

## **CHRISTMAS 2000**

(Greeting Message Sent To Family and Friends)

At this joyous time of year, it is with sadness that the Eppes family reports Helen died peacefully in her sleep on October 31, 2000 with Jane by her side.

Family and friends will always remember the marvelous time Helen had while at HHCF, especially the party planned by nieces and nephews for Charles' birthday, March 19th. Because of their love for "Aunt Helen," the party was held at HHCF so she could take part in the festivities. It was good that Ann and Bill were here for the month to help chauffeur Helen and Charles to their various doctor/dentist appointments.

In April while Jane was in Washington attending various historic/patriotic organizational meetings, it was good to have Ann and Bill in town. In May, Jane represented the family at the Eppes reunion in Hopewell, VA.

Jane once again participated in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica the end of April raising \$15,412. Jane was the #1 adult walker/fund raiser in East Tennessee and again #20 adult walker nationwide.

Helen's birthday on June 4th was well attended and she thoroughly enjoyed visiting with all the relatives not only from Knoxville but as far away as Iowa and Florida. The nursing home staff was included as they had come to love Helen as an "adopted" Mother, sister, or aunt. Ann and Bill helped with the surprise party and they stayed another month to assist Charles at home.

Helen was most happy when family and friends would "pop in" and it was always a welcomed sight to see Tyler and/or Alyssa sitting in bed with her talking to each other. Yes, they both knew what the other was saying. Helen treasured those moments and enjoyed looking at the family pictures on her wall.

Helen took pride in everything the family was doing; glad that Bill and Ann were so happy in their jobs, and that Jane, along with another person, was in the process of organizing a family council at the nursing home. Jane is continuing with the group as she knows Helen would want this.

November found Charles and Jane in NC spending Thanksgiving and Charles' wedding anniversary with Bill, Ann, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Helen touched the lives of so many people and because of her love of music and for the Tennessee Lady Vols basketball, the Eppes family is in contact with the development office at the University of Tennessee discussing possibilities of establishing a music and Lady Vols scholarship at UT as a memorial to Helen.

Sadness lasts only a fleeting moment when knowing that Helen marvels with the rest of the Eppes family in the good news that great-grandson Benjamin Scott Baker, son of Jennifer and Scott Baker, was born at 4:23 a.m. on November 5, 2000.

We all send you wishes for the brightest possible year in 2001, and ask that God Bless and Keep you.

Charles, Jane, Ann & Bill Eppes