



Merry Christmas!



December 1994

Dear Friends:

This is the approximately-annual Dobbs family letter. 1994 was a year for an unusual amount of change in the Dobbs household, wherein we struggled with many of the current issues in child care, parent care, the economy, and changes in the workplace.

- Madeline Dobbs (Greg's mother) died on January 2 of pancreatic cancer after a short illness. She was nearly 80 and was living in Lake Worth, Florida. Everyone who knew her knew that she loved to cruise and she wished her ashes to be scattered at sea. We completed this wish in April on a cruise from Miami to Mexico and back. The family enjoyed an expedition to Chichen-Itza--one of the largest Mayan ruins. Her house is nearly ready for sale, as it took some time to prepare it for sale.
- Laura Connor (Mary's mother) closed up her house recently in Cohasset, Mass. Mary made quite a few trips to Cohasset to help her and Laura rotated among her kids families until her new place was ready in Annapolis, Maryland. She is now settled in a condominium which is part of a life care community and is near the Naval Academy and her son Roy. When asked how she likes it, she states that she should have done it sooner. (410-573-6527)
- Kate completed her sophomore year at Glastonbury High School and spent the summer as a lifeguard for the Town of Glastonbury. She also spent two weeks in Ft. Lauderdale at a diving camp. She has made an easy transition to living away from home and has made a good start at Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, MA (*Student Mailbox 119, Zip 01342, 413-772-0241, 205 Shumway*). They are working her very hard, but she has met many new friends, is on the varsity diving team, and continues to play excellent French horn.
- John is now an eighth grader at St. James School in Manchester. He attended two camps this summer. A long one at St. Thomas More School on Garner Lake in Connecticut and a shorter Boy Scout one. He also went on a challenging Boy Scout high adventure trip where he learned to sail an 85 ft dual masted schooner by sailing from near Marathon Key, Florida to the Dry Tortugas/Fort Jefferson in the Gulf of Mexico and back in six days. To travel this distance the boat had to sail 24 hours a day! He swims for the town and still plays the trombone. He is a patrol leader and camps out a lot.
- Laura is a busy five year old who started two schools in September. She goes to a Montessori school in the morning and the town kindergarten in the afternoon. She takes lessons on ice skating, swimming, and gymnastics. She also loves to use much of the new CD-ROM software on the family's

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- Mary and Greg have been quite busy trying to keep up with all of this. The entire family attended Greg's twenty-fifth reunion from college in June including a climb of Mt. Moosilauke. Mary and Greg had a brief respite during a long weekend together in New Orleans in July. Greg has changed his research area to environmental chemistry as UTC struggles with defense conversion and has been on sampling trips locally and in several nearby states. Mary has been out of work for slightly over a year due to the terrible economy which still persists in Connecticut, but has been more than busy attending to all the demands which have arisen. We had a good Thanksgiving in Maryland with many members of Mary's family and enjoyed a Dobbs get together last summer. Biscuit is aging but still with us.

We are still at 103 Farmstead Lane, Glastonbury, CT 06033-3241. We'd love to hear from you or have you visit. Greg can be e-mailed at dobbs@utrc.utrc.com or at 72143.3374@compuserve.com. If you have an e-mail address, please send it to us. Our telephone remains (203)633-1814.

We wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and all the best for the New Year!

