

1420 Grand, Duncan, Okla. Dec. 23, 1960

Dear Folks:

I know you are anxious to have an account of my trip to George's funeral in Florida. I was indeed glad that I was able to go and pay my respect and yours to our Christian son and brother. I am satisfied and I know most of all you will be happy and most pleased to know that George died fully forgiven of all sins and as a child of god in the manner in which he had been trained as a small boy. Understanding his last days helped me to reconstruct his life and know that basically George was a good man as trained, but confused by a psychological block that occurred when our mother died. His sins were the sins of the flesh and not of the spirit. These are the easiest to be forgiven by Christ, so the Prodigal Son came home in true Christian fashion, so I think we should rejoice that God provided the way for George to find himself. George probably struggled harder to find himself than any of the rest of us. We have shared our troubles with one another, but George bore them alone, seldom bothering others with his troubles.

The most significant thing I found out, for which we can rejoice, is the fact that George in his last days became quite interested in the church and with the help of Mr. Joseph Logio, Venetian Isle, Boynton Beach, Fla. who recognized George's need and led him to a reprofession of his faith and immersion on Sun. Nov. 6, 1960. George did this on his own. I thanked Mr. Logio, but I thought you might like to also. He said George knew that his days were numbered and tried to prepare himself. Rev. Wm. Fred Sliger also told me of George's profession and appreciated the fine manner in which he came. This he mentioned in his funeral.

According to the Death Certificate, he died of a sub-arachnoid hemorrhage aneurysm-cerebral vessel at 11:50 A.M. Sun. Dec. 18, 1960 at the Palm Beach General Hospital in Lake Worth. He had been in a coma since Sat. noon. The attending physician was Dr. A. Scott Turk, Lake Worth. He also had a neuro-surgeon, Dr. Schwab. On Friday they had injected dyes and x-rayed to locate the hemorrhage that had shown in an earlier spinal tap at the time of his entrance in the hospital. This was right after his first black out at home on Tues. Dec. 13th. He had high blood pressure, but had not been treating it. Most of the time when he had headaches he would go only to a Chiropractor. He had been to one the previous Sat., but this time he got no relief.

I arrived at Lake Worth by Bus from Tampa at 10:30 P.M. Tues. I was most cordially met by Peggie and her son-in-law Harold T. Goffe. We drove out to their nice home southwest of Lake Worth. Bonnie fixed me some lunch and we had a nice visit until 1 A.M. I stayed at a motel and walked to the nearby funeral home in the morning. George looked very nice. He recently had brought his weight down to 175 lbs. and it was difficult for me not to picture him as being fleshy since I had not seen him in so long. His long brown pompadour hair with slightly gray temples was typical. He wore Horn-rimmed glasses with gold temple bars and still showed his light freckles. He had been working as a salesman on salary and commission for the Babcock Furniture Co. Harold and Bonnie have four lovely children, Diane 13, three boys, Tom, 11, Mark 6, and Kenneth 4. I enjoyed my visit with them. Also Bill Fienning and his aunt Grace Ryan, 4141 El Prado Blvd., Miami, Fla. attended the funeral. Bill is majoring in Math and finishes at the Univ. of Miami this year. I visited with them shortly before the funeral, but missed seeing them further at the cemetery while I talked to Joe Logio. After spending the night on the bus to Tampa and flying to Ft. Worth, I arrived home Thurs. Eve at 6, tired but happy I could make the trip for a loved one. I wept alone on the bus knowing that I could not help George, but thru Christ I might help others as others had helped George.

Lovingly,

Rob

Dear Folks:

Duncan, Ok.1/7/1961

Enclosed are bills and copied below is a letter from Peggie in regard to George's last bills:

Dear Bob:

1/4/1110 N.E. 15 Ave., Boynton Beach, Fla.

I am writing to you because you was here with me & also because of your ability to explain things to the family. As I told you, when you was here, George didn't have any insurance and his income was \$55.00 a week. The problem and my position is this, the hospital and Dr's. bills has been received. The funeral expenses haasn't been determined as yet, because they are waiting to see how much the Social Security will apply. The Maximum will be \$255.00. To the hospital bill \$125.00 has been applied. Esther has sent \$50.00 which will be applied to the bills and the receipt will be sent to her. I have no income and have not been able to find a job as yet. I am housekeeping and cooking for Mr. Maizinger for my room just as I did when George was with me. I am sending all the bills I have received to you, so you can see and tell the family what they are. I estimate the funeral expenses at \$803.00 plus tax. Do you think that after talking to George's brothers & sisters they would agree to pay the balance of the bills, not for me, but for George? Will Close, waiting to hear from you. Thank you,

Sincerely, Peggy

Palm Beach General Hospital	\$206.20	1119 S. Flagler Dr. West Palm Beach
Dr. John E. Schwab	155.00	1005 Lake Ave. Lake, Worth, Fla.
Dr. Peter A. Mazza	35.00	
Dr. A. Scott Turk	75.00	831 N. Dixie Hwy. Lake Worth
	<u>\$442.20</u>	

P.S. Am forwarding this all to Esther as I think it would be well to channel it through one person in Richmond. I leave by bus tomorrow afternoon for Denver for the American Assn. of colleges meeting. Will see Tom Jones there. Expect to be back about Thurs. Robbie is back in school now and other than a squeak in her voice seems okay. Her tonsils were mammoth. On a cash basis, it would be hard for any of us to assume all or a part of this. However, on a time basis perhaps we could collectively assume these last bills.

Lovingly,

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