

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I would like to take this time to express our "Heartfelt thank yous" to so many family members and friends for your beautiful flowers, your meaningful cards and notes and the phone calls we received during our bereavement at losing our daughter and sister;

Stacie Anne Strickler Oleman.

We received so many beautiful cards and flowers and if you haven't received a thank you card, it is not because we didn't care, I wish I could see each of you personally and thank you. We did not realize how many "nice" people there are that care about others and how they feel. You have truly helped to ease the pain.

A special thank you to my co-workers for being so understanding and helping me to cope through-out this hard time. Special friends mean a lot and I cherish them.

Thank you to "all" the people who helped with the dinner.

God Bless

Love

Shirley & Dick Strickler

Sheryl Simmons & Family

Tammy, Ronnie, Lisa & Christopher Oleman

Christmas is a very precious time to remember all the memories of your loved ones, celebrate the birth of Christ, to be ever so grateful for what you have and to give.

I would like to share this poem with those whom knew and loved my dad, the late Robert Rilatos Sr.

JUST PASS IT ALONG

I had a wonderful dad.

He was only the best one a girl ever had.

I remember his creed; it's the theme of my song:

If there's someone in need pass a kindness along.

Though my dad is long dead, I remember with joy
The light in his eyes when he told me, "My girl,
"If you feel that you owe me, the day that I die,
Remember it's others who need it; not I.
"We come here with nothing, take nothing away.
Anything that you have is just yours for the day.
"So whatever you owe me you couldn't go wrong:
If there's Someone who needs it, just pass it along."

My dad wasn't rich in material things.

He knew how to be kind; knew the joy that it brings.

So I've tried all my life to adhere to his creed

Paying back what I can when there's someone in need.

Though I know I'll be short when the ledger is filled--

(A few times collectible, yes; but not billed)--

If you owed me a bit when I've answered the gong

Don't worry about it; just pass it along.

by Ted Snell

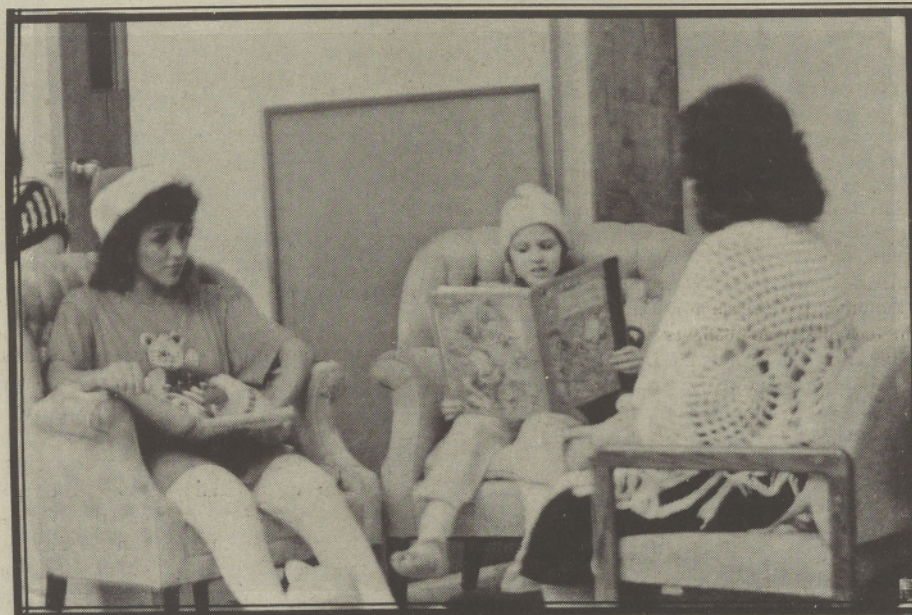
Another wonderful thought for the day is, "Nothing is more important than this day."

Merry Christmas and A Wonderful New Year to all.

In Spirit,
Selene Rilatos



SPRINGFIELD LADIES CLUB AND THE JOM STUDENTS
SINGING ALONG WITH THEIR 'KAZZOO BAND'



The Siletz Staff put on a Christmas play this year called Angel in the Looking Glass
Cast Photos: Selene Rilatos, Darcy Jones, Tina Jones.



WITH VISIONS OF SUGAR PLUMS DANCED IN THEIR DREAMS