



Mary Beth's mother, Mary Margaret Adele Webster McIntyre (shown here in a 1998 photo), left this world on December 28, 2000, aged 84. At the end, she was looking forward to eternal rest, peace, and happiness. We all miss her deeply, but feel blessed to have been influenced by her love and caring. On her last day in this world, she turned to Robert and Michael and said, "You're beautiful."

We had a moving funeral service on December 30 at the chapel of St. Andrew's College in Aurora. Margaret was married there on December 18, 1950.

We returned home to California on January 1 to begin a new year.

Robert (8) and Michael (7) continue to enjoy Verdugo Woodlands Elementary School. During Spring Break, Mary Beth went to Aurora to help her brother, John, pack Margaret's condominium items with great help from cousins Cathie and Theo. Richard and the boys survived with the help of fast food and day care. Since September, Mary Beth is helping in their classrooms two mornings a week.

This summer, our driving trip to Aurora was via Texas and Florida. (Yes, we do own a map!) Mary Beth's brother, John, was brave enough to join us to return home after his visit to Glendale in July.

In Dallas, we saw Helen Olson, a long-time friend of Richard's family. We then visited Richard's Aunt Betty and Uncle Gerry and cousins Joy and Paul and their families in Clearwater, Florida.

Next on the trip was a tour of South Carolina churches where Mary Beth's grandfather, Dugald McIntyre, preached as a Presbyterian minister in the early part of the last century.

In North Carolina, we visited folksinger Bett Padgett, her husband Bill, and their four border collies. Michael became the object of the collies' herding instinct.

Richard was able to have dinner with Jay and Dick (his dad) in Lancaster and also helped set up their new computer.

While in Aurora, we visited Vera Clarke in Orillia twice—including once to swim in Lake Couchiching. We also traveled to Hamilton with Marie-Lynn Hammond to see a Canadian horse show.

After spending two and a half weeks at John's in Aurora, we made our way home. We stopped in for lunch with Cathie and Theo in Sarnia, took a side trip to Mount Rushmore, and visited with Susanne Millsaps and Grant Hogarth in Salt Lake City.

We enjoyed more sightseeing along the way this year, especially the Pima Air Museum outside Tucson, Arizona, and Ellsworth Air Force Base's Museum outside Rapid City, South Dakota.

While Richard dug into the historical exhibits at the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting in Minneapolis, Mary Beth and the boys recorded their own radio show.

Richard continues in his 18th year at National TeleConsultants and is now a principal consultant, focusing on technical issues. In his spare time, he continues to do tape restorations and recently transferred approximately 70 of the oldest tapes in the U.S. The story is too long to discuss here, but the article he wrote for the *Journal of the Audio Engineering Society* is available online. It's linked from the tape restoration section of our Web site which shows some photos of the old tapes.

Marie-Lynn and Richard are working on another CD for Spring '02 release.



Robert

Michael

John is flying to California for Christmas this year and will take the train home.

All of us were deeply affected by the events in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania on September 11.

Our prayers and thoughts are with everyone touched by this horrific event—and we all were in one way or another. We also wish to thank all who helped in many ways to save and protect lives during and after the attacks.

Richard wanted to share an alternate, positive memory of the Twin Towers. He took this picture in 1980 from near his home in Queens, nine miles away.

The world situation looks as if it might be brightening a small amount, and we ask you all to pray for a peaceful 2002 where respect will prevail at all levels.

May the future bring peace and hope to the hearts and minds of all beginning this holiday season.

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