

Anniversary

October 4

1922 - 1972

Jerry
Peter
Philip

Dear

In view of our approaching 50th wedding anniversary and since you are a member of our family, we are asking you to bear with us for a few minutes while we hold forth on the well-worn subject of "Time". It intrigues us just now because we are especially aware that we have used up quite a bit of it, possibly not in all respects in the best way, but perhaps in just about the way our limited talents permitted us.

We wish that our past fifty years had been full of noble or notable accomplishments. But only a few people seem to have been that able or that fortunate. We have tried with considerable success to enjoy our lives together and to do well in establishing a family. We are happy about the results.

The passing of Time has been celebrated, regretted, recorded, and otherwise treated with great and enduring interest since Time began. In fact, we would not have Time if it did not pass. It never stood still despite fairy tales to the contrary. Without Time, we do not exist. Imagine anything existing before Time began - or after it ended!

Man has always been concerned with Time, for example, the time taken by the Earth to rotate on its axis and in its orbit, the time taken by the Earth to evolve from its probable beginning, the time taken by man to become what he is, and the time between events in history.

Time engages man continuously from his birth to his death, from the rising to the setting of the sun and the beginning to the end of his undertakings. Time has been a favorite of poets who have mentioned its wings and its habit of fleeting, its capacity for being wasted, its ravages, its corridors, its footprints, its value, its healing, and humorously, what the Walrus said about it in "Alice".

Our concern with Time is all of this and more but our special concern just now is the fact that fifty years of it have been enjoyed in our happy marriage. We are celebrating this happiness by giving a token like the enclosed to each member of our family. Please use it and enjoy it.

We hope that none of you will send us any gift in return, since we have more possessions than we can manage.

Thank you for scores of happy incidents in our lives !

And remember us with the same love we send you !

Grandma
Grandpa