

COPY TO SUSAN SANDERS

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EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 3, 1988

DEAR ROB,

I WANT TO EXTEND TO YOU MY WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORIGINALITY IN DECIDING UPON A SPECIAL MEMORIAL TO MIMI TO BE SET-UP IN HER BACK YARD AT RYLAND.

YOUR MOTHER AND DAD FOUND A VERY APPROPRIATE BENCH, CAST ALUMINUM ENDS WITH NATURAL WOOD SLATS. WE HAVE HAULED IT DOWN TO RYLAND AND IT IS OVERLOOKING THE LAKE, A SPECIALTY SHOP WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE A BRASS PLATE AND DID A GOOD ENGRAVING JOB.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS WAS WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND, WHEN YOU MADE THE SUGGESTION. I AM FORWARDING PHOTOS OF THIS MEMORIAL TO HARRIET TO YOUR MOTHER AND DAD, AND TO SUSAN, BILL AND BONNIE.

ALSO ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT OF THE EULOGY TO YOUR GRANDMOTHER THAT WAS READ SO BEAUTIFULLY BY YOUR AUNT RUTHIE AT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S FUNERAL. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE MANUSCRIPT HAS NOT BEEN CORRECTED OR RETYPED. IT REMINDS ME OF THE MANUSCRIPT OF LINCOLN'S



GETTYSBURG ADDRESS, WHICH IF I RECALL CORRECTLY FROM MY HISTORY LESSONS, LINCOLN WROTE THIS SPEECH ON THE BACK OF AN ENVELOPE WHILE TRAVELING BY TRAIN TO THE NATIONAL CEMETERY. INCIDENTLY, LINCOLN AND YOUR AUNT RUTH WERE BOTH BORN ON THE 12TH OF FEBRUARY.

LINCOLN SAID IN HIS ADDRESS, "THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE, NOR LONG REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY HERE, BUT IT CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY DID HERE". I THINK THE SAME THING CAN BE SAID OF HARRIET, WE CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT SHE DID WHILE SHE WAS WITH US.

ALL OF US; HER CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, CAN BE GRATEFUL FOR THE WONDERFUL INSPIRATION SHE WAS TO EACH OF US IN HER OWN WAY. AND WE CAN BE PARTICULARILY GRATEFUL ON THIS EASTER MORNING, THE DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, KNOWING THAT HARRIET IS WITH THE LORD.

HARRIET ONCE SAID TO ME, "I KNOW THAT WHEN WE DIE, ANOTHER DOOR WILL OPEN AND WE WILL ENTER ON A MORE BEAUTIFUL WORLD THAN WE HAVE EVER KNOWN BEFORE".

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ON THIS DAY AND ALWAYS,

UNCLE BILL,





## HARRIET HOWARD MEEKER ARCHIABLE

Harriet was born July 3, 1892 in Baltimore Maryland. Her parents were Dr. Charles Howard, a dentist, and Ida Pendry Howard. They lived there for a short while then moved to Newport, Kentucky where Dr. Howard practiced dentistry for many years. Harriet had three sisters and one brother.

When Harriet was ten years old her parents bought a lovely farm in Mt. Holly Ohio on <sup>Road</sup> 125. She and her brother and sisters went to a little school house in Bantam, Ohio. Some of the families happiest days were spent in the country on their farm. They had cows, horses, chickens, dogs, fruit trees, and gardens. Going to the country fairs, church socials, singing around the piano in the living room of the old farm house were just some of the wonderful activities they enjoyed.

Harriet was the oldest of the five children. After she graduated from Bethel High School, she entered the O.M.I. in Cincinnati where she studied Home Economics. During this period she had several beaux - Dr. George D. Meeker was her favorite. For one year, she visited her Aunt Sally in Baltimore. During her stay there she entered dramatic school. At this time, she expected to become an actress <sup>however</sup> ~~but~~ chose instead to become Mrs. <sup>George</sup> ~~Harriet~~ <sup>D.</sup> Howard Meeker.

Harriet and George were married in 1914. They had two girls, Ruth and Betty. They spent time with good friends down at Old Fort on the Little Miami River. <sup>In 1927</sup> ~~the time came when~~ they <sup>decided</sup> ~~wished~~ to obtain a permanent summer home at Ryland Lakes Country Club. The Meeker, the Archiable, and Whitehead families, all good friends, joined Ryland together. <sup>where they attended the Emanuel Presbyterian church where Geo. Meeker served as an Elder.</sup> Harriet and George's winter home was in Clifton. Harriet, off and on throughout the years took courses at U.C. She was interested in landscape architecture, interior decorating, and crafts. Her daughters were her main interest.

She has always been a great admirer of Norman Vincent Peal and Robert Schuller. She ~~has~~ outlived all her sisters and brother. Dr. Geo. Meeker



passed away when Harriet was fifty six. She spent five years alone then married a longtime family friend, a widower, Jack Archiable. They spent thirteen years together when he became ill and died. ~~cont. on (2)~~

~~Ruth married Bill Schick and they live in Mt. Washington. Betty married Tommy Thompson and they are living in Fallbrook, California. Harriet has four grandchildren. Harriet has three great grandchildren.~~

~~Harriet is now ninety five years young and still putting on her make up - and giving her girls a hard way to go. She is a darling and a beauty we all love her.~~



WITH SYMPATHY

We would like to express our most sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those who lost a loved one:

Bea Games

Edna Thornton

Charles Wetterer

George Bruner

Our thoughts are with you.

~~Few of us do as much as we want to for others. But there is one gift we can always bestow--a smile!!~~





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 children - Bill Schick ~~III<sup>rd</sup>~~, Bonnie Schick  
 Coe, Robert Thompson, who lives in <sup>Eugene</sup> Oregon,  
 and Sue Thompson <sup>gardens</sup> who lives in LaQuna Beach  
 California. Harriet has Three great grand  
 children - Bill Schick ~~II<sup>th</sup>~~, Jennie Coe,  
 and Melissa Schick -

Harriet had been living at the Eastgate  
 Medical Care Center for the past nine  
 months. Everyone loved her - Her family  
 will forever miss her. She was truly  
 a beautiful, thoughtful, generous,  
 loving person. A lady with great dignity.  
 Her beautiful spirit will be with us  
 always -