



Plain Brown Rapper



News for the Tandy and Grace Brown Family

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Well, here we are, the year 2000 and everyone made it safe and sound. Seems like there was a lot of confusion about what would happen and nothing did. If you were watching the news, the reporters seemed a little disappointed. However, if something had gone wrong they wouldn't have been on at all.

Chicago, Illinois was my destination of choice. Our Grandson, Devon, graduated from Navy Boot Camp on the 30th of December. Roger had to stay in Reno because he is the Commander of the Services Squadron for the Nevada Air National Guard and they were on alert. Susan, Drew and I decided to go to the graduation and had a wonderful time. All those wonderful young men and women in their "crackerjack" uniforms looking like they had just won a million dollars. What a tremendous sight to see. Now Devon is in Charleston, South Carolina at the Goose Creek Naval Station going to school.

This issue will be a catch up issue. I have some stories from the family not yet used and try to get some other information out.

From the Oregon Browns, Roy's family, comes some fun news. Roy made the local newspaper because the High School where his grandsons Kirk and Brent attend school and play basketball, named him the "best fan" of all. He has always attended their baseball games and now makes it to all the basketball games. Good Job Roy!!!!

Also from the same family, Matt Brown of the "Baseboard Heaters" fame has made a CD. The CD is named "Seeing Red" and Matt wrote and is the lead singer for two of the songs, "Minneapolis" and "We'll See." These four young men who make up the group are very popular in the Portland area and are planning another CD. The CD can be purchased at Tower Records, Amazon.Com and at their website <www.baseboardheaters.com> I have a copy and highly recommend the CD.

From Charles comes this memory of Betty. I can't remember the year, but I remember the incident clearly!! I was probably about 13 years old at the time and the kids who were home then were out in the yard at "1717" goofing around. Somehow Betty found a golf club, about a 5 iron, and I was standing behind her when she took a swing with the club. I was lucky the club hit me in the chin (still have the scar). Of course I had to go to Dr. Johnston's to have it sewed up. The stitches hurt more than the hit. (Editor's note: From experience I can tell you Dr. Johnston believed in sewing you up with out benefit of pain killer) I guess that's why I have an aversion to golf (no disrespect to Roy, Dick, Frank, Mike, Norman, and Leonard — God rest their souls — Marty, Bob T. Bob V. and all the other golfers in the family).

The sad memory is when I received a call from the Red Cross while I was stationed in Philadelphia and they arranged emergency leave with rail transportation to Cheyenne because of Betty's serious condition. I did manage to make it home just before she passed away. It was devastating to see her condition when I arrived. I will always remember that time.

Nancy Beardslee-Ekdahl writes of visiting Vivian and talking over old times. She said Vivian told her about the day she was born. Vivian was at mother's house where the Dr. came to deliver Nancy. She said the Doctor had to shoo all the kids out of the bedroom so he could get on with delivering the baby. There were probably as many as 10 or 11 of us at home at the time including Vivian and Frank's two sons, Stuart who would have been 1½ and Bob who would have been 2½.

Nancy requests memories from any of you who remember that particular day and time.

The work on the family album has begun and I am putting what information I have together. Hope you will all send along pictures and any information you would like to share. Your Christmas letters are a major help to me and I would love any pictures. If you can send them "snail" mail I can scan them in and will gladly return any pictures you want back. I don't need them forever, just long enough to include them in the album. Any information you don't want added, please let me know. I certainly want this to be your publication.

Sorry this is such a short "Rapper" but work on the Album is taking my time. There won't be a March edition, just the album coming up in April.

Wishing all of you a very Happy New Year and by now a Happy Valentines Day.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Leah, February 5

Roy, February 14

LaVena, February 26

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Marty, March 15

Frank and Marilyn, March 21 (53 years)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Roy and Alice, April 4 (58 years)

Frank, April 8

Marilyn, April 19

Nancy and Bob, April 25 (52 years)

Happy Birthday to all and wow, look at those anniversary numbers!!!!

Mike's son, Bill Brown is preparing an article for us about the many mountains he has had to climb since his accident left him paralyzed. I know you look forward to his story, and what a story he has to tell. As soon as he sends the story, it will be in the next edition.