

April 8, 1949

Mr. Harry P. Smith
856 Maryland Avenue
Syracuse 10, New York

Dear Mr. Smith:

I appreciate very much your recent letter. I think that I sent you a greeting card during the holidays, but you may not have noticed that it was simply in my own name. Mrs. Simons and I always held you and your family in high regard, and she especially watched the development of you boy who, I think, was about the age of our John Louis who passed away in 1928.

It has now been more than five months since Gertrude left us, but the hurt is still there. I have been fortunate in having a young couple in my home who have kept the house as Mrs. Simons would have liked to have it kept, and the room that she last occupied on the morning of June 10 is still practically as it was when she left it.

It was a great sorrow to her that she was not able to attend the first wedding of any of our grandchildren which occurred on September 8. Since that time, two other grandchildren have been wed so that all three of the children of our daughter, Blanche, and Mr. Maloney are now married. Eileen, the youngest, and her husband still live in Lawrence, he being a student at K.U.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Smith.

Sincerely, your friend