



# “My Mom”



*Charlotte A. Ring*

*May 25, 1915 -  
January 21, 1997*

*February 1997, Al Ring*



*Dear Mom,*

*You use to tease me about knowing where pencil and paper were, your address and how to write a letter. I wish I had listened and written a little more. I would be lying if I didn't admit I have had many hard and teary times since you left us. There was so much I wanted to say and do with you. As you know my dream was for Karen, Evan and I to move to Tucson in the summer of 1998 and to have you and Dad over for dinner, and then of course to be able to spend some time with you. Well that is just not going to work out. I am sure you would say "Al, you will just have to make the best of it!"*

*I am going to have to do what Karen has done with her beliefs and feelings. She believes Genevieve is in heaven and all around us. She believes Genevieve is watching us all the time and still caring and loving, and in her own way, still communicating with her. Well I choose to believe that too. I hope and pray that you have found peace and love where you are and even found your Mom and Dad, and Snowball. Maybe you have even found Genevieve and Ann and are watching us right now. I sure hope so.*

*As far as the dream, we are getting our house ready to sell right now and we will move to Tucson in the summer of 1998. We will have Dad over many times and we know you will be with us, too. You were in our house right after it was built and your spirit is there. We also will have many things from you with us that will always comfort us.*

*Dad has shown us your letter of things you wanted me to have. The King Edward silver will always be with us and will be a source of pride. The watch and your rings, I will give to Karen, who will wear them proudly. They will always remind me of the two women I will always love.*

*Don't worry about Dad. Bob is doing a great job spending time with him, and Karen and I will visit as often as possible to help him and spend some time with him. As soon as we move, we will be able to and will do much more. Between Bob and us, anything Dad ever needs he will have, and he won't have to ask for it. This includes all the love and support we can give.*

*There's something else I wanted to mention. I have put together a little booklet of pictures and things about you. In doing this, I have read old letters, looked at pictures and have done a lot of thinking about my life with you. You can't imagine what memories have come to me. This has helped me get through these times. -- I remember things like when you were my Den Mother and had parties for us in the basement. I remember bobbing for apples at one of them. I remember your love for Snowball, saving that little piece of donut for her, and your love of my best friends, Tuffie, Thumper, Boots and Poko. I remember the Christmas sugar cookies you always made me, I still love them. I remember how hard you fought and helped me against Exxon when they treated me*

*wrongly, the letters you wrote, the advice you gave. I remember you driving many times to Fort Knox when I was in basic training and you brought me home and to the doctor when I needed it and then drove me back. I remember all the times I would ask your opinion and you always gave it to me and then said, however, you do what you want this is your decision, not your fathers and mine. You never pushed your feelings on me. I remember you driving that black, 1951 Ford Dad bought to go to work in. You hadn't driven a stick shift for years and you took me with you and we jumped all over the street as you again learned to shift and take off. I remember crying when you and Dad left from the motel on Rudy Lane, when you moved back to Tucson.*

*These are just a few of the memories I have. Notice they are all good and wonderful memories. Mom, in sitting and writing this, I feel so fortunate that in almost 54 years of life I don't have one "bad" memory of all the times with you and Dad. I hear so many things from other families about this bad thing and that bad thing, and I don't have a single bad event that strained our relationship over the years. This is probably the nicest and most valuable thing you could have left for me. Nothing but good memories over my 54 years of life. Thank you.*

*Well, its time to bring this to an end, or maybe this is a beginning. A new way for me to communicate with you. I am sure in the future I will be looking up and talking to you, and I know you will be listening. You will be doing just what you always did, giving me your opinion and then making sure I do what I feel is best. You are a beautiful person, both inside and out, and everyone else is just so fortunate to have had the time we had with you.*

*Good-Bye Mom!*

*With all my Love Al*

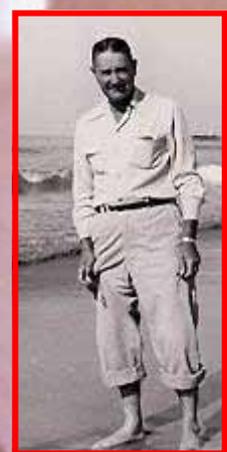


### *The Teens & 1920's*

*Charlotte Brehm was born in Sharon, Kansas, May 25, 1915, the second daughter of LeRay & Minnie Brehm. In 1920 she moved with her family to Los Angeles at the age of five.*



*About a year later Charlotte and her family moved to Warren, Arizona. LeRay bought a jewelry store in Bisbee, Arizona and built a fine jewelry business. They moved a few more times, eventually moving to 16th Terrace in Warren.*





### **1930's**

*Charlotte Brehm entered the University of Arizona at Tucson, Arizona in 1933. While there she got a degree in Education, became a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and graduated in 1937.*

*Charlotte taught third grade in Central School in Bisbee in 1937/38.*





## 1930's

*Charlotte met Clinton E. Ring at the University of Arizona and they started dating with their main activities being movies and dancing. They started dating in 1934 and became engaged in 1937. (They were together for 63 years)*

*Saturday, June 11, 1938 Clinton and Charlotte married in Warren, Arizona at the Community Church and had a breakfast at the Warren District Country Club.*

*Charlotte had as her attendant her sister, Eunice Brehm and Richard Hatcher served as best man. They took a trip through the south stopping by Mammoth Cave for their honeymoon.*





### **1940's**

*Charlotte & Clinton lived in Cleveland, Ohio until September 1939 when they moved to a duplex in Bridgeport, Connecticut.*

*On March 29, 1940 Robert (Bob) Clinton Ring was born. They rented a house near the beach in Milford and in 1947 bought their first home on Rockland Road in Trumbull.*

*Bob & Charlotte flew to Bisbee, Arizona from New York City in 1941 but were grounded in El Paso and finished the trip by train.*

*Alan (Al) Douglas Ring was born on July 17, 1943.*

*We made several trips from New York City to Bisbee on the Southern Pacific, the next few years.*



**Charlotte became**

**“MY MOM”  
July 17, 1943**





## 1950's

*1950 Mom, Bob & I visited Bisbee then Tucson.*

*1951 We all moved to 501 Kinglan Road, Louisville, Ky (St. Matthews)      S n o w b a l l  
arrived soon after we made the big move.*

*1952 Ambrose Ring died February 29. This was Dad's father.*

*1954 Florida Vacation.*

*1956 Mom spent Christmas in Bisbee with her mother who was sick.*

*1958 The Brehm's visited Mom & Dad in Louisville.*

*1959 Mom, Dad & I drove to Arizona.*

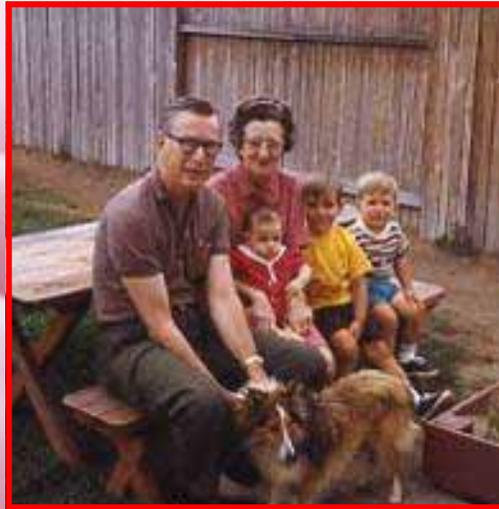




### **1960's**

- 1960** *Mom & Dad took a Caribbean Cruise.  
Mom, Dad & I again drove to Bisbee & Tucson.*
- 1962** *Grace Ring visited Louisville.  
Bob graduated from Purdue University.*
- 1963** *Visited State Parks with the Rustons.*
- 1964** *Long driving trip through Iowa, South Dakota, Mt. Rushmore,  
Yellowstone, Tetons, Hailey, Salt Lake, Bryce, Zion, Grand  
Canyon, Tucson and Bisbee.  
I opened my first Service Station.*
- 1965** *Bob gets his Professional degree from University of Michigan, then marries Ann  
Leola Benedict September 18, 1965 in Bradford, Pennsylvania.  
Another long driving trip to Tucson and Bisbee through Kansas and Colorado.*





## 1960's

- 1966 Bob & Ann move to San Diego, California.  
I marry Gail Lee Minnich September 17, 1966. (divorced 7/68)  
Mom flew to Arizona and Dad drove out later.  
John Clinton Ring born in San Diego 7/18/66.*
- 1967 Sedona, Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, Blythe, Las Vegas, San Diego, Tucson.  
Grace Ring died in November.  
I opened my Hubbards Lane Enco Station  
David Christopher Ring was born in San Diego 11/22/1967.*
- 1968 Another long driving trip all over the west (26 days) including Bisbee and San Diego.*
- 1969 American Express tour primarily by plane London - Paris - Geneva—Vienna—  
Rome—Isle of Capri—Nice—Madrid—Toledo to Lisbon.*





## 1970's

- 1970** *Driving trip to Bisbee and Tucson, 22 days Davenport, Grand island, Laramie, Salt Lake, Reno, Yosemite, San Diego. Steven Charles Ring was born in San Diego, May 18, 1970. moved from my Enco Station to my Standard Oil station. October Dad had 35 years with General Electric.*
- 1971** *Drove to St. Louis, Flatriver, Arkansas Whitesands, Bisbee, Alpine and Tucson. Bob, Ann and kids visited Louisville. LeRay Brehm died May 4, 1971. Mom had been to Bisbee earlier and went right back. I became a Lieutenant and Public Relations person in the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. (Mom loved the Fire Department)*
- 1972** *Mom received large diamond ring from her fathers estate. Drove to Colorado Springs, Albuquerque, Flagstaff, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Bisbee, Abilene, Nashville and home. Saw Bill Kern on trip.*





## 1970's

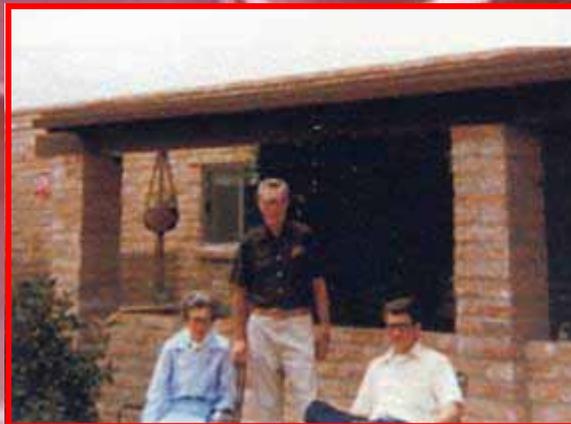
- 1973** *I married Carol Jean Kittle, 7/12/1973. (divorced 4/10/82)  
Took a vacation to Gatlinburg, Great Smoky Mountains, Cherokee, Asheville and Blue Ridge Parkway.*
- 1974** *I moved to 6605 Tottenham Road. Became a Captain on the Fire Department, and President of Firefighters Inc. (area association)  
Bob visited Louisville in October.  
Very bad tornado hit Louisville just a mile up the road from Mom & Dad's house.*
- 1975** *Mom and Dad bought a house that was 90% finished at 1965 Miraval Cuarto, Tucson, Arizona.  
While buying a house in October, they visited San Diego.  
Dad retired.*
- 1976** *Moved from Louisville to Tucson, I cried as they left the Holiday Inn at Rudy Lane during a terrible sleet storm.  
Bob & Ann visited Tucson, two times this year and Mom & Dad spent Christmas in San Diego.*





## 1970's

- 1977** Mom & Dad joined Oro Valley Country Club.  
Carol & I visited Tucson after much persuasion. We hated to fly and this was the first time.  
Thanksgiving dinner at Tucson with Granny, the Roberts and Bob & family.  
Two trips to San Diego one being Christmas.  
I sold my service station and got my real estate license and became an agent for Century 21 Florence Realtors.
- 1978** I became a Major on the St. Matthews Fire Department.  
Bob became Chief I Operations Analysis.  
In November Mom moved her mother from Bisbee to the Devon Gables Nursing Home, then later moved her to Desert Life Home.  
Mom & Dad made a trip to San Diego and in December went to Havasu City, and Parker Dam area.
- 1979** Bob, Ann & family visited.  
Carol & I moved into a new house I built at 2403 Phoenix Hill Drive, Louisville, Kentucky.  
Traveled to San Diego and were in Alpine for several days.





## 1980's

*1980 Mom & Dad visited Louisville.  
I left Century 21 Florence and joined Century 21 Joe Guy Hagan Realtors, Bob  
was promoted to Manager I Operations Research.  
Bob visited Tucson and Mom & Dad visited San Diego.*

*1981 Dad had surgery on right leg, Bob came to be with Mom.  
Trip to Sedona for a few days.  
Bob and family to Tucson for Thanksgiving, we visited San Diego in August.  
I made trip to Tucson in December, at start of my divorce from Carol.*





## 1980's

*1982 Trips to Flagstaff, and all the area around, San Diego in July and Alpine with the Roberts.*

*1983 Tauck Tour Hawaii and all 5 islands in May and June.  
Two trips to San Diego*

*1984 Trip to visit Bennewitz's in Prescott.*

*I was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Volunteer Department.*

*I married Karen McCord Lytle February 17, 1984 and became a "Dad" to Evan. Mom and Dad came to the wedding.*

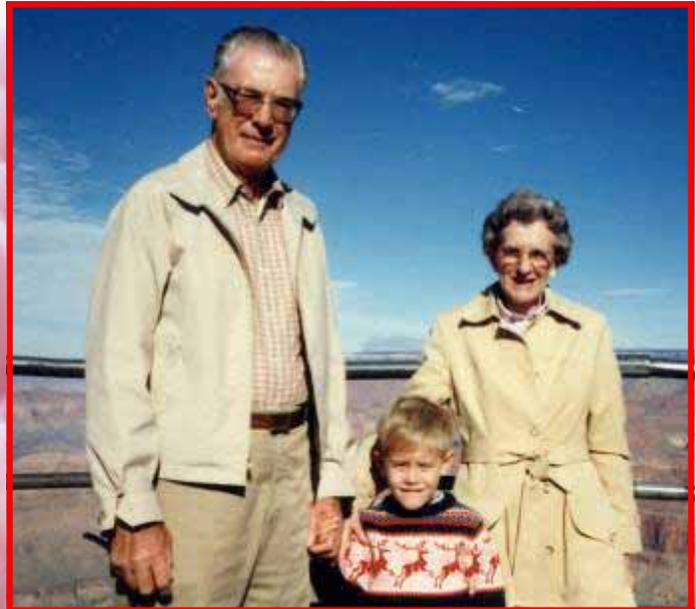
*Drove to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Arizona Mom attended Gamma Phi Beta "50 years later" party at Phoenix Country Club. Her roommate Pauline (Hickie) Bayless and 24 others were there.*

*Another trip to Prescott and one to the Alpine's.*

*Bob & family for Thanksgiving and to see John who was at the university.*







## 1980's

*1985 Tauck Tour Canadian Rockies, Glacier National Park and Salem and Portland Organ.*

*I, Karen and Evan visited and we traveled to Grand Canyon and all around there and then to Bisbee and Tombstone area. Visited San Diego.*

*Granny Brehm had a stroke.*

*Bob's wife Ann diagnosed with breast cancer.*

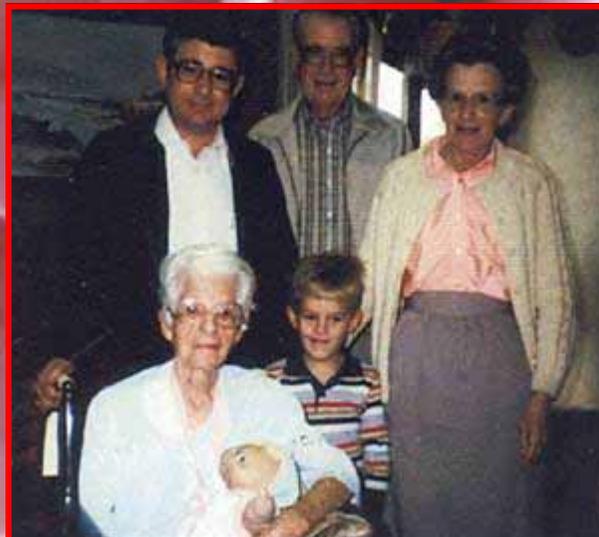
*1986 Minnie (Granny) Brehm died April 29, 1986 with Mom holding her hand. Initiated lawsuit and the hospital settled.*

*Driving trip Flagstaff & Sedona area in June then through Colorado & Arizona in September.*

*Two trips to San Diego and had Thanksgiving there.*

*Brehm Jewelry Store sold.*

*Karen became Executive Director of the Louisville Chapter; Alzheimer's Association.*

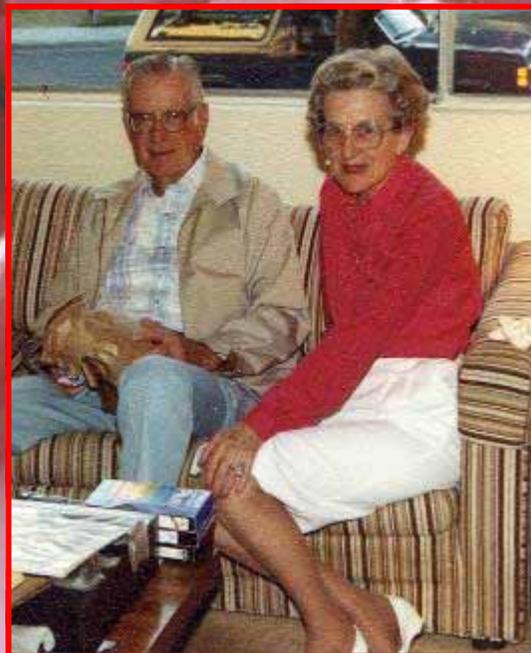
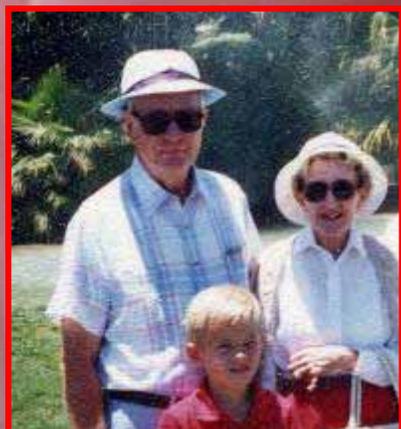
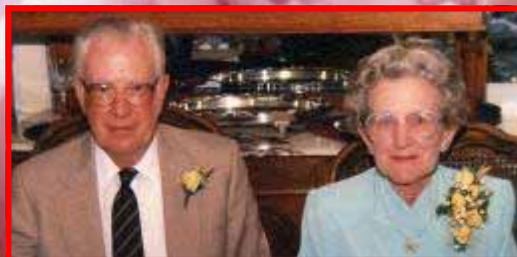


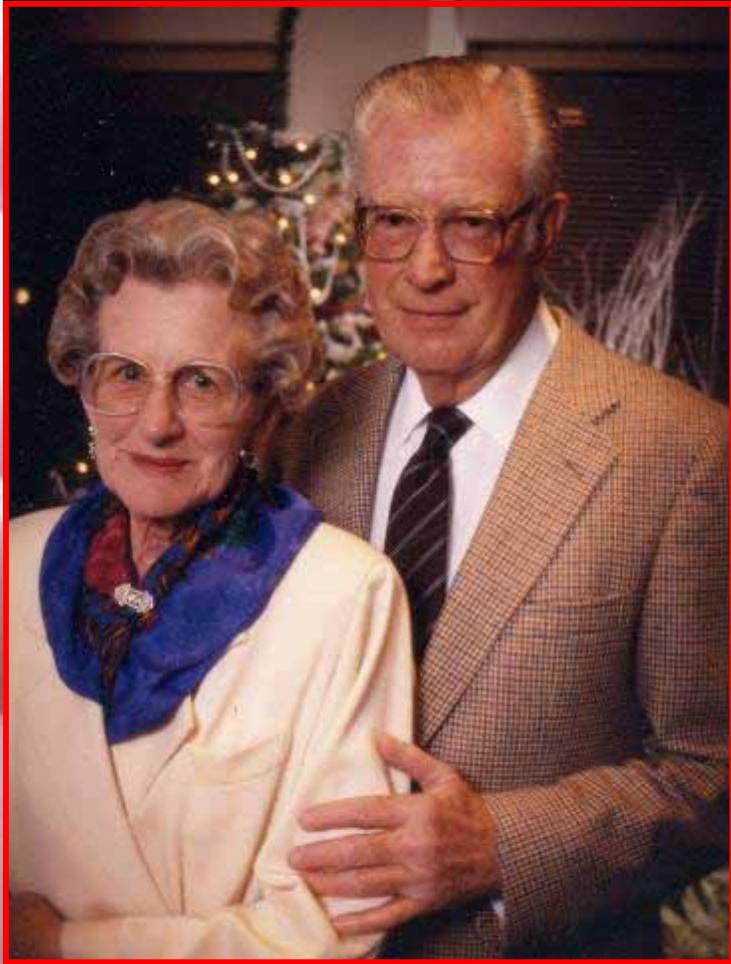


## 1980's

- 1987** *Painted the inside and installed new tile in the house.  
Alaska Tauck Tour, July 4 to July 16.  
Thanksgiving and one other trip to San Diego.  
Mom had 50th reunion of University of Arizona class of 1937.  
Bob and family visited in July.*
- 1988** *Met Karen and I in Las Vegas and we came to Tucson.  
June Mom and Dad celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in San Diego.  
The entire family was there.  
California Tauck Tour July 23 to August 1.  
John Ring commissioned as Ensign in U. S. Navy, Bob's family in own and Bob  
selected to serve on a task force for "Start" treaty.  
Spent Christmas in San Diego.*
- 1989** *John married Cathleen O'Connor and was assigned to Norfolk Naval Base, then  
David graduated from UCSD.  
Mom had very serious pneumonia and was in hospital from 5/16 to 5/26 then  
again 5/30 to 6/12.  
I became Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire  
Department, and moved my business to RE/MAX Properties East.*







*Quotes from some of Mom's letters to me over the years  
This shows her personality better than anything I can say.*

*"I just can't get over the enthusiasm which Dad has for retirement and his life. I knew this is what he wanted but he seems happier every day."*

*"Al, don't worry about Dad getting bored. You wouldn't believe how he is. He made me get a candle out for the dinner table so we could put that on to eat by so he could see the mountains without ruining the view by turning on a big light."*

*"About the fire department. Darn, now I intended to keep filling my notebook about fires in St. Matthews all the time I was out here. But that \_\_\_\_\_ Voice won't send me the paper. I paid \$13.60 and I've had 3 papers. I've written them and somebody down there is plain stupid. So I can't keep tabs on anything."*

*"Thanks for the article on the fire, Al. Doggone! If Jim Booher had to have a fire why couldn't he have had it while I was there. That was a good write-up and it must have been an exciting fire. Darn!"*

*"I can't close this without telling you Dad's latest escapade. He enrolled himself in a class called Desert Landscaping. I am pleased that this was all Dad's idea and he came home last night very enthused."*

*"Have you been hearing all the shouting and hooraying going on out here since we received Al's letter saying you would come out to see us????????? I wrote Granny right away and she wrote back that she just had to shed a few tears. Well, we are all very happy. Same letter between every paragraph. Gee, are we happy you're coming, Out! Boy, are we glad you're coming! My we're glad you're coming! And now I can say we'll be seeing you. Halleujah!"*

*"I guess it's about time I let you know what is going on with us. We are fine except that Dad is taking a day out for a bad headache. His face is red as a beet--he took a sunbath at noon yesterday and really got burned. I think he sunburned his insides too. I can't teach him a thing!"*

*"Quick, Get the Blue Room ready for me! Dad hasn't read your letter yet but when he does I'll have to move out! If I hadn't seen that date of his birthday written in my own lovely handwriting I wouldn't have believed it. But as it is--what can I say???? Maybe I wrote it that way because he told me a big fat lie when we were going together. He didn't let me know I was four months older until it was too late--I already had his ring. I guess I've never forgiven him for that! Well, I think the whole thing is hilarious but do forgive me for correcting you twice. Guess you'll have to check me out on a lot of things. I'll tell you, I ain't getting any sharper!"*

*"We are hoping that you passed the Real Estate test, Al, but if you didn't we hope you will try again. Do you have a company you could work for or do you have any plans?"*

*"We're hoping that everything is going fine with getting out of the Station and that is being settled completely. We think the new adventure into real estate sounds just great and we both are enthusiastic about it. I'm sure it will take time to get started but that happens in any venture. Al, Dad and I always think anything you do, as long as you are happy with it, is the correct thing to do."*

*"I enjoyed the birthday cake so much and I got home and realized we hadn't eaten the whole cake. I hope you froze it, I'll be back again someday."*

*"Dad and I are very proud of the way you are getting along. I know it isn't easy and that you are lonely. I guess you will simply have to get out and try to meet people. Just let the idea of finding a new woman take its time."*

*"Dad and I both felt good after we talked with you last night. It is hard for us not to be where we can help you more and see for ourselves how you are doing. We know you are going to come out of this a better man and that you are going to learn more about women by going to this club--or about both men and women."*

*"You've said that you didn't know what "love" is. Well at 66 I can't say that I do either. I know that when I was 22 I knew that Dad was the one that I wanted to be with all the time, that I was willing to leave home and be with him in all the good times and the bad times, and that I wouldn't even have had a second thought about moving around the country the way we did. I think Dad and I had it easy compared with today's world though. There was no "women's lib" and the women didn't want it that way. We were content to stay home and raise families, etc."*

*"As I look back I think that love is caring, having respect, having the same interests, being willing to put the other person ahead of yourself at times, being faithful, being willing to work hard for each other and the most important ingredient--communication--also one of the most difficult things for some people."*

*"Where would I be now if Dad weren't considerate enough of my feelings to let me come home from seeing Granny and tell him all the things that happened that bothered me that day and commenting on things concerning her, trying to understand my feelings about Granny and trying to show me where I am wrong to feel a certain way if he thinks I am wrong?"*

*"So now let's add up some of your good qualities. You are very well read and have educated yourself about many things. You are intelligent, are interested in people, politics and current events. You have the ability to analyze your problems when you know they exist; you are willing to help others in your community, and you have a lot of ambition and are willing to work harder than anyone I know."*

*"You have been good about sharing your business problems as well as personal problems with us and we hope you will continue to do so. I admit we worry about you and hope you will continue letting us know how many listings you have and how you are doing financially. We are not trying to meddle in your affairs. We are just parents who love their child and are concerned. But I'm sure you know that."*

*"It seems to us that you are getting along fine and we are proud of the attitude you are taking and how you are going on with life. We appreciate what an effort all this has been for you. We're glad you have that group to go to--that is a real break. We are also grateful that you could meet someone that you can talk to and be with like Karen."*

*"It is great that you have stopped smoking. I can't think of anything better for you. I think the weight will come off soon."*

*"Al, I hope when I ask you about Karen or Evan that you don't think I am trying to talk you into getting married. That will come all in good time when you are ready--marriage to someone I mean. You are right to go slow. As you go along I think you will know what is right. What I mean is that you know what you are doing and Dad and I don't mean to influence you one way or another."*

*"If Karen should turn out to be the one she certainly seems to have a lot of good qualities and based on our brief visit, we liked her very much."*

*"Evan is just so cute how could anybody not like or love him? He is cuter since you have known him (at that age) than he will ever be again. He is a very handsome boy."*

*"She is very attractive, well educated, which is a big plus, and must have a good disposition to be able to "take" her job. Believe me that job would not be an easy one. She must have to appear "up" all the time. And that isn't easy."*

*Dear Karen -- "We talked with Alan on his birthday Sunday and he told us the exciting news that you and he are engaged."*

*"Clinton and I want you to know how very happy we are about this and how much we enjoyed being with you and Evan when we were in Louisville. You are a lovely girl and Evan is an added bonus of joy to us. He is such an engaging little boy. We will be wishing the greatest of happiness for you and Alan."*

*Dear Karen -- "Clinton and I enjoyed your note to us about Al's birthday and what you did on that particular day. Sometimes the distance between us seems just too much since we can't drop in and see how he is doing or get a glimpse of him.. You can see that parents don't change regardless of the age of their children."*

*"We realize it wouldn't be practical for us to make a trip back there as we will want to come another time, as you say and really get to know Karen and Evan."*

*"However, sometimes at our age you just don't feel like being practical! We had thought we might slip in and stay at Holiday Inn or the Ramada Inn for a couple of days and attend the wedding if there will be other family members there. It wouldn't be a time when we would want to see any of our friends or get involved in any way with them. But we didn't intend to say any of this until after your plans were made."*

*"We will feel terrible if you make plans to include us just because you think you should-----so don't do that. These should all be your and Karen's plans. Things always sound differently in print but I am sure you know what I mean. Whatever you do don't worry about it----you've got enough on your mind!!!"*

*"We are so happy that we could be with you during all the festivities. Everything we did that week was so enjoyable and meant more to us than I can say."*

*"Karen, you do have a lovely family and we were with them enough to feel that we really got to know them, perhaps not intimately but certainly enough to know we like them very much."*

*"I am sitting here at the kitchen table looking at the Wind Chimes that you sent me for Mother's Day. We hung them out on the porch and they look very pretty out there-as well as sounding very pretty. You were so nice to think of me. Now when I look out at the dove and quail I will see the gift and think of you two."*

*"Dad and I enjoyed everything we did together and it was nice for us to get out and see all these places again. I think maybe Sedona is my favorite place to visit-it is so peaceful."*

*"Karen, you have done an excellent job with Evan. He is such a good little boy. He stood those long hours of riding very well. An we love the way he sings. He is a happy child to be around."*

*"Karen, we think your new job sounds great and we're happy you were given the opportunity to do this job. Your interviews must have gone very well, and we congratulate you. Hope things went nicely when you resigned at the nursing home. I personally, think Alzheimer's disease is the coming disease--the one that will get lots of research and study."*

*"When Dad and I were in the motel in Flagstaff there was a huge mirror about 8ft. long along one wall -then we went around the corner for about 4 ft. Neither Dad or I said anything about it at the time but on the way home we commented about how many new wrinkles we had seen on ourselves. Oh well!!!"*

*"Al, we hope things are going well with you. Do you remember where we live and all that? I'm sure you have a paper and pencil and even a tape recorder ??????????????"*

*"I wanted to get this written today as my 50th reunion is starting on Wednesday---reunion from college that is. When I realize that 50 years have gone by I realize how old I am."*

*"It is time for me to get a letter off to you thanking you two for all that you did for our 50th Anniversary. We thought everything was just perfect. We know there was a lot of planning and work involved that took a lot of your time. We really can't find the words to let you know just how much it meant to us. We will have wonderful memories the rest of our lives."*

*"We were a little surprised, Al, that you have decided to begin with RE/MAX - surprised because it is a new idea to us. Of course you have been thinking about it for a long time and you understand all the details. It sounds like a great idea and we know that you have given your decision a lot of study. So we will go along with you and hope it will be an excellent move for you."*

*"Karen, we'll continue our prayers for your mother and hope she can continue to feel better."*

*"Ann is getting better but it is very slow. She still only comes downstairs once a day and doesn't eat very much. Can you believe that Steve does the cooking, washing, and hear this, the ironing. He is ironing Bob's white shirts for work!!!! Am I a proud grandmother???"*

*"We feel very badly about Boots. We understand just how you feel. The seems so different and empty when the dog is gone. We kept looking around for Snowball and to this day, every now and then, I find I have left a bite of my breakfast donut-but no dog shows up."*

*"We were happy to see all your family, Karen. Barry and Justin are nice fellows and interesting to watch and Tara and Kayla are two little beautiful girls--those dresses were so pretty. Kayla looked so much like you, Karen, I couldn't believe it."*

*"I must say I have never seen anyone wear a dog but the one of Al and Poko certainly makes Al and Poko look comfortable. Poko is so cute-wish she were here to play with."*

*"Dad has had the blood test that was suggested by the radiation doctor. I think he will start treatment next Wednesday. This problem is the hardest one we have had to face because no two people think alike concerning it."*

*"Dad is on his way for another treatment - will be his 6th. He is feeling better, but is having side effects from the strong medicine so that keeps him home some. Has 10 more pills to go. He is being a good sport but it isn't any fun."*

*"We are enjoying the latest pictures of Poko. I'm sure that dog doesn't know she's a dog! She seems very comfortable with the glasses on!"*

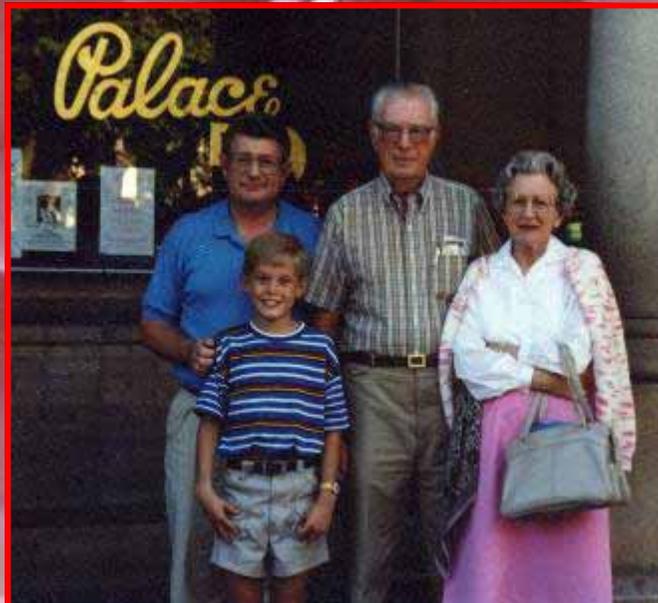
*"Dad had his PSA test last Monday & came out great. I point 1. It has never been that low. Most of the men Dad plays golf with are much worse off. So we really count our blessings!"*

*"I am getting along fine. I can't quite walk alone yet but will soon."*



## 1990's

- 1990 Dad gave Mom diamond watch for her birthday.  
Driving trip to Denver, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Colorado Springs, Denver, Monument Valley and more.  
David Ring married Cinta in July wedding at San Diego.  
Karen & I visited and we all went to Prescott & Sedona area.  
Ann Ring died in Cairns, Australia. I came out for the funeral in San Diego 11/20/1990.  
Bob & Steve spent Christmas in Tucson.*
- 1991 John Ring involved in the war, John ok, many citations.  
Mom & Dad met Karen & I in Las Vegas.  
Bob, John & Cat visited Tucson.  
Drove to Cloudcroft, New Mexico for several days in high mountains. August trip to San Diego then up coast to Dana Point Resort.  
Christmas in San Diego with Bob & the boys.*





## 1990's

- 1992** *Karen & I met Mom & Dad in Las Vegas, then to Grand Canyon & Sedona area. May 7 to 13 Mom & Dad flew to Louisville to visit us. Bob to Tucson in April and Steve and Bob in September. July, Mom diagnosed with pneumonia, but a light case. Steve Ring graduated from UCSD. Tauck Tour to England & West Country in August. Christmas in Tucson with all of Bob's family & the O'Connors.*
- 1993** *Karen & I visited in February as well as toured Bisbee, Sedona and Las Vegas. David Ring finishes UCSD Med. School & is accepted to Harvard. Bob & Steve move to Tucson and rented a condominium. Driving trip to Utah, Bryce Canyon, Escalante Scenic Drive, Salt Lake City, and all around Northern Arizona. September Dad discovers Prostate Cancer. More tests later in the year. Mom passed out November 6 around 8:a.m. Several days of tests show low blood pressure caused fainting that went into seizure. Karen, Evan & I come to Tucson for Christmas.*







## 1990's

- 1994** *Dad had successful Radiation treatments for his Prostate Cancer. Clinton Ring Burgos born to Cinta & David in Boston 2/17/94 April 28, 1994 Mom had small stroke. Mom & Dad drove to Phoenix to visit Norma Bennewitz. David and baby Clint visited. Mom & Dad drove to Denver via Durango, Silverton, Ouray, Montrose, Gunnison, Canyon Poncho Springs for vacation. Bob bought lot #5 in "Canyon Ridge" located off Kolb & Snyder. In September Mom & Dad took Ray Manley Tour to Branson. Karen & I visited in November for several days. Christmas with Bob and Steve at Tucson.*
- 1995** *Mom had weakness and spells of infections December through January. Eunice very sick and in hospital in Tucson. In March Mom was in the Buick and hit by a "Hit & Run" driver, Mom not hurt.*







## 1990's

*1995 Karen & I met Mom & Dad at the Phoenix Airport in March. Mom had bronchial infection 2 weeks in March part of April. In May Mom & Dad drove to Phoenix to see Norma Bennewitz. May 8, Mom suffered a Stroke. Three days in intensive care, three days in regular room then moved to rehabilitation. Mom celebrated 80th birthday in St. Mary's Hospital. Steven Ring received his masters in Library Science in May. I came to Tucson July 5th, Mom in very bad condition. July 8th, we put her into the hospital. July 18, Mom entered the Forum Health Care Center. August 10th, Mom came home in September, her health not too good but improved some in October. Karen & I visited in November to be with Mom and to look for housing for a future move. Thanksgiving, Mom celebrated with four generations of "Rings" at La Paloma. Total of 22 people. Bob moved into his new house in November. December 19, 1995 Mom broke her hip. Operated on December 20th, then to Forum.*





## 1990's

*1996 Mom was at the Forum all of January and in the first week of February was able to take trip to Bob's house. Got to go home about a week later.*

*In April Karen, Evan & I flew to Tucson to see Mom and to sign a contract to have our new home built by Pulte Homes. Overall Mom was pretty good.*

*May 8th Mom fell and hit her head but fortunately came out ok.*

*Near the end of May, Mom was not doing very well. It was thought she had had one or more TIA's. June 3, Dad put Mom in St. Mary's Hospital and it was discovered she had a urinary infection. Mom was there until she moved to the Forum June 11th. She showed good improvement until around the 24th of July it was discovered she had another infection.*

*Karen & I traveled to Tucson to close on our new house and spend some time with Mom. She was gaining a little strength but her short term memory was poor. Mom did recognize the fact that Karen & I had closed on our new home.*







### 1990's

*1996 Mom was put back into the hospital August 8th and they found she had pneumonia. She left the hospital, and returned to the Forum on August 14th. Dad said she was much better with much more of her short term memory and could walk. However, after Dad got home, she fell and scraped her back. Mom went home August 29th and started with home care service. Mom spent the rest of 1996 at home with a few rough spots, but many good days.*

*1997 Right around Christmas of 1996 Mom started going down hill. Bob called us January 3rd to give us an update. January 12, Sunday, Karen & I did get to talk to Mom which turned out to be the last time we got to talk to Mom. January 18th Dad called to say he had put Mom into the Forum that morning. As it turned out that night Mom got very sick and Sunday morning was rushed to the Tucson Medical Center next door. She had pneumonia. Mom was transferred to St. Mary's.*

*January 21, 1997 Mom died about 2 a.m. Tucson time. She is at peace now, after a long tough fight.*

*God Bless You Mom!!*

**Mom's last  
letter to us.**

May 13, 96

Dear Karen, Al, & Ivan,  
you were so right. A present was  
delivered about a hour after we  
talked with you. I don't know if you  
ordered this exact plant or not but  
it is a beautiful "Peace Lily" - large shiny  
leaves + tall white blooms. I called  
Reay + they told me how to take  
care of it. I certainly thank you for  
it. The card you sent was a lovely  
one + it was really enough. Your think-  
ing of me was all that I needed.

Pat called on Saturday + came to  
visit after Mass on Sunday morning.  
She looked very good + is looking for-  
ward to going to see John for a week  
starting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. She is leaving her  
dog here for her mother to take care of  
until John is through in his many  
counsel. He'll pick up "Bandit" on his  
way back to San Diego.

Bob, Mr. & Mrs. O'Connor are here  
+ moving in their house - then he goes  
back to Hawaii for a few wks.

Bob, Dad + I enjoyed a nice  
Mother's Day dinner last night. We went  
to Bob's first + then ate at 5 P.M. A lot  
of people had the same schedule.

Thanks again for the lovely plant.  
Love, Mom

### **TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME .**

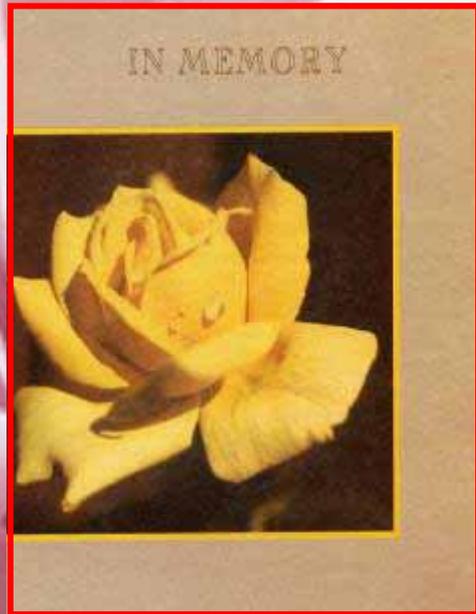
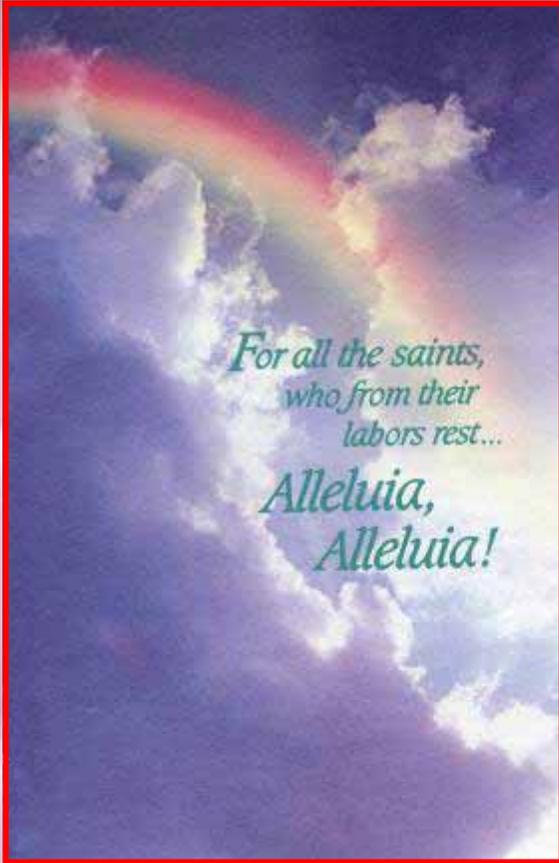
*When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be thankful for our beautiful years.*

*I gave to you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a time that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll Be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear  
And then, when you just come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile, and say "Welcome Home!"*

*Absent from the body; present with the Lord. (Author unknown)*



*A Celebration of the Life of  
Charlotte Ring  
May 25, 1915 - January 21, 1997*

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
750 W. Chapala Drive  
Tucson, AZ 85704

January 24, 1997

ORGAN PRELUDE Dr. Kathryn Baker Snodgrass

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Barbara P. Anderson

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life; they who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

**People: Blessed are the dead who die in Christ, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.**

Pastor: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.

**People: They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

INVOCATION

HYMN *Amazing Grace* page 107

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 121  
Psalm 23 (*Unison, back cover*)  
John 14:1-3, 27

FAMILY TRIBUTE Karen Ring  
Daughter-in-law

MEDITATION Rev. Barbara P. Anderson  
**"A Life Legacy"**  
*Psalm 25:10*

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *How Great Thou Art* page 2  
(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

CLOSING REMARKS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*The family invites you to a reception in the Fireside Room following the service.*

*Remembrance in the memory of Charlotte Ring may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1636 N. Swan Road, Tucson, AZ 85712*

## ***FAMILY TRIBUTE***

*Al, Bob, Karen and Steven wrote the following tribute which Karen read at the service. Part of the tribute was written by Mom as a contribution to a history of the Ring family written by Steve Ring.*

*I would like to share a few words about Charlotte Ring. Some of what follows was written by Charlotte herself as a contribution to a history of the Ring family.*

*Charlotte was born in Sharon, Kansas, on May 25, 1915, daughter of LeRay and Minnie Brehm. Her parents had both grown up in Kansas. Their families came to Kansas from Pennsylvania during the last decades of the nineteenth century.*

*LeRay and his family left Kansas in 1920, when Charlotte was five years old, and ended up soon thereafter in Bisbee, Arizona.*

*Charlotte writes,*

*“We moved to a small house in Warren, a residential area near Bisbee. My father did well in his jewelry business, and a few years later we bought a larger house on a terraced hill...”*

*“I walked from there to school every day until I went to High School. Originally there had been a streetcar which wound its way around mountains, but by the time I went to High School I rode to school with my Dad when he went to work.”*

*“In 1926, my father bought a Buick which we considered the most beautiful car in Bisbee. (He kept that same car until it was a great cause of embarrassment to a young lady). The car was put to good use. It took us to northern Arizona on Camping Trips every year and also to the beaches in California where we went every year. While we were in California we bought our clothes for the coming year. My mother sewed many of my clothes also.”*

*“I had wanted to be an Interior Decorator but the University of Arizona did not offer that course; instead, I earned a degree in Education. I enjoyed school, made good grades, lived in a sorority house for four years, and met my future husband in my sophomore year. I graduated in 1937.”*

*“I taught Third Grade in Central School in Bisbee during the 1937/38 school year. I earned \$110 a month. That was sufficient as I could live at home, paid no board and room, and saved my money to get married. I bought many things for my Cedar chest. I was very lucky. When I was married in June of 1938, I had a closet full of clothes.”*

*Clinton and I moved to Cleveland, Ohio, when we were married. He had a job with the General Electric Co.”*

*“In 1940, we moved to Bridgeport along with our ... G. E. friends. Clinton and I rented the bottom story of a two story house. Our first son, Bob, was born in March of 1940.”*

*“Al was born in 1943. The war was on. Bob and Al and I made several trips by train from New York to Bisbee on the Southern Pacific. Those trains were crowded with soldiers and we waited in line for meals.”*

*“1947 found us buying a house in Trumbull, Connecticut. The house was attractive and quite a special one for us. We stayed there until 1951 when General Electric again moved us to Louisville, Kentucky.”*

*Charlotte and Clinton remained in Louisville until 1976, when Clinton retired from General Electric. They bought a home in the foothills in Tucson, fulfilling a life-long dream.*

*Meanwhile, Bob married Ann and moved to San Diego, California, where grandsons John, David, and Steven were born. In 1993, when Hughes bought General Dynamics Convair, Bob moved to Tucson, where he lives today.*

*Al remained in Louisville, and married Karen. Al, Karen, and Evan still live in Louisville, but have built a house in Tucson, and expect to move here in the summer of 1998.*

*Throughout her life, Charlotte took great joy in corresponding with friends, tending to her garden flowers and violets, traveling with Clinton and enjoying special times centered around her family and friends.*

*In the past two years, Charlotte’s health began to fail. However, throughout her life and through this time as well, she remained a source of strength and support to all who knew and loved her.*

*So as we reflect upon her life, we remember her as a devoted daughter, compassionate sister, dedicated teacher, faithful wife, caring mother, grandmother, great grandmother and supportive friend. Charlotte lived her life by example, bringing joy, happiness and comfort to others. Her work in this earthly life was to serve others and to leave this world a little better place than she found it.*

*We, her family, thank each of you for joining us as we all celebrate and give heartfelt thanks for the legacy and love of Charlotte Ring.*



## Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 278

God is able to make all grace abound toward you ... 8 Cor. 9:8

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.  
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; St. 4, source unknown  
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

AMAZING GRACE  
 C.M.

## How Great Thou Art 1

Great is Thy Lord and greatly to be praised! Psa. 48:1

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Coe - did - er  
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
 3. And when I think that God, His sun not spar - ing, Sent His to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the world Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from left - y moun - tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

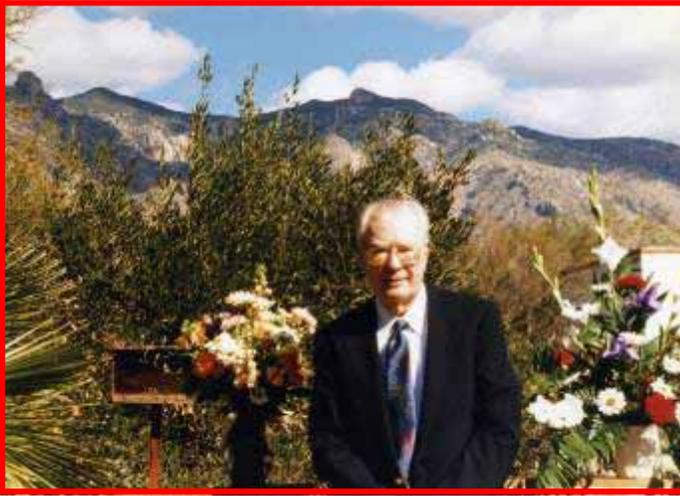
ra - tion, Thy pow'ry tho' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played,  
 gran - deur, And hear the break and tod the gen - de breeze. Then sing my  
 bea - ing, He led and died to take a - way my sin. Then sing my  
 re - sion, And there pre - claim, my God, how great Thou art.

and, my Ser - vice God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sing my  
 and, my Ser - vice God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

and, my Ser - vice God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

CRED: Stuart K. Hine, 1949  
 MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949  
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HOW GREAT THOU ART  
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**The circle was almost complete  
with everyone in our family  
coming together to live in Tucson.**

**The mountain we all love, Mom &  
Dad's home, Bob's new home  
and of course, ours.**





**The Spirit Of Mom Will Always  
Be In Our New Home!**



# **PEACE BE WITH YOU**



**Mom had a love for African  
Violets all her life!**

**We awoke January 22 without Mom here, but the sunrise brought a rainbow over the house, providing a stairway to lead the way to Mom's new home in heaven. Another beautiful Arizona sunset ended that day, and we all know Mom is now as always watching over and caring for us.**



**Good Bye Mom,  
We All Love You, And  
Will Be Thinking Of  
You All The Time.**