

My Very
First Years



A Baby
Record Book





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"BAPTIZED INTO THY NAME MOST HOLY"

GARY ALTON, infant son of Alton Benike and his wife, Shirley nee Jenkins, on April 23.

BETH ANN, infant daughter of Richard Hagen and his wife, Ruby nee Meyer, on April 23.

KIM RENEE, infant daughter of Reuben Wolfgram and his wife, Leola nee Adler, on April 30.

DONNA MARIE, infant daughter of Harold Groth and his wife, Lorraine nee Siemers, on May 7.

RANDY JAMES, infant son of Eugene Sleeper and his wife, Mona Jean nee Reinke on May 7.

PETER DANIEL, infant son of Don I. Erdman and his wife, Jean nee Reynolds, on May 14.

MICHELLE DENISE, infant daughter of Kenneth Benike and his wife, Elvira nee Voigt, on May 14.

My Very First Years

Open your eyes, little grasshopper guys.

And have some hugs, little ladybugs.

The world is waiting for you to see,

Come share it with Miss Honey B.



This is my very first book about me.

My name is: Peter Daniel Erdman

I was born on: April 4, 1961

My parents are: Don + Jean Erdman



My Family Tree



My mom was born in: Rochester, Minnesota at St Marys Hospital

Her family came from: Germany and England

She grew up in: Rochester, Minnesota

My dad was born in: Mantorville, Minnesota at his home

His family came from: Germany and Scotland

He grew up in: Chatfield, Minnesota

How Mom and Dad met: Mom worked at Drake's Root Beer Stand (15 years old) Dad stopped there for a root beer (16 years old), 1951. We went together for a while and then broke up. We got back together in 1954, we were engaged in April

When Mom and Dad got married and where: November 28, 1954 at Peace Church in Rochester, Minnesota



Lena Schellhammer
Great-Grandmother

Charles Schellhammer
Great-Grandfather

Martha Griffin
Great-Grandmother

Elizabeth Brennand
Great-Grandmother

Ida Reynolds
Grandmother

John Brennand
Great-Grandfather

Archie (Dick) Reynolds
Grandfather

Alvina Erdman
Great-Grandmother

Sam Reynolds
Great-Grandfather

Ruth Erdman
Grandmother

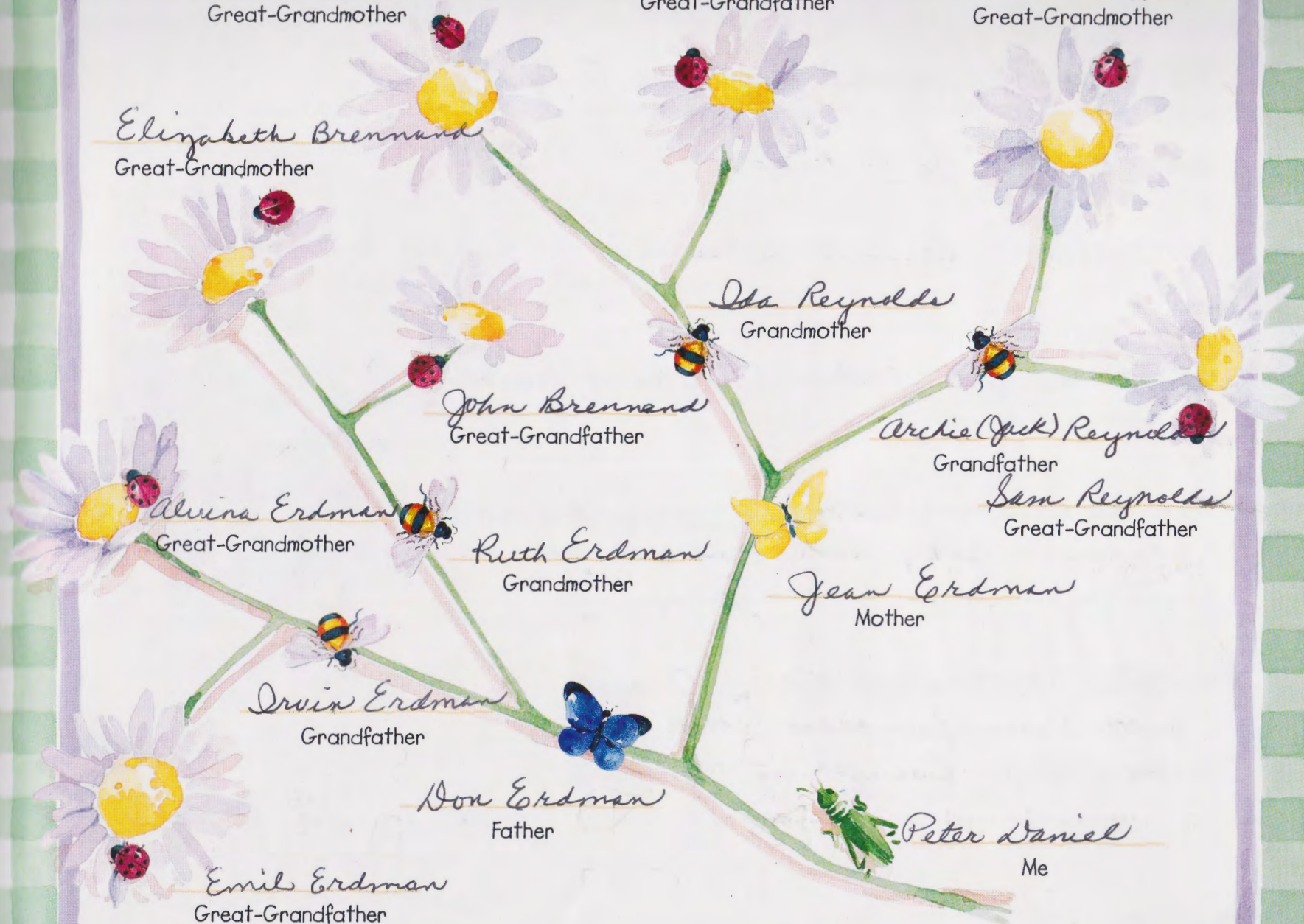
Jean Erdman
Mother

Irvin Erdman
Grandfather

Don Erdman
Father

Emil Erdman
Great-Grandfather

Peter Daniel
Me





The Good News

The day Mom and Dad discovered I was on the way: August, 1960

Mom's first reaction: So-oo happy

Dad's first reaction: Couldn't believe it — happy, too

My due date was:

My doctor was: Dr. Wecker (Dr. Caro delivered me)

The doctor told Mom to:

Books Mom and Dad read: Better Homes and Gardens Baby Book - materials from the doctor

Classes they took: there weren't any

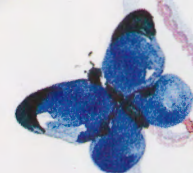
Foods Mom couldn't live without: Dairy Queen

Butter Pecan Sundae, cocoa with marshmallows

Pregnancy highlights: Everything normal



We wondered and we waited
For your arrival every day.
What would you be like?
And what could we ever say
To make you know how welcomed,
How so loved you are?
Our baby boy or baby girl, we love you now,
Our little shining star.



My Very Special Name

First: Peter Middle: Daniel Last: Erdman

How Mom and Dad chose this name: Mom chose it and Dad
agreed.

My name means: Steadfast ~ Rock

Nicknames people call me:

Other names considered

For a boy:

G i r l

For a girl:

Peggy Sue

B o y

T t S s R r Q q P p O o N n m

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My Very First Baby Shower

Betty Anderson had a
shower for me. All the
Oak Hills Neighbors came.

(Place shower invitation here.)



Showers of Blessings to Welcome Me into This World

Rubber Ball	Mother + Camper	\$1	Art + Tina
Clothespin toy	Pam + Paul	Blue knit crawlers	Extension Blue
Rattle corsage	Betty Anderson	White + Blue sweater	John + Alice Brannan
Sweater + bootie set	Betty Anderson	Bib	1st Natl Bank
	+ Mary Anderson	Ring	Maseys
Infant seat	Margaret Conway	Booties	Betty Cooper Methodist nurse
	Jane Ackerman	Baptism suit	Mommie + Daddy
	Emily Winters	Silver dollar	Dale + Pat
	Abbie Cribbs	Silver cup + silver	Baptism Art + Tina were Hoffman Baptism
Towel	Helen Manning	\$5 savings account	Camper
Diaper bag	Pat Reynolds	Cup	Baptism Grandma
Diapers	Mother		Rick's patient
Bottle Warmer	Grandma Ruth	Bought Peter's first snowsuit	
\$10	Great Grandma Erdman	June 21, 1961 at Dayton's	
\$3	Verna, Corvin + Ardis	Daisy Sale - blue with mitten + booties. Also bought play pen.	

Of all the special gifts in life,

The big ones and the small.

A mother's love and tender care bought play pen.

Is the greatest gift of all.

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The Day I Was Born

When and where labor began: April 3, 1961. At home about 10 p.m.
born at 5:02 a.m.

Labor and delivery: natural, head down

Hospital where I was born: St. Mary's Hospital

Who was present at my birth: The hospital didn't allow daddies in at that time, so he had to wait in the waiting room

Special memories: Yek's beautiful.

Blood type Rh + O, Circumcision

Friday, April 7, 1961; checked Saturday,

April 15, 1961 — OK

Birthmark — small brown mark on side of left hand

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord.

PSALM 127:3



All About Me

I was born on: Tuesday the fourth day of April, 1961
(day of the week, date)

Time: 5:02 a.m. Doctor who delivered me: Dr. Aaro

I weighed: 8 lbs 5 oz. And was this long: 22 inches

My eyes were: very dark brown My hair was: dark brown

I look most like: myself; some say like Daddy when he
was little. Long & brown lashes



What in the world was going on the day I was born...

Louis Leakey unearths earliest human bones
 Berlin Wall cuts city in two / ~~Khrushchev~~ Khrushchev meets 

Major world events: Kennedy in Vienna / Soviet Union puts first man in space etc
 in booklet

The president: John F Kennedy UP Lyndon Johnson

Favorite TV shows: Lucy, Jackie Gleason, Captain Kangaroo

Stars: Sandra Dee, Bobby Darin, Rock Hudson, Doris Day

Hit songs: Moon River; Run Around Sue; The Lion Sleeps Tonight

Big movies:

A gallon of milk costs:

\$1.05

A loaf of bread costs:

21¢



(Place newspaper clippings here.)

(Place postage stamp here.)

A new baby is like the beginning of all things—wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities.

EDA LESHAN



Left Foot

Right Foot

Birth Reports

St. Marys Hospital reports the following births:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald I. Erdman of Rochester, a son, today.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Klein, of Route 5, Rochester, a daughter, today.

Olmsted Community Hospital reports the following births:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Glackin of Rochester, a son, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Vander Plas of Preston, a son, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Iverson of Rochester, a son, Tuesday.

My Very First Announcement

CONGRATULATIONS on the arrival of

Name Baby Boy Erdman

Birthdate 4-4-61 Time 5⁰² AM

Weight 8 pounds 5 ounces

Length 22 inches

Head 13¹/₈ inches

Chest 13¹/₂ inches

VISITING HOURS

Morning 11:00-12:00

Afternoon 3:00- 4:00

Evening 7:30- 8:30

BABIES ARE SHOWN

Afternoon 3:30-4:00

Evening 8:00-8:30

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My Very First Visitors

People who came to welcome me: Mother + Camper, Grandma Ruth,
Art + Tira, Betty + Jim Cooper, John + Alice Brennand, Bill +
Eva Brennand. We went to see G Grande Driffin,
G. Grandma Erdman, + G Grandpa Brennand.



Messages from family: everyone was happy I was healthy

Messages from friends: Very happy for us all

From small beginnings come great things.

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Home Sweet Home

I came home to: 33 Oak Hills Drive, Rochester, Minnesota
(address)

On: _____
(day and date)

My very first room was decorated with: Mommie + Daddy's
room in the family bassinette until one
month, then in junior crib at 1 month, then
full size crib at 6 months



My very first night home I: was quiet - cried a little

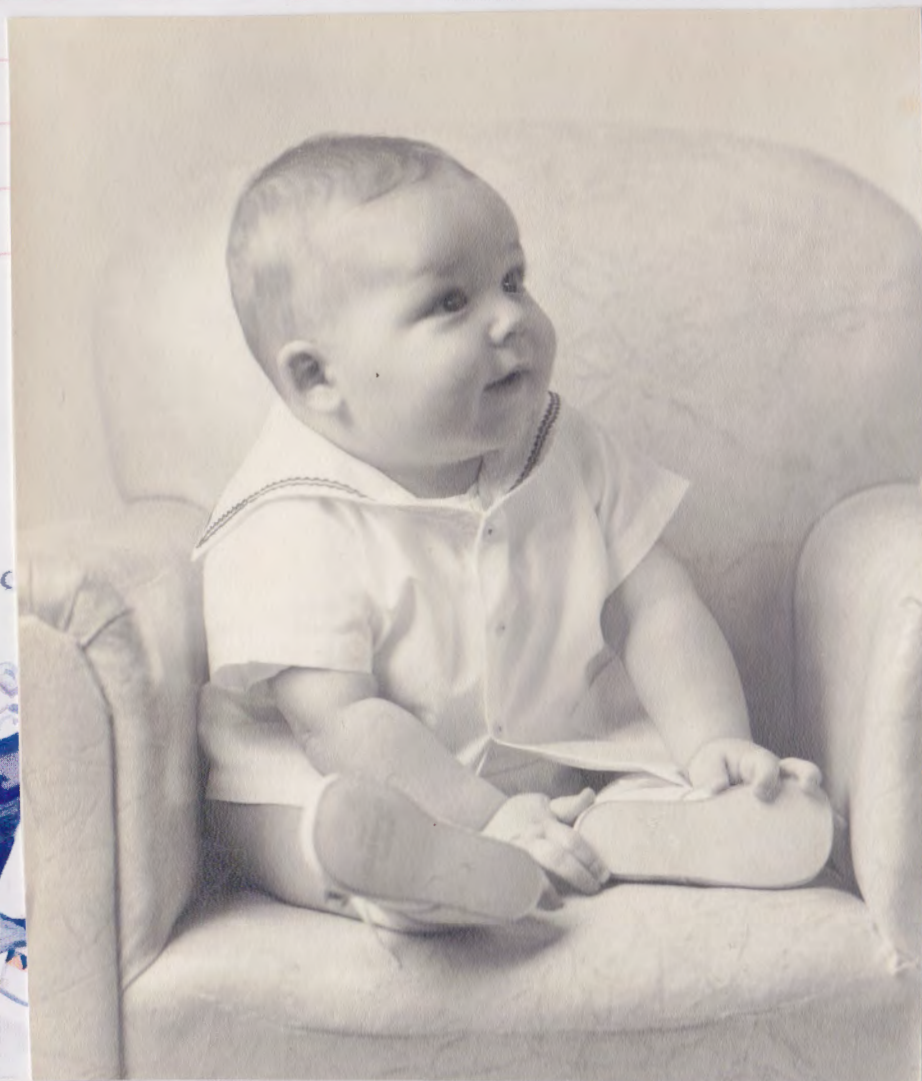




My Very First Bath



In the hospital



All By Myself

Slept through the night: June 2, 1961

Slept from 7 pm to 7 am!

Went on my first outing: shortly after
I was born

Discovered my hands and feet: 5 weeks
plays with 3 months

Sat up by myself: rolled + raised to
sitting position - 8 months

Stood up alone: 8 months; standing
independently 11 months

Spoke my first word: "da" for Teddi
4 months

Toddled my first steps: 12 months

Waved bye-bye: Nov 16, 1961 - 7 months

Dressed myself: April 19, 1964

Tied my shoes:

Smiled: 4 weeks

Giggled:

Rolled over: 2 1/2 months

Crawled: February 20, 1962 - 10
months

Cut first tooth: 7 months

Called Mom or Dad by name: Ma - ma
10 months

Played peek-a-boo:

Blew a kiss:

Fed myself: spoon - 11 months

Rode my tricycle:



I know I can do it,
Just let me try!
I don't need your help
But please stand nearby.





Religious Celebrations

meals:
God in good
God is great
Let us thank Him
for this food
amen



Our place of worship: Trinity Lutheran Church

Type of ceremony: Baptism At the 10:30 church service

by Pastor Eifert

Date: May 14, 1961

Who was there: Godmother: Tira Hoffman; Godfather: Dale Reynolds;
Grandma + Grandpa Reynolds (\$5 bank acc); Grandma Ruth (\$5);
Dale, Per + Scottie (silver dollar); Tira + Art Hoffmann (silver cup,
fork + spoon); Mommie + Daddy, Pammiie and Pauli

Special prayers: Night time prayer: Dear Father in Heaven look
down from above. Bless Daddy + Mommie, Pammiie +
Pauli and those whom I love. May angels guard
over my slumber and when morning has broken
awake me. Amen. I say: Jesus tender shepherd
hear me. Bless thy little lamb tonight. Through the

Thoughts about this day: We hope he will always believe in
God.



prayer: darkness be thou ~~with~~ near me. Keep me safe
'till morning light. Amen



March 1965 he told me pretty soon he + other Kiddies would

I'm Sooooo Big!



1st month

height: 22 in.

weight: 10 lbs. 12 oz.



2nd month

height: _____

weight: 15 lbs



3rd month

height: 25 5/8 in.

weight: 16 lbs 12 1/4 oz



4th month

height: _____

weight: 19 lbs 6 1/2 oz.



5th month

height: 27 "

weight: 19 lbs 19 oz.



6th month

height: _____

weight: _____



7th month

height: _____

weight: _____



8th month

height: _____

weight: _____



9th month

height: _____

weight: 25 1/2 lbs



(Place photo here.)



10th month

height: _____

weight: _____



(Place photo here.)



11th month

height: _____

weight: _____



12th month

height: _____

weight: 30 lbs



My Very First Christmas

Christmastime is coming—
My favorite time of year.
I love to dream of making gifts
And bringing Christmas cheer!



Special memories:

What was in my first stocking:

People who celebrated with us: Grandpa + Grandma Reynolds,

Alice, Dale, Pat, Scott, Grandma Ruth

Favorite presents: wooden rings on dowel, plastic milk bottle, push
pull toy, ball, blocks, telephone, clothes (Played with 1st toys ^{that was enough})

Family traditions: Christmas Eve: Christmas program at church,
then to our house + Santa has come. Christmas
Day celebrated at Grandma + Grandpa Reynolds



Other Holiday Celebrations



Memorable moments: New Year's Eve party
at our house - hats, Royal Rummy
etc 'till 2 or 3 in morning.

Fourth of July at Mother + Camper's
house by Silver Lake - food!
fire works.

Thanksgiving first at our house
and now I have it.



Backlands



Awfully sweet + smart baby. So alert. Understands what you tell him - not much talking, though

My Very First Birthday

How we celebrated: 33 Oak Hills Dr. We had ice cream + cake (clown) at our house.

Guests and gifts: Mother + Camper Reynolds, Alyce, Grandma Rue, Dale + Pat, Mommie, Daddy, Pammi and Pauli
Toy duck, crib sheet GGR+A; pajamas GR; money D+P

Memorable moments: shorts, shirt + socks + a wrench from us;
Money GGR Erdman; card the church; card Buster Brown shoes. Had more

fun with that wrench
didn't want to open it
+ Pam + Paul in-
sisted!



"With wrench"

Awfully sweet + smart baby.
So alert. Understands what
you tell him. Not much
talking though.



My Second Birthday

How we celebrated: Words before two: Loves dogs + airplanes "Da"; Teddi "Oh, oh, Da"; Mommie "ma"; Daddy "Da Da"; Paul "Shoes"; "ouch" "yum yum" 8016 15th Ave So, Minneapolis MN

Guests and gifts: Daddy was attending Brown Institute.

Opened presents when kiddies came home from school.

Family party at Grandma Rue's

Memorable moments: attending kiddie party: Dawn + Sheila, Lynn + Lisa, Paul + Pam





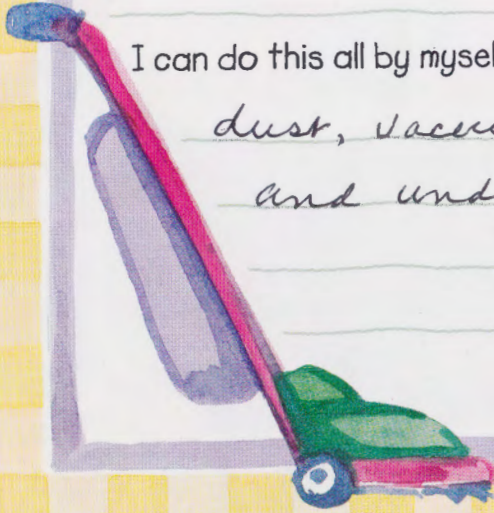
My Terrific (and Not So Terrific) Twos

How Mom and Dad survived: *just fine - I was a good boy!*

I was a handful because:

Mom's little helper: *loves to wash dishes, plays with pots & pans, loves to "stir"*

I can do this all by myself: *carry soap to do laundry, dust, vacuum (my vacuum), get dressed and undressed*





My Favorite Things



Games: *Go Big, picture in a frame, counting toes (words for each)*

Toys: "Cinnamon", toaster, ^{little} stove, pots & pans, Daddy's *ranger*

Activities: *swinging, riding in stroller*

Songs: "ABC", "Jesus Loves Me", "Eency Weency Spider"

Stories: *Teeny Tiny Woman, Myrtle Turtle, ABC, Zoo Book, all Golden Books*

Animals: "Dogs"

Blankie: *pink quilt*



Spread across my little bed
Is a quilt just made for me.
At night it feels so nice and warm,
It was made with love, you see.
So here I snuggle in my bed
While stars are shining bright,
With fluffy pillows and my quilt,
And teddy squeezed so tight!



Bambi 1954

Mugg 1956

Toddler Gero Guro Yogi

2 shepherd dogs
Tuffet

Pixie (bird) July 1963

Bitay 1964

Rina Oct 1965

Barnes Oct 16 1966

Toby

Kanva

My Very First Favorite Foods

My favorite foods: *Cream of Wheat, rice, macaroni & cheese*

Foods I'm not so fond of: *fruits*

8 months Peter has decided he's all through with baby food & anything that can't be eaten off the tray with his fingers



Sister only eats one thing.
It's peanut butter toast.
But brother likes all kinds of food—
Blueberry waffles most!



My Favorite People

Memories: Paul + Pam
idolizes him Loves her
Fun to play with Kathie
Reynolds
Stevie Anderson - get along
well together
Janie Mulholland - plays
well with her

Memories: Putting on plays
with Joe Dukin

Memories: A little boy () from kindergarten
came home often on the
bus

Remember one thing
As you go through your day—
A friend is someone to share with
As you wander along the way.
Young or old, short or tall,
A friend is someone you can always call.

My Adventures Through the Seasons



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Four times a year
We start a brand new season.
For nature allows things to grow.
It happens for a reason.
Let's start with spring,
Three months with showers.
The earth wakes up
And smiles with flowers.



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The next is summer,
 When the sun is hot and high.
 Cool lemonade and hats help us
 Enjoy the warm blue sky.
 The bright red leaves do tell us
 That fall comes third in line.
 Crisp, cool weather is on the way,
 Big pumpkins are a sign.
 The winter wind begins to blow
 And chilliness fills the air,
 The fourth season brings us snow
 And woolen clothes to wear.



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My Third Birthday

How we celebrated: 3 Oak Hills Dr. Peter was sick so he opened presents in the morning when Daddy came home.

The Camper, Mother, Alysia + Grandma Rue came

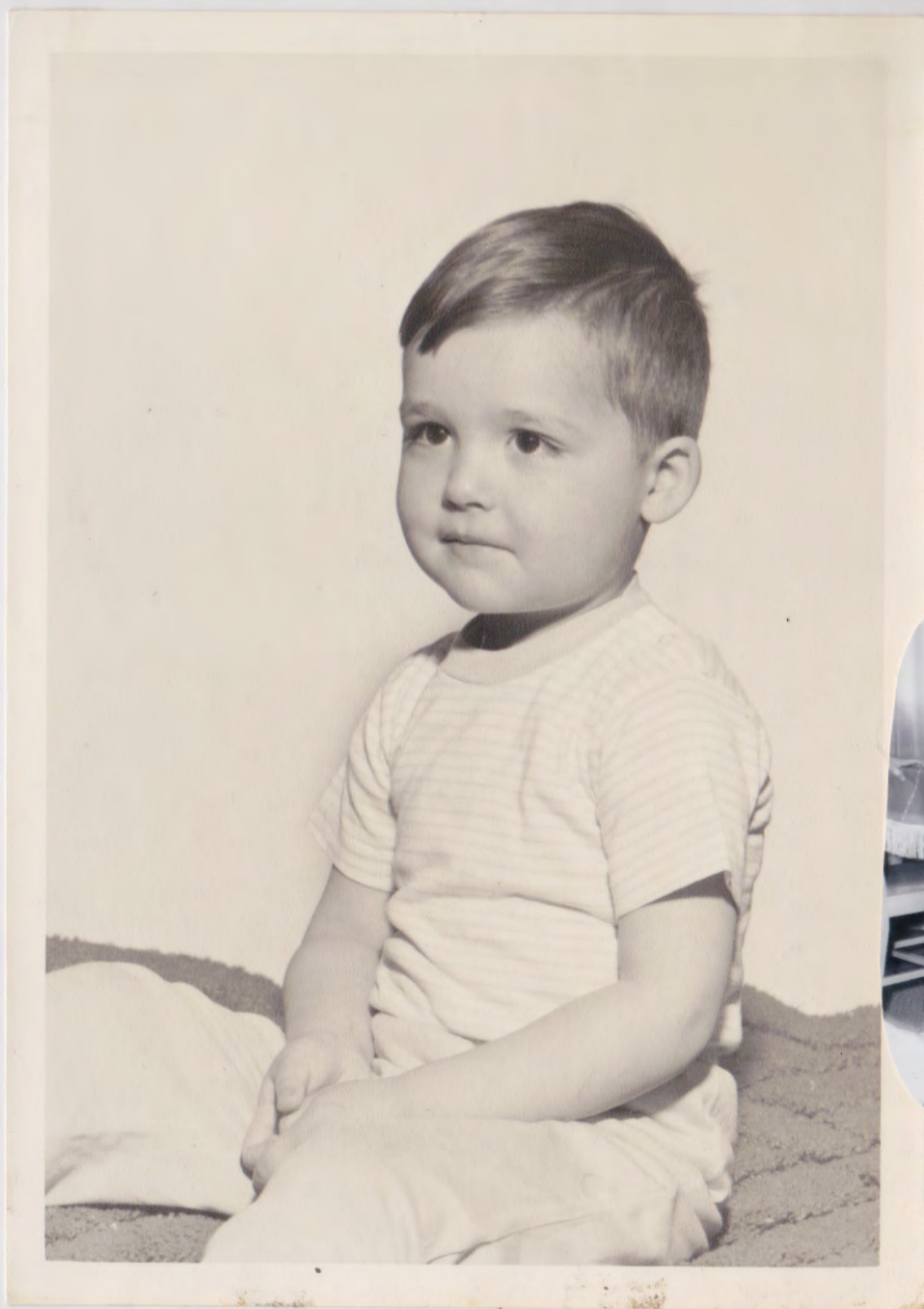
Guests and gifts: for cake + ice cream at night

car from Daddy, Mommie, Pam + Paul (also pumper, record + turtle); billfold 6 Rue; shampoo, candy,

Memorable moments: undershirts M G + A; 2 shorts + shirt Pat, Dale,

Scottie + Kathie; 5 66 Eldon 34 lbs 3' 2 1/4"







My Very First Haircut

I had my first haircut on: January 20, 1962

Who cut my hair: Daddy

at our house



My Very First Lost Tooth

I lost my first tooth:

The tooth fairy left me:



Brush your teeth every day,
It's such a good routine.
Smiles are so much brighter,
When teeth are fresh and clean.



(Place envelope here that includes a lock of hair.)



My Fourth Birthday

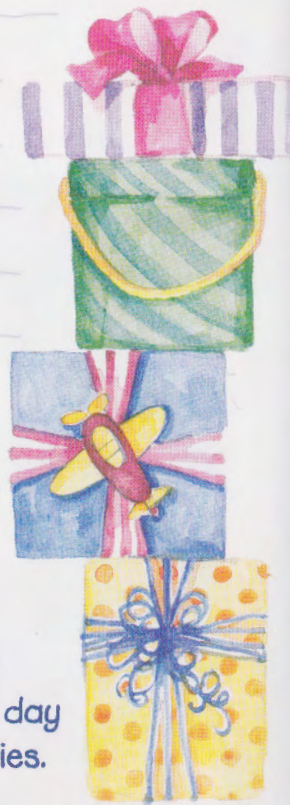
How we celebrated: 33 Oak Hills Dr. Party for kiddies
at noon - family at night

Guests and gifts: Jane Mulholland a shirt; Paul & Peter
Herrlinger little trucks; Jane Jorgenson's truck;
Steve Anderson; Pam & Paul

Memorable moments:



So now I'm four,
How fast time flies!
I like to play outside all day
And eat my own mud pies.





My Fifth Birthday

How we celebrated: 33 Oak Hills Dr. Party for kids at noon.
Party for family at night. Games fish pond, pin tail
on donkey, musical chairs, hide the thimble

Guests and gifts: Keeja DeVente a color set; Kameron DeVente a
car; Janie Jorgenson LaCrosse Game; Janie Mulholland a
little tool set; Stevie Andersson money + an animal; Scott

Memorable moments: + Kathie's money. Mommie + Daddy, Pam + Paul
Lawnmower, telephone, boots, tractor, trall. Grandma Rue
Play Dough squisher, pajamas. Mother + Camper
Pajamas + little things





My Very First Day of Kindergarten

My first day of school was: September 1966 at: Rochester Central Lutheran

My teacher was: Mrs. Label

My new friends were:

My favorite part of school was: playing

I learned how to: read

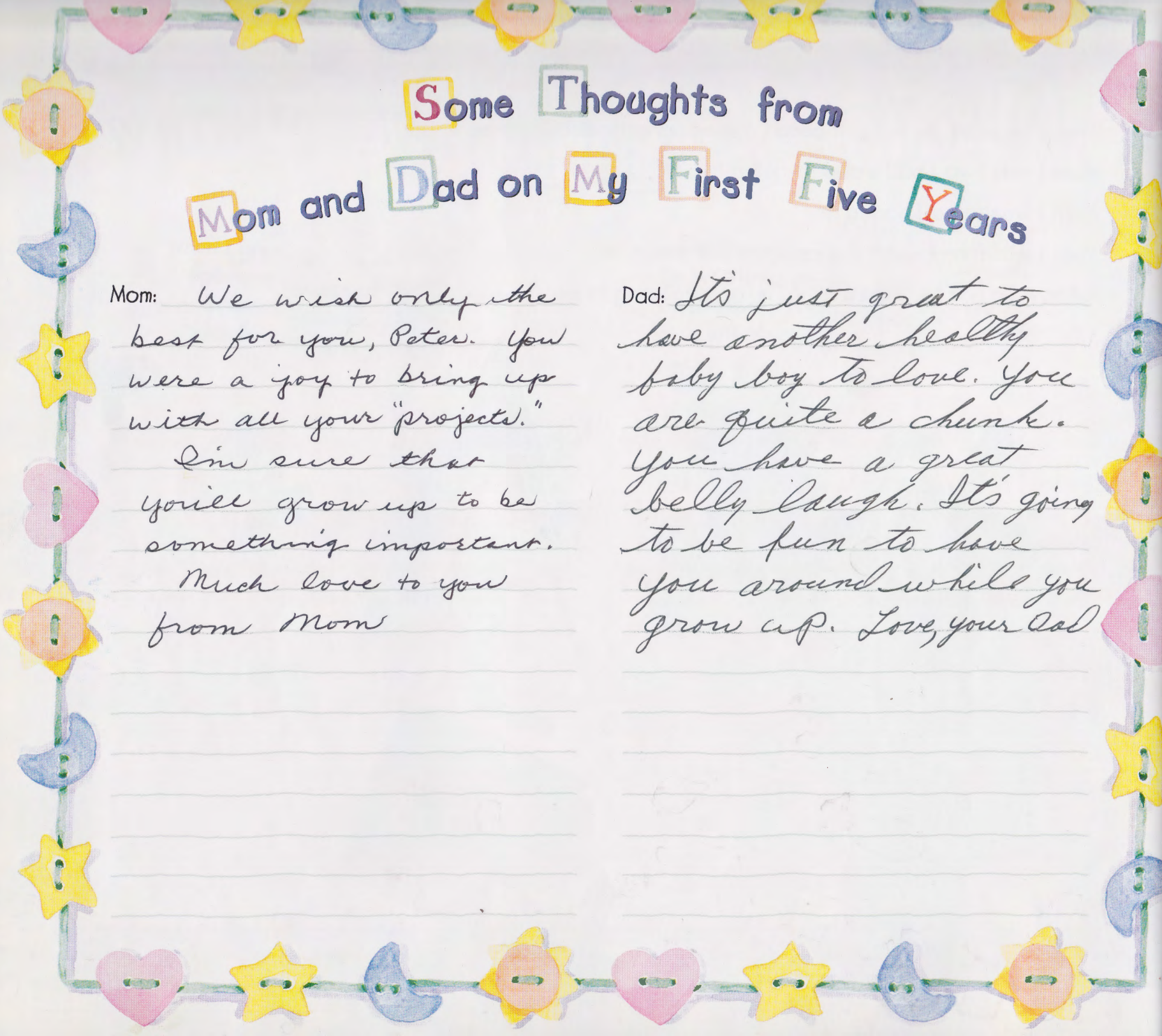


Memorable moments: changed from morning
to afternoon

"Good morning, my class."

Says the friendly Miss Honey B.

"We're going to have fun with letters and numbers—
Just you wait and see."



Some Thoughts from Mom and Dad on My First Five Years

Mom: We wish only the best for you, Peter. You were a joy to bring up with all your "projects."

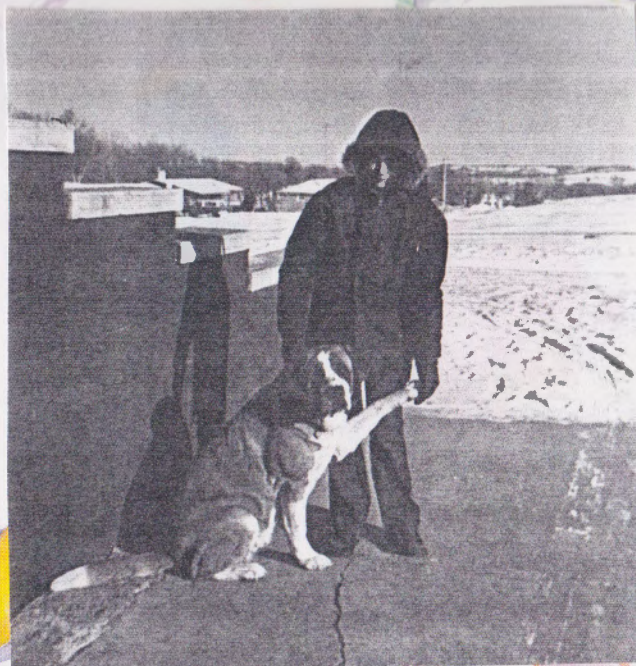
I'm sure that you'll grow up to be something important.

Much love to you
from Mom

Dad: It's just great to have another healthy baby boy to love. You are quite a chunk. You have a great belly laugh. It's going to be fun to have you around while you grow up. Love, your Dad



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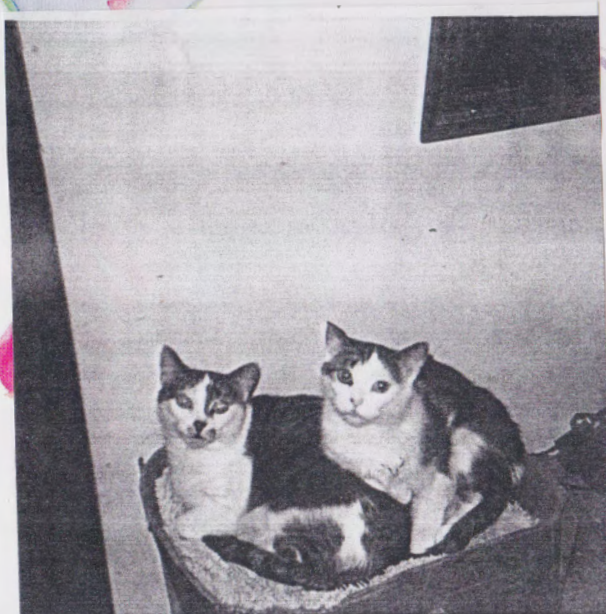
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RINA + CUCUMBER



Miss Slinde gave me this
Congratulations on plays

