

Dear Fred,

We were so happy to receive your excellent Eulogy of your dear Mother Joy. It is complete - interesting and so honest of that "complete woman." Thank you so much for sending it to us.

Now, we hope you won't mind us sending this letter with many of our memories of both your Mom & Dad.

Joy and Ham Hodgson meant a great deal to us during <sup>the</sup> years of our wonderful friendship.

We met while attending San Jose State (1936-1941.) I (Ace) had Ham as a roommate and enjoyed many hours of friendly relations. Ham returned to his home in Hayward on weekends & I to my home in Palo Alto. Sunday nights we came back to our apt. loaded with "goodies" our Moms made for us. We enjoyed them very much.

We learned about each other's families during those years. Finally Ham & Joy got together & married. That was a great occasion. Ham left our apt. & roomed with - match - Joy.

The years went by - then came Pearl Harbor & the War. Ham & I went to San Francisco & both tried to join the Navy, Army, Marines, Coast Guard. But - no luck. Ham was born in Canada & I was a kid with High Blood Pressure.

Then a ruling came down that the US Army could let Ham join.

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Ham joined the Army & was to be inducted in Monterey at the Presidio. I had a home there as did my sweetheart Barbara Stutzman. So -- we had Ham & Joy stay with us so Ham could join at the Presidio of Monterey.

Ace even helped Ham join and eventually saw Ham get his hair CUT at the Presidio Quarters (Cut all off too.)

Barbara & I were married August 9<sup>th</sup> 1942 in Pacific Grove. Who was my "BEST MAN"? Ham Hodgson. With Ham's sense of humor -- the event was most hilarious.

One time Joy had us go to her parents Ranch in Clemente. Joy was a perfect hostess. We enjoyed meeting her family, her horses, cattle & all farm animals. The food was terrific!! We enjoyed everything about her childhood home.

The Hodgsons invited us to spend a weekend with them in Arnold, CA. There in Al & Virginia Daniels cabin we enjoyed a fun weekend. Joy always enjoyed feeding us.

It seemed as tho each New Years we got together. We danced & ate the old year out & the New Year in.

Ham was sent to the Philippines during the War. His Tank Corp spent time there. In corresponding with Ham we learned of his location. We then were able to get Ham to locate & visit Ace's stepfather Capt. Ted Barford who was in charge of a ship (The FR 49) that assisted General Douglas MacArthur reclaim the Philippines.

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Ham & Ted finally met each other & spent many good times together. Ham visited Ted on his SHIP & Ted visited Ham in his Officers Quarters.

During this time Joy stayed in our home in Los Gatos. She was attending SFS College for a Summa Program. We always enjoyed her presence in our home.

Finally Ham returned. We then spent time together in Los Gatos & Lodi.

What a pleasure meeting their 3 sons. Many wonderful little vacations in Lodi seeing their family - seeing the workshop Ham loved to work in and finally the Glass Workshop.

We were always able to "talk" - but "playing Bridge" - NO. Joy & Ham were given A+ for Bridge we flunked F.

When friends die - all we have is "Memories". So now - we are happy to have so many excellent memories of our dear friend HAM & JOY.

Take Care Fred. We hope John & Mike can read these memories to.

As always

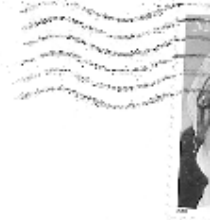
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