

Dear Warren,

It was a real delight to receive your wonderful letter just before Christmas. I am sending you the tapes of our Kokomo Christmas service at which, as sort of a *swan-song* (I hope), I gave both the *One-Legged Goose (Christmas goose)* sermon and the story, "*The Hunchback of Bethlehem*"—and to a good audience and a fine choir. One has to stop sometime! To my regret we did not bring down with us the tape of our 90th birthday celebration and we'll just have to send it to you (with any additional materials) when we return to London in the latter part of April.

We are both in pretty good health, except that Lillian's knee bothers her and she just may have to have it replaced next summer. She awaits the judgment of her specialist, Dr. Rob Coates, who will be home in the spring (or immediately, if war develops in the near East).

It was nice to hear from all the nephews and grandchildren at Christmas time (either by phone or letter) and it means more than we can say that we are remembered.

We are intrigued by the size of the growing children (6 feet tall—imagine!) and we dearly love to see them. If we don't go west we shall hope (in any case) that you manage another trip east, and bring the family along and visit us then.

We are both on the shuffleboard team and will be playing this afternoon. I hate to quit but have to confess that I have won very few games! If my record doesn't improve I will have to withdraw from our team which plays weekly against four other teams from other courts.

Thanking you again for your letter and requesting that you keep in touch with us in the future as you have done in the past.

Cordially, Uncle Clifford and Aunt Lillian

The above is the final letter I received from our Uncle Clifford, Dad's older brother (by about a year). He was a United Church of Canada minister his whole career, and a wonderful, sweet and cheery person to relate to via letters and occasional visits to their home in London, Ontario, or their winter residence in Florida. This letter was written in January 1991; he died on Nov. 10, 1993.