

June 9, 1986

Dear Family:

I thought the reunion this year would be ruined because of the rain--that we would all get cabin fever. Instead, I enjoyed it more than usual, maybe because I actually sat down and visited with some of you. Every time I leave a reunion, I think to myself, "I didn't talk with ... or" I don't guess there is any cure for this, but just getting to see you all means a great deal to me.

Jana Lynn expressed her feelings about reunion in the little poem which she sent to Sandra (reprinted here). I think it pretty well sums it up.

OUR FAMILY REUNION

It's true I have a family
That loves me day by day
Although I do not see them
But two days along the way.

We call it our reunion
Where we have a lot of fun.
It doesn't matter where we meet,
Or if there's rain or sun!

On Sunday we have church service.
In each eye, there is a tear.
For in parting there is sorrow,
But we'll meet again next year.

I want to thank each of you for your generous gift for Elisabeth. There was a total of \$294.00 left after the \$140.00 toward the electric bill was paid (for a total of \$434.00). The baby was born June 3rd--a girl weighing 5 1/2 lbs and named Juliette Amber. I have talked with her, and as soon as she is able to be up and around we are going shopping for all the things she does not have. She is pretty well equipped because of the support she is getting from her church. What I will do with the remainder of the money is to keep records on it and help her toward the purchase of some type of a used car after she has saved some funds on her own. (Weldon is on the lookout for her a car, and says that given time, something that she can afford and which he thinks is dependable will show up). She is helpless without a way to get around. She has been training

as a secretary, and as soon as she is able to go to work will be drawing a salary from which she can save toward this car. Marjorie will be here sometime toward the end of the month to see Elisabeth. Right now she--Marjorie--is at mother's helping her through her bed rest time, which is to be for 30 days, at which time a decision will be made about whether she must have an operation for a pinched nerve.

I am publishing the list of 51 people who were at the 1986 Kennedy reunion, just in case you are interested. Of these, 38 were present for the Sunday morning worship service.

Briggs, Edd & Mary Jo

Eckert, Miles, Mary, Angie & Ronnie (plus Leigh Ann, Angie's college friend from Dublin)

Herod, Bill, Sandra & Vicki
Herod, Steven, Lesa, Leah & Reagan (plus Robin, Leah's niece)
McCollough, Jim, Diana, Amy, Keri Jo, Katie

Kennedy, Weldon
Speights, Wesley, Pam, Logan & Landon
Kennedy, Craig & Jared

Nored, Lynn, Martha, Steven, James & Jayne

Sullivan, Glen & Janelle
Fowler, Connie, Paul, Chris & Penny
Hillis, Jana Lynn, Michael Wayne & Jamie
Parker, Gary, Gayla & Matthew
Moore, Glen & Jamie

Taylor, Al, Glenda, Allison & Jim (plus Lester Blizzard, Allison's fiance)

To those of you who were unable to be there, we hope to see you next year. We can always rent another cabin to accommodate more overnight guests, or if you live close enough and would like to drive in just for the day, we would be pleased to see you.

Love,



Glenda