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PH

This is probably the hardest letter I have ever had to write. I Can only imagine what these past weeks have been like for you By the time you get this letter you'll have been to Hawaii and returned. Although the trip was one you would have liked to have made under different circumstances I'm sure there was an element of satisfaction knowing that you were carrying out Hazel's last wishes. She has now gone to rest in the part of the world she loved the best and her soul will forever be at peace

I guess no one really knows what it is like to lose a partner until you experience it first hand. But I think I can realize the gamut of emotion that you have gone through to this point. A very wise person once said " That as you and your spouse go through life make sure to build lots of good memories, for they will be with you always even when one of you has parted" and that is so true isn't it Kjell. I know that you have many many of those wonderful memories to draw on. I don't want to sound too philosophical but as we get longer in the tooth our lives will have lots of changes. We don't have a lot of control over many of them so I guess we just have to handle them as best we can.

Getting on with your life will be difficult I'm sure. But get on with it you must. I think your decision to go to Sweden is a very wise one. You will be surrounded by relatives and friends who will be able to comfort you and help you get through this tough period. And by the time you get back who knows what will be around the next corner. I have heard from other people who have experienced the loss of a partner that one of the best ways to heal is to keep busy for the first year and let time do the healing. By the sound of it your neighbors will be helping you with the busy part and let them do it maybe someday you can help one of them. I hope you know that there will always be a bed at our house if you are back in Wfg. We give good rates and the food is superb. I have the waistline to prove it..

Well olde friend I want to thank you for the generous offer of using your house while you are in Sweden but the timing is just not right. We will keep in touch and hopefully we will be able to connect either on our way through to White Rock or on our return. We have to be in our accommodations on December 21. So I'll give you a call before then to see if you will be home when we go through.

Take care buddy our thoughts will be with you.

Kensington and Libby.

