

June 9, 2016

Dear Marilyn,

I regret that I have been out of touch for a while.

Herewith forwarded are some photos our son Ben took of our granddaughter Molly, mostly of her and Eleanor, while we were visiting Ben and his wife Cary, and of course, Molly.

Email access has been a bit unreliable, depending on how good the connection has been in various places.

I do not know if you received a lengthy email I sent, primarily about Yellowstone, including several photos. I did not receive a reply from you on that one (which does not mean you did not send a reply). Let me know if you got that email; I can try re-sending it.

We arrived in Seattle in good order and spent Memorial Day weekend with David and Kelsey, who showed us around Seattle. The following Tuesday we drove up to Sedro-Woolley (near Bellingham) to be with Ben and family. We had a great visit, and got to spend a lot of time with Molly. I took her for a lot of walks. She is an active and happy baby! She's seven months now; she has not yet mastered crawling, but spends a lot of time on her feet holding on to one of us — she may skip crawling altogether, and go right to walking.



While we were with Ben, Eleanor got word that her sister, who lives in Westchester County, New York, suffered a couple of strokes and was in the hospital. She was apparently not too badly affected, but they were unable to tell what had caused the strokes and thus were uncertain whether or not she might have more. In addition to her concern for her sister, Eleanor is also her health care proxy, so she understandably felt a need to get back. We considered putting her on a plane, but after Eleanor talked with

her other sister (who had visited the one who had the strokes) and with our daughter Sarah (who also went up from NYC to visit her aunt), Eleanor decided the situation was not of such urgency as to leave me to make my own way back without her, but instead, we would cut short our stay with Ben, and start driving back without any further vacation-type activities (we had planned on coming home by way of Jasper and Banff in Canada, spending a few days there).



As we have made our way back across the country, Eleanor has spoken with her sister every day and her condition is improving; she is now in a rehab facility, experiencing only some slight speech difficulties and imperfect control of her right arm and hand. Accordingly we have slacked off our pace a bit, no longer driving 10 or 11 hours a day. For example, we gave ourselves a morning at Theodore Roosevelt National Park in western North Dakota, which was right on our route, before hitting the road that day. We are now in central Minnesota. We plan to take one layover day to rest in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We now expect to arrive back in Danville Sunday night or Monday, and hope to put Eleanor on the road down to see her sister on Tuesday; we do not know how long she will be there.



We just received the email about Jan Roy's fall and badly broken ankle. We are of course praying for her and Steve. Please convey to her our best wishes for her recovery.

I hope you get this email. Please reply if you do (and I hope I can access your reply).

My fond regards to everyone at St. John's,

John