

April 9, 1938.

Mr. William Bunsen,
1621 Edgehill,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I was shocked and grieved to learn of your father's passing. I just returned home from the east after nearly two weeks away.

When I was 19 years of age I lost my mother. My father passed away only last August at the age of 86. To a son who loses either I always have felt that the mother was the greater loss. Of course, there is a grand companionship with the father and a thorough understanding, but there is something about the affection that a mother has for the son or daughter that surpasses anything that the male parent might feel.

However, Bill, I know that it is very difficult to say anything that will assuage a son's feeling at the great loss that comes upon him. There is nothing that anybody can say that can satisfy the bereaved. However, I do know that those who have experienced these sorrows are always in a position to feel more deeply the loss that comes to others, and I want you to know, Bill, that I do extend to you my sincerest feeling of sympathy and understanding.

If there is anything that I can do for you in any way I want you to feel perfectly free to come to me. Won't you drop in some time at your convenience? I would love to see you.

With deep understanding and sympathy, I am

Sincerely, your friend,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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