

December 13, 1998

Dear Harold and Lil,

I hope you both are doing well this holiday season. It's been an interesting year for me. Both my mom and dad were in the hospital several times during the year. At one point, they were both in different hospitals at the same time. Needless to say, I was doing a lot of running back and forth. Luckily, they both have recovered well and seem to be doing fine at the moment.

Mary also ended up in the hospital. She went to get checked out because she was having some fairly bad stomach pains, and they discovered a mass on her uterus. She gave us all a good scare, but fortunately the mass was benign. She had a hysterectomy and is now doing just fine.

Despite everyone's health problems over the past year, some good things did happen. I have a new love in my life. Late last year I had ended things with Alex. While I was certainly not looking to get involved in another relationship at this point, to my surprise I met a truly terrific guy. His name is Steve Rafferty, and he's a police officer in England. We actually met via the Internet. As a hobby and part-time business, he does computer graphics. Like me, he was a big John Denver fan, and when John died, Steve designed a tribute print. I found it on the Web, and Steve and I started exchanging e-mail. Over the past year, we worked together designing several other tribute prints, some using photos I had taken of John Denver at various concerts, and we became close friends. In October, we vacationed together in Aspen and had an incredible time together. He's planning to visit Pittsburgh sometime after the New Year, and I'll probably be visiting England in the near future. I don't know where this is all heading, but right now I'm very happy about it.

So, as you can imagine, this past year just flew by. I do hope that the year was good to you both. I think about you often, and always remember you

in my prayers. I hope you have a Very Merry Christmas, and a peaceful
new year. Take care.

Love,

Karen

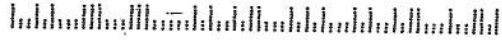


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*In this special season, we are reminded
that we are caretakers of the Earth and all it holds.*

Best wishes for a peaceful holiday

*Wishing you a Merry
Christmas.*

*Love,
Karen*