955 is a thrilling American epic, — all the more fascinating because it was through no natural advantages of location, but solely due to the ambition, energy, resourcefulness and inventiveness of its settlers and succeeding generations that Canton grew.

Its history falls naturally into five main periods, — the pioneer days, 1805 to 1825; stagecoach and canal days, 1825-1852; railroad and agricultural days — paralleling the McKinley era — 1852-1901; the rise of industry, preceding World War I, 1901-1917; and the industrial era, 1917 to the present time.

PIONEER DAYS (1805-1825)

Canton was fortunate in having as its founder a person of extraordinary prestige and ability, - Bezaleel Wells, who had founded Steubenville, Ohio, nine years previously. He was one of the 35 members of the Ohio Constitutional Convention of Ohio, who drew up the first state constitution. He founded the first woolen mill west of the Allegheny mountains at Steubenville, and grew Merino wool on his large sheep ranch near Canton, stretching from Meyers Lake westward through the present grounds of the Brookside Country Club. He founded the first bank at Steubenville. He was the greatest real estate operator Canton and Steubenville ever had, buying up direct from the Government at \$2 an acre, great tracts of land surrounding the towns he founded. He was one of the founders of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Steubenville and chairman of the committee that picked the site for Kenyon College. He was one of the most influential men of Ohio in his generation and at one time one of the wealthiest.

WORLD WAR II EXPANSION

Canton was geared for war production even before Pearl Harbor. In 1941 the city had 68 industries turning out a record \$145 million a year in goods, much of it for defense. Employment was at a peak of 25,000.

The selective service draft had already been set up in October 1940. Many Canton men were already in service by that fateful December 7, 1941, and 42 were known to be in the Pacific.

In November, 1941, a month before Pearl Harbor, the city had set up a Civil Defense organization with Felix Hinkle, manager of Radio Station WHBC, as CD chairman.

When news of Pearl Harbor came all local defense plans were immediately activated. Guards were placed on the water supply sources. All ham radio was ordered off the air and all civilian flying except regular airline traffic was stopped.

The first Canton wartime enlistee was Willis R. Smith, 25, of 506 Ninth Street N.W. News of the first casualty, Ensign Lawrence Williams, lost in the Pacific, was received December 12, 1941.

In the first months of the war defense industries converted swiftly into war production and by the end of the year employment had gone from 25,000 to 33,190. By September 8, 1943 when Italy surrendered more than 40,000 were working in Canton plants.

As had been done in World War I Cantonians organized for welfare service to members of the armed forces. A board of 27 was named representing the six agencies which combined to form the United Service Organization (U.S.O.). These were the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A., Catholic Community Service, Jewish Welfare Board, The Salvation Army and National Traveler's Aid Society.

Men and women in uniform were served at the Pennsylvania Station and the bus terminal, and provided with cots, reading material, table tennis, the use of shower and gym facilities, telephone service and writing materials.

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In 1941 Canton gained a new \$2 million industry, The Canton Naval Ordnance Plant on Raff Road S.W., built and operated for the government by Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, was the largest of four such naval ordnance plants constructed at various locations to supply war needs.

It operated during the four war years in four main industrial buildings, turning out parts for the mounts

of naval guns, plane catapult guns, torpedo tubes and rockets. Employment at the plant reached 2,913 at its peak. At the end of the war the plant was closed and turned back to the Bureau of Naval Ordnance. It later was purchased by the E. W. Bliss Company.

In 1942 the U.S. Defense Plant Corporation also built in Canton a gun bloom plant which turned out blank gun forgings for shipment to other industries for processing. It, too, was closed at the end of the war and the equipment stored in the plant for two years by the War Assets Administration. It was later purchased by The Ford Company.

CANTON INDUSTRIES IN THE WAR

Canton's established industries also played major roles in the country's war production. The Timken Roller Bearing Company doubled its production and turned out over 100,000 gun barrels of seamless tubing...Republic Steel Corporation produced alloy steels in its Canton and Massillon plants for armor plate, ordnance, airplane bombs and submarine engines. A new type of armor plate, developed by Central Alloy Steel and Diebold working together, did much to win the war. The alloy steels were made into armor by the Miller method, originated by George Lee Miller of Canton .. Hercules Motors Corporation was 100 per cent war production and more than 650,000 Hercules engines were produced for war purposes. The plant area at Hercules was seven times larger at the end of the war then it was at the outbreak. Diebold, Incorporated, fabricated and installed armor plate on 36,000 scout cars and manufactured a wide variety of airplane and antiaircraft parts...Canton Drop Forging and Manufacturing Company played a vital part in changing from forgings to castings in airplane parts, lightening weight to give from 8,000 to 10,000 feet greater altitude. Union Metal Manufacturing Company made bombs for the navy, and devised a method of using the frameworks of General Sherman tanks in seagoing craft for the Normandy invasion.

These contributions of major Canton industries were expanded by those of scores of other plants which poured their products into the war effort.

By 1942 a labor shortage developed in the area, and in January, 1943 *The Canton Repository* was unable to spare a reporter to do its annual year-end roundup.

Canton women, who had played only passive roles in previous wars sprang into active participation in World War II. In 1942, Bernice Keplinger, a Canton attorney, was Canton's first candidate for officer training in the Women's Army Corps. In 1944 the Ida McKinley platoon, Canton's WAVE unit, left for

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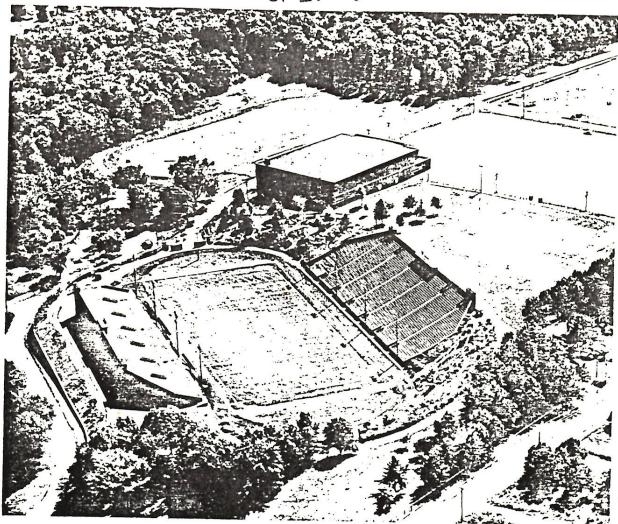
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FAWCETT STADIUM

Site of - Our Fridzy Night "Fun" + Plzying Field

Fawcett Stadium - - - Scene of "CANTON-O-RAMA"...

c. 1955e



and CANTON'S SCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

FAWCETT STADIUM, one of the nation's largest scholastic football plants—and one that rivals many of those owned by many of the country's smaller colleges, will be the scene of the historical pageant "Canton - O - Rama" during the Sesquicentennial celebrations Aug. 14-20.

Nightly performances, starting at 9 p.m., will be held with a gigantic fireworks display to conclude each show.

The cast, which will number over 2,000 persons, will be made up of interested Cantonians.

Fawcett Stadium, during a regular football season, is the site of as many as 25 high school games. It can seat well over 20,000.

In the background stands Memorial Fieldhouse, scene of numerous scholastic basketball games. Its seating capacity is 5,500.



1958 Dad with Kirt at 415 Bellflower Ave. in Canton.

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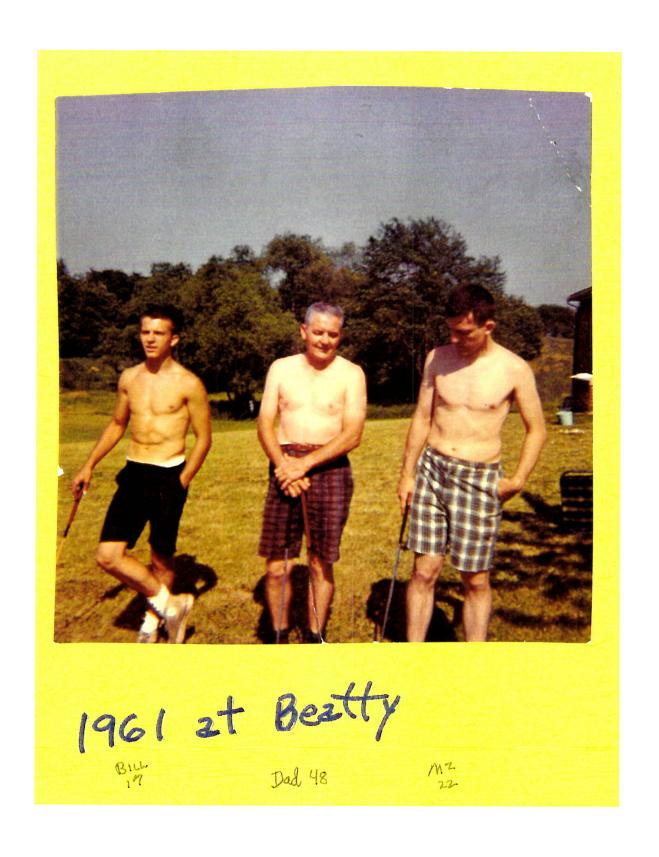


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1960 Mom, Bernice, Grandma and Kenny at Beatty Rd. Mom was 47.

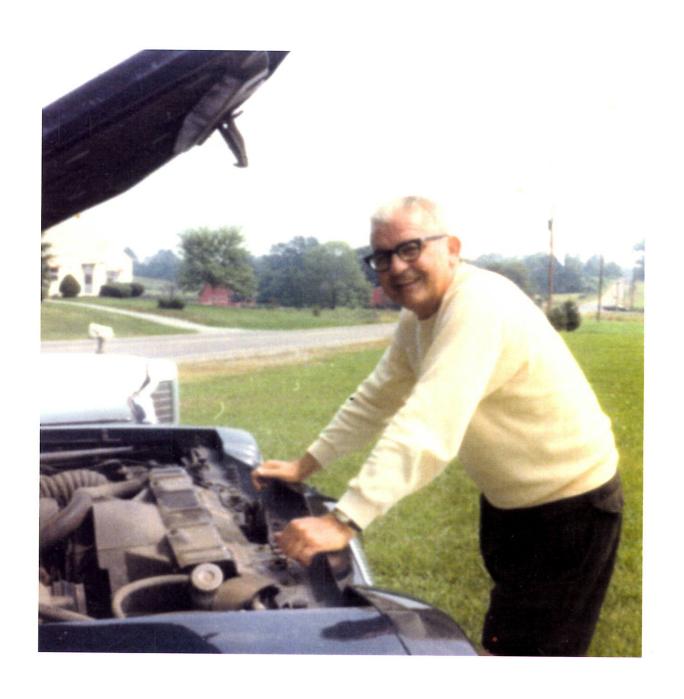




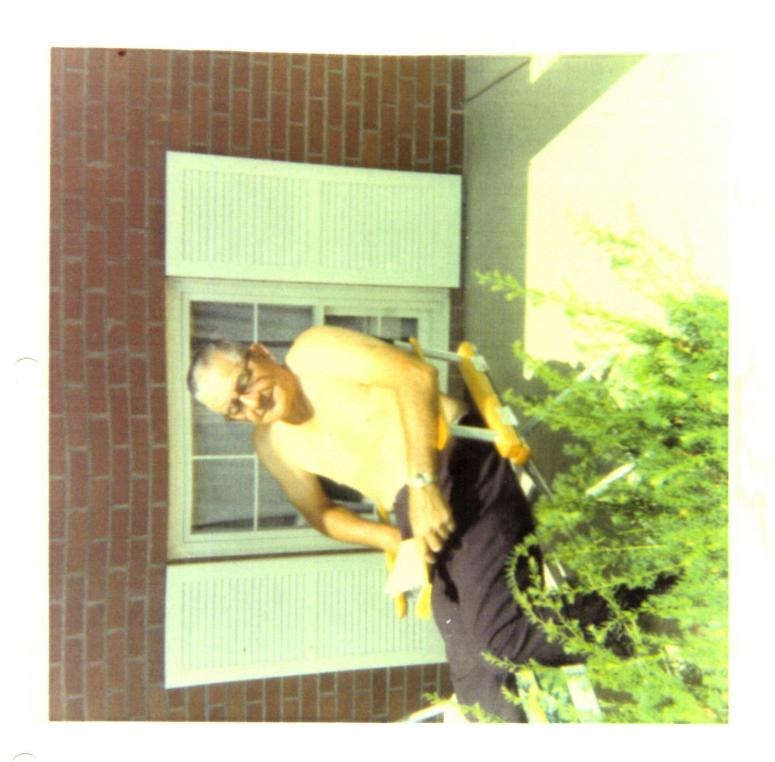
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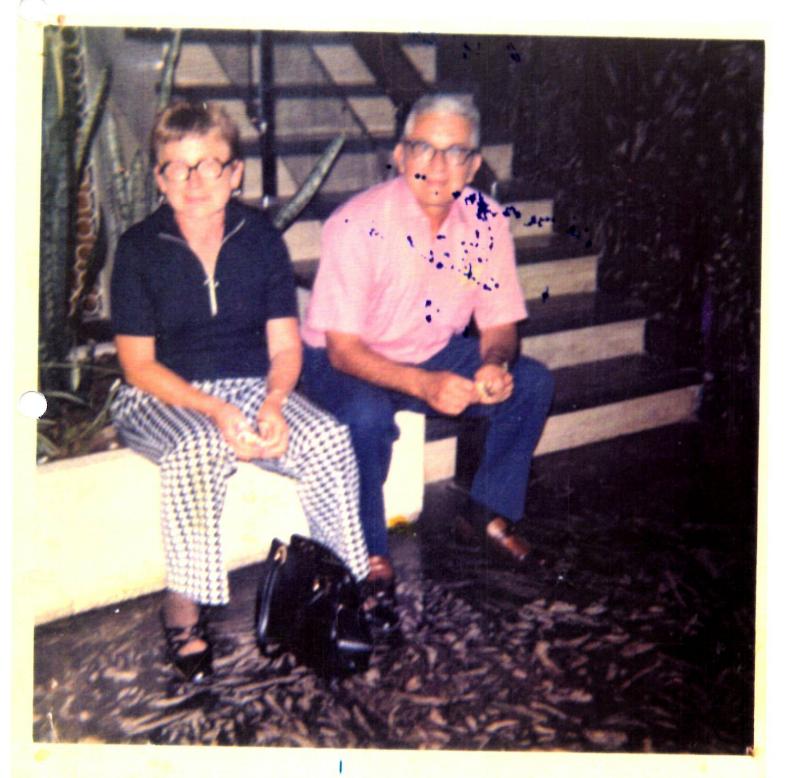
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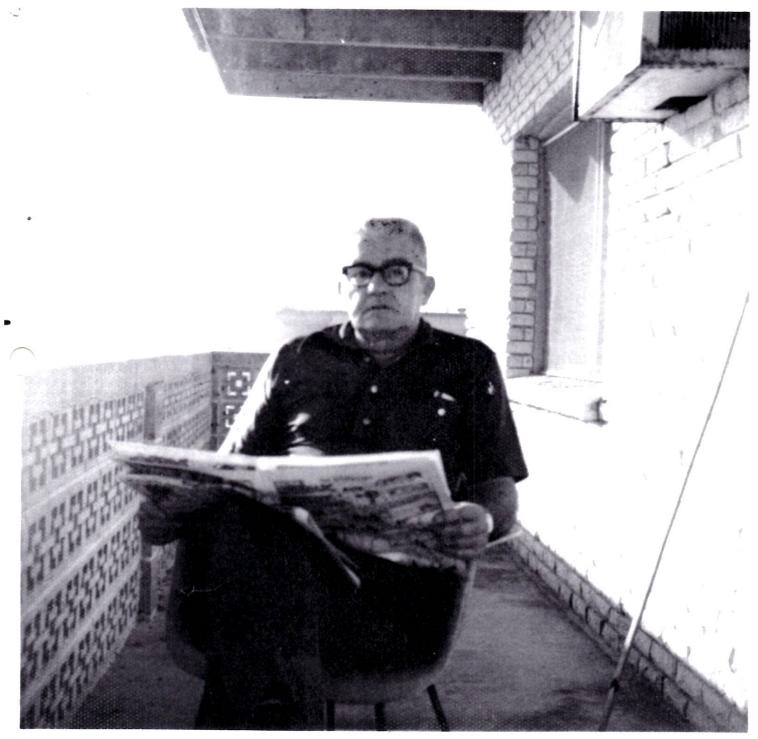
1967 Dad fixing Lynne's car at home on Perry Road



Dad 57



Joe and Helen in Belgrade - Started home from yugoslavia, Plane acted up we went back and waited 3 6 hours. Only time Joe went to Europe, hated it = # except bread and coffee. He didn't do so well at the Casens and no golf. He brought his golf clubs 34 MARCH 73 PADRE ISLAND Vacation W. Mary Jo



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Dad 60



THEIR MOTHER'S WAKE May 29, 1974

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Dad 64

DRASTIC LIFE CHANGE
Overcoming a 10% Chance of Survival After 10Hour Operation, but Suffering a
Permanent Loss of Vitality
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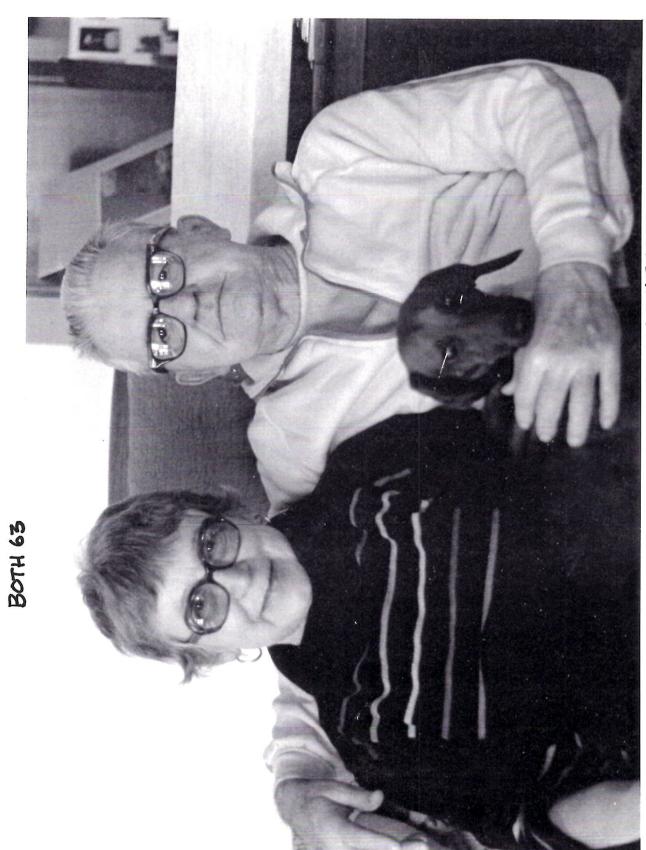


Joe's real estate investments bought and sold 1969-1979



Perry Road home





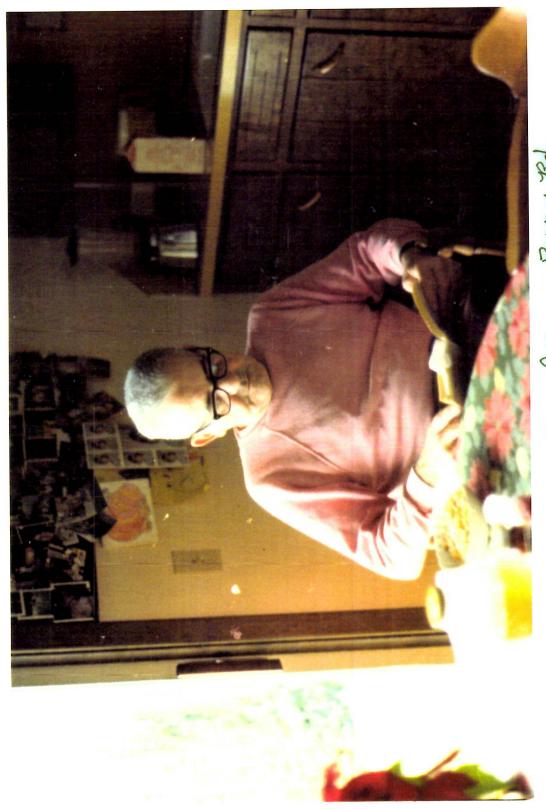
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RETIREMENT, ACCUMULATING ASSETTS, AND TAKING IT EASY 1978-1987

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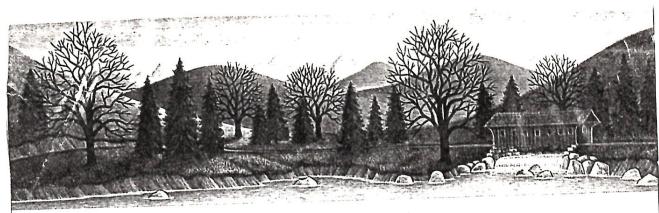
ZACH'S- POEM

Dimensions

As I travel down these old and desolate roads That I have travelled so many times before, I see the things that I had seen so long ago, As a small child.

But now, as a young man, I see them in a new dimension As I attach meaning to the things I had seen, But never understood.

And I wonder how I might see them On a future journey, down these same roads, Long from now, As an old, old man.



To Joe Helen

IN CELEBRATION OF YOU!

have tried to imagine my world without you: Soaring geese in formation, mountain peaks hidden in snow,

The splendor of fall along a country road, The whirr of a ring-necked pheasant at midday, The bleating of a horned owl at midnight,

And know that none of it would be the same Without you.

But most of all,

I could never replace your smile, your eyes, Your gentleness and giving, your loyalty and caring.

The memories we've filed, the secrets we've shared.

The love that is forever there despite time or distance.

So, today I celebrate your very existence,

Thank all of life for your life,

Express my deepest gratitude that

Of the millions of people and possibilities,

Our lives were destined to be intermingled.

And as I celebrate your being,

I want you to know, clearly and forever,

That my world would never be the same,

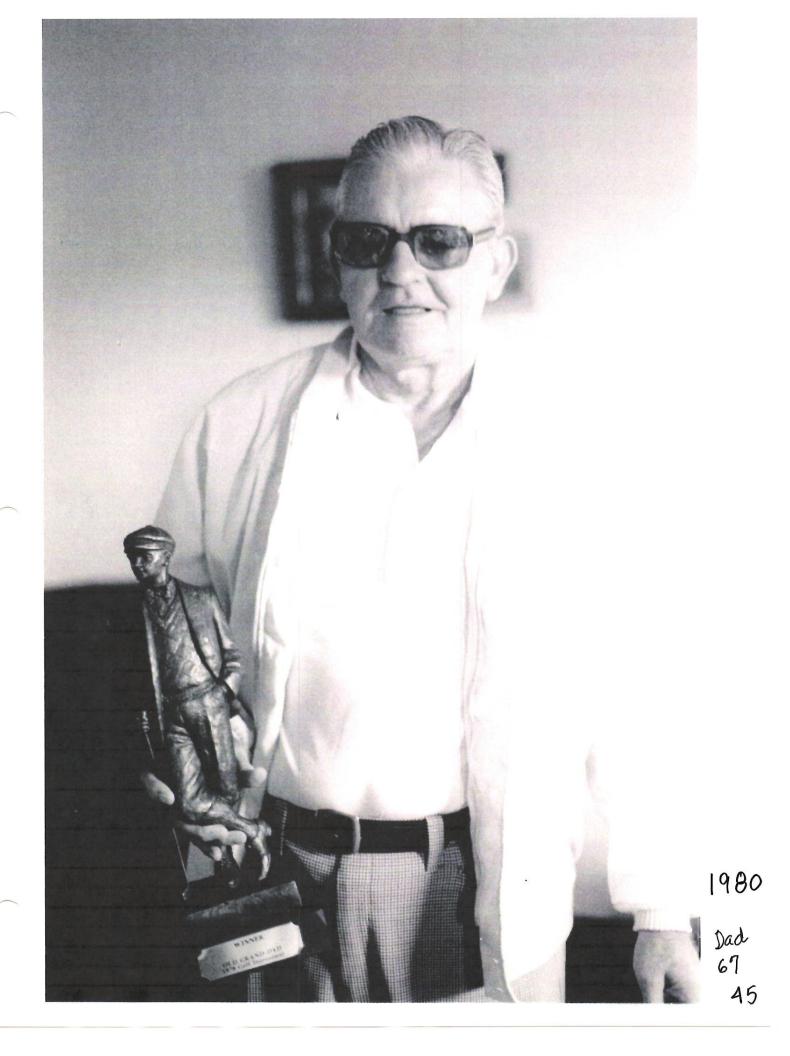
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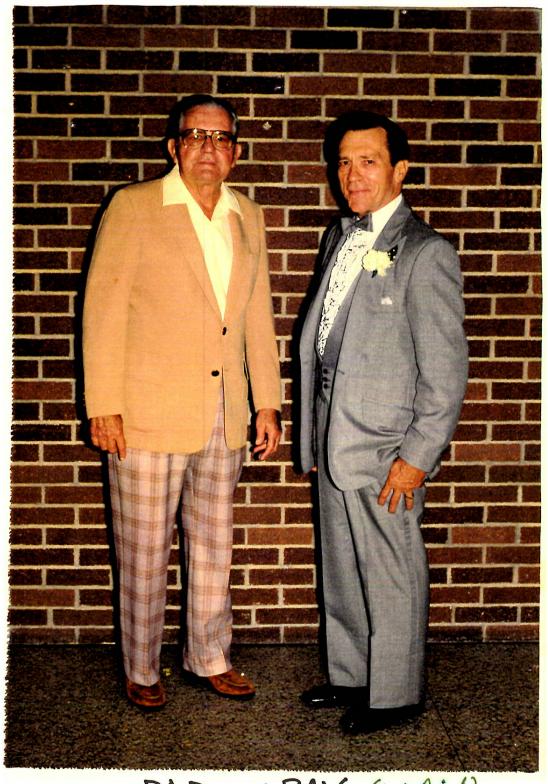
—James Kavanaugh

you still look 17 to me. I love you, Helen



c.1980





DAD and RAY (best friend)
Ray's son's wedding at Lake Cable











DAD'S NOTE TO MOM ON 50th ANNIVERSARY

for my WIFE on our ANNIVERSARY...



...OR THE WITTIEST



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you should get a medal

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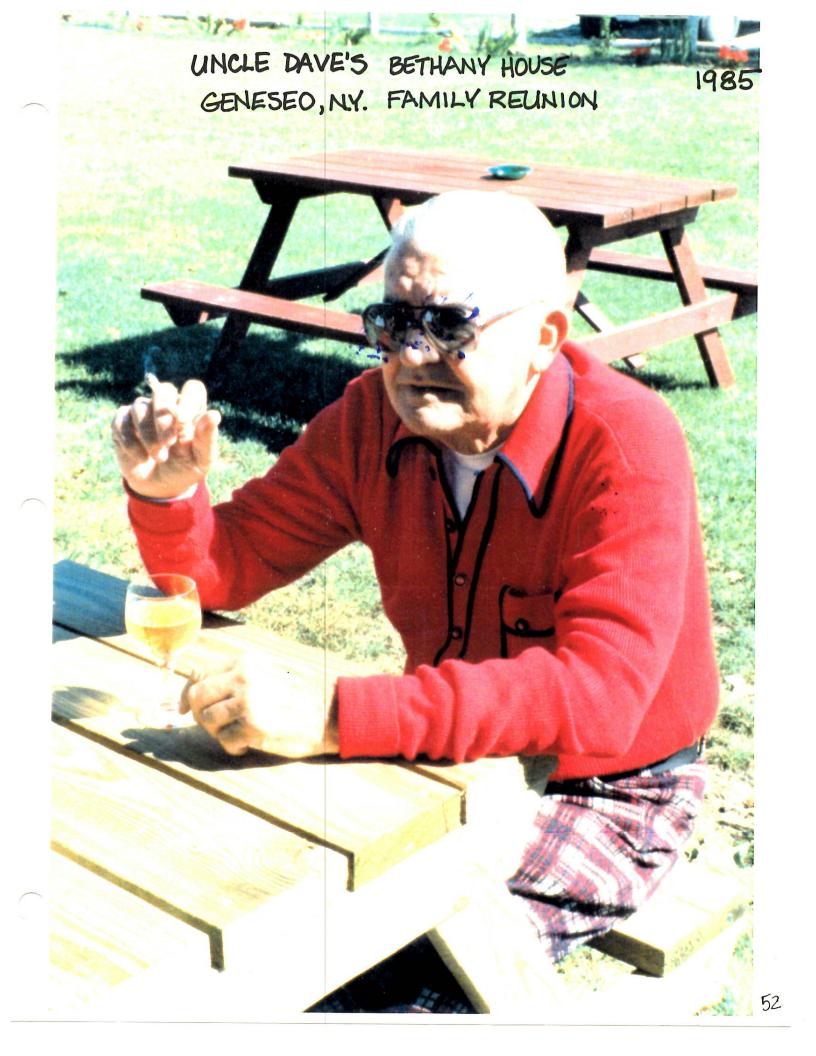
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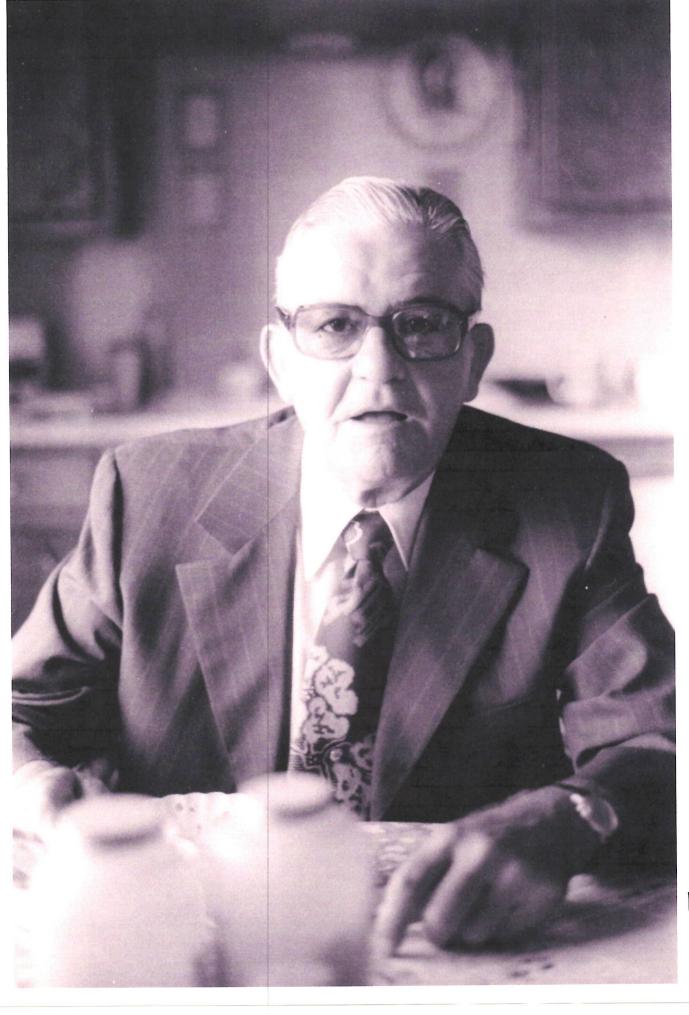


Happy anniversary, Honey! I quess Din just Lucky. you are a mostor wife, mother, + grandwother. all very love 505.50

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ZACH'S POEM Written before Dod died

An Old Man's Dream

When looking back over all the years,
Of the struggles, the tragedies, the sorrow, the pain,
Of the joys, the victories, the laughter, and the glory,
I think of all that I have done,
And all that I still wish to do.

But because of the weaknesses my age has brought, The rest of my dreams and hopes, and visions, Are unattainable by an old man like me Dying, as I am, in all respect, Except for the hope that nature preserves.

The only hope that I have left to hold Is that I may find my children's children Dreaming quite the same as I.

And knowing that they, in their youth, Will carry on as an extension of me Achieving what my life led up to, But had not time to reach.

And as they grow old and weak, and feable So their children after them will ever strive, As my soul and spirit live on. 311/85

THE SEVEN GENERATIONS OF MY FAMILY THAT I HANGE KNOWN GENERATIONS V

O MY GREAT GRANDFATHER

JOHN HERBERT 13/1839

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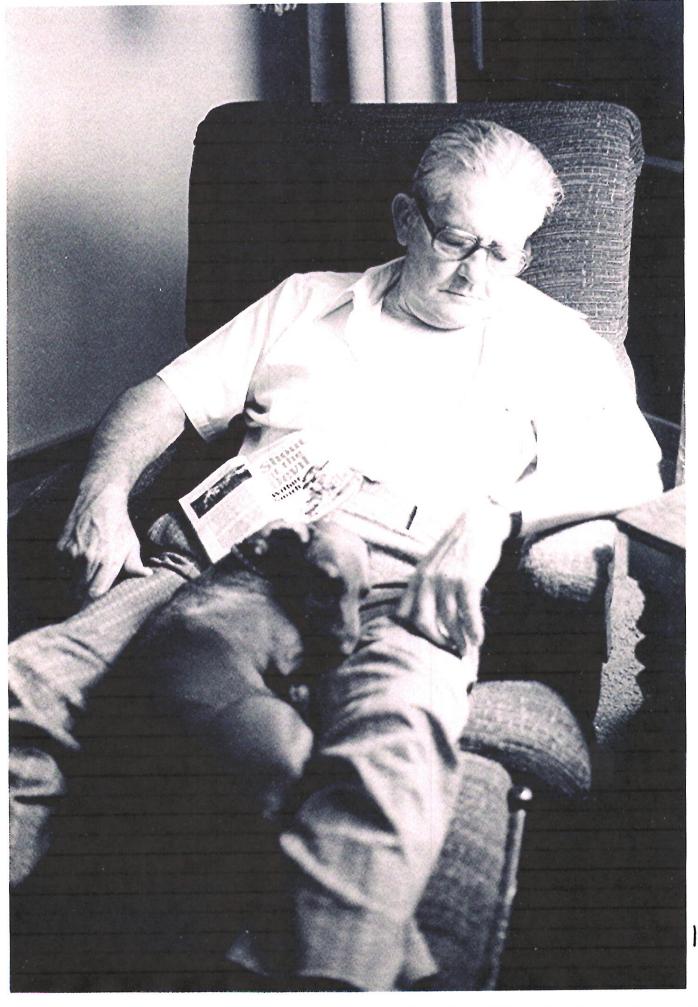
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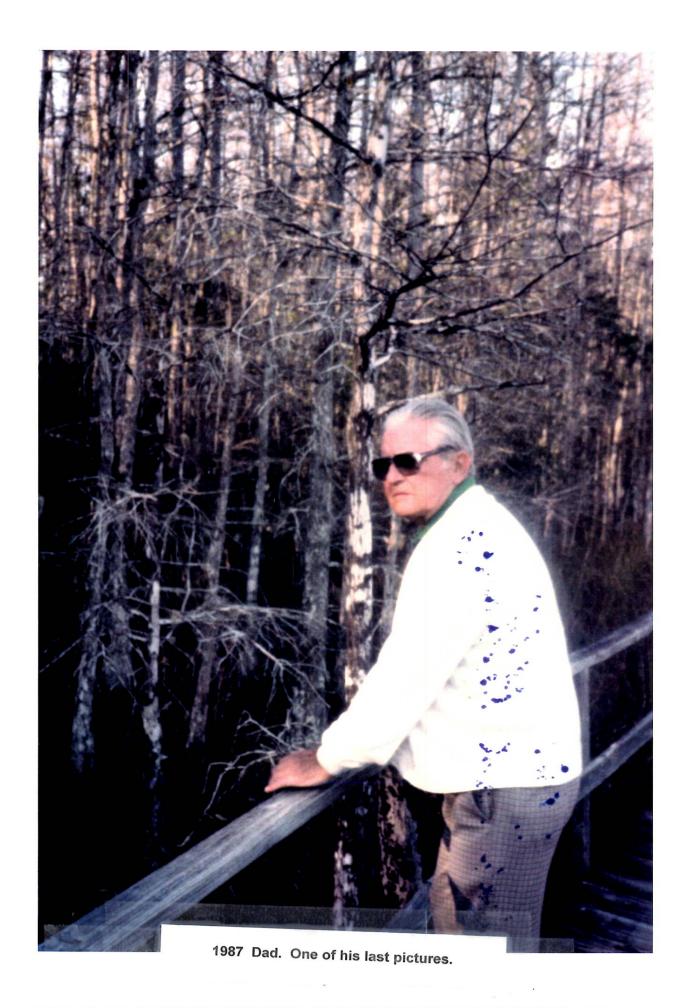
MARIA ELLIS





 $_{\rm Q}$ Carl, Helen and Wayne at Uncle Bill's house following the funeral of Carl's wife, Helen. Carl died two weeks later. (Joe was not close to Carl.)





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Memorial Obituary

Entered Into Eternal Rest Thursday, May 21, 1987

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D-4 The Repository Canton, Ohio Sunday, May 31, 1987

Bridge notes

By NANCY LADRACH Special to The Repository

Our bridge world was saddened by the death of Joe Zettler last week. Joe was a loyal supporter of the local bridge games for many, many years. Due to poor health, Joe had not played very often in the past few years, but was very much in touch with the game and its players. Joe's wife, Helen, directs the Wednesday and Friday afternoon games.

Joe will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Our unit has lost a real gentleman.

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MOM'S MESSAGE TO DAD

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THE CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK OF CANTON CERTIFICATE OF JEPOSIT

CANTON, OHIO

ACCOUNT SUMMARY SECTION

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THE CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK OF CANTON CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

ACCOUNT SUMMARY SECTION

CANTON, OHIO

Account No. 10-0550475

Accountholder(s) Joe J. or Helen M. ZETTLER Opening Balance \$ 60,000.00 Payable to either or survivor Initial Maturity Date 10-05-88 Date of Issuance ____10-05-85

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GENERAL SECTION

HIS WIDOW GOES INTO GRIEF FOR SEVERAL YEARS BUT REMAINS A ROCK FOR THEIR DESCENDANTS.

(Unlike most elderly widows, she is in top 10% of the population in terms of assets, thanks to her lifelong frugality, Joe's successful career and investment decisions, and their teamwork for 54 years!)

1988-Present 1996

Monica's Poem to Dad - 1988

Coda

for my father

You started your life as a man
Digging graves for a quarter a day.
At thirteen, a boy in a man's job.
I look back through the shards of time
A kaleidoscope of more than sixty years
And see your frame, small for its age
Braced against the dense earth
Straining.

Facing the fresh obscenity
Of grass on your grave this first winter
I listen for your voice
Faint, when the wind moans
Before it moves the trees.
I watch for you in my dreams
But you never
Come.

And if your were to come back
What would I ask?
How would you answer?
Would you begin your litany of worries?
(Three repetitions bring redemption
Like the rosary beads
Through your mother's
Fingers).

"The weather's been freezing
Too much wind and snow
Aren't you too old for jeans?"
A nod of disapproval and then:
"My bowels are farty, undependable
My arms are always cold.
Why do I never sleep?"

And if I would persist: "But Dad
Why must you still smoke? Why do you not care?
When did you give up?" You would merely cajole
With a non sequitur for your firstborn:
"But, honey, you are my Number One, my Numero Uno!"
And hug me warmly, then turn away
To the football game, or perhaps only
The temperature
And time.

But then I remember these things from your youth:
Ten kids and your mother in labor again. Too old now
Exhausted, she screams in pain. Your closest brother, Tom
Exploring the mulberry tree, clutches a rotten limb
And falls, a wasted blossom of spring. He dies of lockjaw.
Your father arrives early for the Depression
His business goes belly up in '27
Loss of a birthright
Too early
Loss.

At last nine months from your death I know the language. You come to me in a dream. You make A pronouncement. You are tired of weather And bowels. My hair is an offense Against good taste. You are going to Kill yourself. I scream Hysterical.

Waking, I see with your eyes
Feel with you marrow, ache with your heart. Grief is
The coldest season. There is no chinook
No bird song. Only the rush
Of the solar plasma Only the sun.



Superior Dairy 1989

FRED POSTLWAITE 1917-1990

goe's friend testifies:

I talked to Fred in his home October 21, 1990. Whereas once he was a high-energy, muscular dynamo in charge of refrigeration for my dad, now he is an invalid with thick, heavy glasses spending his time fighting a terminal blood disease. He said he had a good life for the first seventy years; it's just been the last two that have been tough. He started out as a young man working in the CCC in Idaho. He cut timber and remembers how he crossed a railroad trestle at night over the Snake River when the railroad ties were three feet apart.

There is still a fierce determination and strength in his voice. He said Joe Zettler was a great boss, and a good friend. He remembers Superior Dairy as being a good place to work when "your dad, Leo Soehlen and Dutch were in charge there. Later when the son's owners took over, it was not a good place." Fred relates how he used to work on into the night to get refrigerators up and running. He relates the stories of a few losers that worked for him and one had torn apart a refrigeration unit without keeping track of the wires. He told this guy to get out or he was going to hit him on the head with his wrench. The other lied to him about traveling to a customer in Ravenna. Instead, he drove his truck home and sat it in the driveway. Fred fired this guy right away and told him to get the hell out and never come back. He went to Joe Zettler for reprieve. Joe asked Fred if he had cause and Fred said he sure did, so my dad backed him 100% and the man was terminated right there.

Fred always liked Mary Jo and Aunt Rita. They used to help him with his paperwork. He also was a good friend of Uncle Tony Zettler.

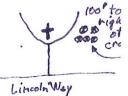
The admirable thing about Fred is that this is a man who knows exactly what his status is and has no hint of sorrow or regret. -- A crazy, realistic person on his deathbed, but instead of a somber meeting as I was anticipating, it was a very rewarding conversation full of jokes and laughter about the people he worked with and the adventures he went through in an earlier time.

And one last thing, Fred never missed a day work from 1949 through 1976. His wife, Evelyn, related how even when he went out and got drunk, he would get up in the morning and go to work. To which Fred added, "I always figured that if I was so damned dumb to feel that bad the next morning, I might as well go to work. I deserved to suffer for it, not my employer -- 27 years without a sick day."

MONICA'S & WILL'S RESTING PLACE



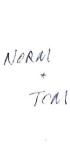
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JOE'S Bro. + SISTER'S FAMILIES
AT MONISTERY 19950







