

4/14/96

Dear HAROLD,

I was profoundly saddened to learn that you were not well and in the hospital. I called your house on 4/7 to wish you a Happy Birthday when Lil told me about your hospitalization. I would come to see you but getting out of New York now is an impossibility due to my job & finances. I won't call by phone because I don't want to disturb you in any way. I do hope + pray that you feel better. Thanks for sending your note explaining what happened. When your return letter was delayed I had a feeling that you were not feeling well.

Let me tell you that visiting you + corresponding with you has been one of the high points of my life.

You are a decent and good man and I think very highly of you + Lil.

If I could have one wish granted, it would be for your health to be restored to normal.

My wife and I have just found out this September that we will be having a girl. I tell you this because if we were to have a boy I was going to name my son after you. I tell

A note to bring you sunshine

A thought to bring you cheer

And a wish for your well-being
Especially for you, all year.

You this not to embarrass you but to let you know that I want my children to have the same character traits that you have. These are traits of honesty, decency and fairness.

In closing I think of you every day and pray for your wellness.

God Bless you

Sincerely,

Scott Wilson