



Dear Friends,

This year we had a bumper crop. Cy thinks they look like him and Mary thinks that, (thank heavens) they look like her. We thought we'd let you decide--secret ballot of course.

We spend our vacations visiting them. Easter at Sue and Ed's in Baltimore working on that 200 year old house restoration project of Ed's. We also got to spend a few days with Gary and Mima in Norfolk--taking in sights, gardening. Both Sarah and Rachel are a delight--just 5 days apart. We insulted both parents calling their children by the wrong names.

Spent most of July in Utah with Marty and Jamie and seeing Al off at the airport on his mission to Southern France. He loves the area, people and the missionary work. He is near Toulouse and improving each day with his French. Our Christmas packages have had to go by air because of embargo--HELP!!!! Our western grandchildren are very precious, too.

At Thanksgiving, Marty came from Utah with his little family and we all headed to Baltimore for a gathering with Ed and Gary and families. It was wallto-wall people - but fun.

Rachel



Christmas will bring Jamie and Duane and children to Chicago. We will have another gathering of Md., Va., Utah and Ill. Kearls. We will have all seen each other in 1977....pretty good feat when we stretch from Utah to France.

Cy went to Japan in December. He was as excited as a little kid. Gary will be out of the Navy next summer. He has a place in the '78 class at Rush Medical School. We are very excited at the prospects of him being in our area. Finally, we will have a little grandchild to love and spoil.

We are going to build the Kearl Lodge in Bear Lake, Utah next spring. We are really excited about it. Our goal is to lure our children to visit us on their vacations.

WE have enjoyed many blessings this year and are very proud and love dearly our children and grandchildren. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

December 1978

Dear Friends,

This is our 1978 Christmas card and the 1977 cardwe never did get mailed.

Gary, our second, is now at Rush Medical School in Chicago. We surely enjoy doing thi gs with Mima, Rachel and him.

Jamie and Duane have a new son, Garrett, born November 1, 1978, making three for them and 8 grandchildren for Cy and Mary.

Alan is still on a mission in southern France (Brive) for our church. He comes Home in May. We are going to call him on Christmas day and talk to him for the first time since he left 20 months ago.

We spent our August vacation in Utah where our whole family, except for Alan, gathered. We framed our retirement home in the mountains there. Everyone has driven nails someplace so it is really a family project. We are on a seven year plan to finish it.

The rest of the family is status quo.

We have and are enjoying hearing from each of you. Our blessings are many. We hope that the coming year brings you much happiness.

