

MAY 1988's HOLIDAY SEASON BE A TIME OF JOY AND GOOD
HEALTH IS OUR WISH FOR YOU

As usual, we spent the winter season in our Arizona home with our family joining us for the Christmas holidays last year. We came home in April and spent our time with church friends, golfing and visiting as we found time. We helped our daughter and family in their August move to Norwalk, IA where both have work. Brent is a freshman and Leslie is in 6th grade this year. Brent spends his free time hunting and Leslie has found the shopping malls fun to spend time in. Jim's family still live in Monroe and Georgia drives to Oskaloosa daily to teach in their school system. Angela is in 6th grade and commutes daily to the Middle school in Prairie City. The grandchildren have really grown up this past year. Grandma will soon be the shortest in the family!

Late in September, Sam started having health problems and was hospitalized for a couple of weeks with tests and treatments. Early in October a CAT scan provided us with the diagnosis -- a large inoperable cancer

mass on the pancreas. Needless to say, this was a terrible shock for both of us, but with the help of family, friends, our church and much prayer we are trying to adjust and accept life "one day at a time". Sam is being treated by doctors at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines and they have him on a series of chemotherapy and radiation treatments for a 12-week period that we expect to stop the cancer growth. The treatments have made Sam very tired and weak and we hope to fly to Arizona early in January so he can absorb some of that good Arizona sunshine and regain his strength. We both look forward to seeing all the good friends we have there in the "Happy Days" trailer park, too.

Our church, our family and our friends have been such a great source of strength to both of this fall. We cherish all the prayers, telephone calls, letters, cards and help so many have provided and we will always remember your loving concern. May your Christmas be blessed with God's love.

Love Sam and Chris Both