4-6-71 I got up at 5:10, had b/st, ready Dec '70 am Her 4 mood 4 Metlktla article I

Ema cald o 5:35 a.m. was work o

sobing voice "Dad pasd away last nit. I fnd him b bed c his oxgn off."

phon ringg at mo hr told me sumthg ws rong. E'ma's sentces did - 'hit me hevily; my voice broke only slitly as I askd f any 1 ws c her, or o. way.

Then 2 bedrm. "Carol, u awk?" yes. "My father died dung! nit,"

C moand, held o her arms 2 me We embraced. I stil did - cry.

C wantd 2 go 2 M c me; I sed no, think q thr ws litl she cud do, & wantg 2 spare her. family emotions. Finly (I had gone 2 ktahn & made pot f coffee mnwhl) we q agrd she wud cum later b wk for funeral.

Phond NW 4 my resrtn - lv S 5:40, ar GF 11:50.

I shaved, packed. Carol made list 2 do 4 me; call Dave & Nellie, write edrs 4 Chevron & Kiwanis 2 eppln late articles, take overdue Am Hers back 2 lib, Xmxg. Carlisle article, cancel lunch aptmt c Roscius Doan (who ws 2 read. Kiwanis article 4 me) • Today 4 & 10 a.m. aptmt c Stan Stopp 4 E+P article o his newspaper.

Emotion began hitting me — sum tears, choking, runny nose — as made sme preparatns.

Cald Erma back 2 tel her 4 pet; alma & Mrs Russell ag mxt dr thr 4 now — undr the 2. Erma sounded better.

As Carol drove me 2 airport thru rush hr trafc, I cried quietly, tears just startg & nose flowg, a cupl of times. · shamfl thing o crying, I think, s - mo u do it, Ho how terbl u lk 2 another person as u do it.

Hard 2 grasp D s ded. Found I cud - mention his name 2 Carol after 1st ~~2~~ told her · news. Thr s a band arnd · chest; 3mo t clicked of situations has truth b its clicks.

O · driv, I dply regretd Gma had 2 find D ad ded 3mo way · useless kind of regret mo s inescpble.

Bot 4 escapist paperbaks at airport - lkg 4d 2 · long suspension of thot leaving flt.

· long agony s over. Ho whos agony
ws it - mine or D's? Did · struge
4 life override rmo seems 2 me
must hav ben an agony 4 him?

On plane - bright abov - clouds -
thots turn'g to future, 2 G ma.
~~Come~~ Hav her cum stay c us 4
a few wks cupl times / yr?
Her $ - put b jnt acnt c Carol &
me?

b. hous, alone, aftr callg fam
members · nit & arivd. G ma at
Alma's getg hairdo - place throng d
c Ray & Shry's kids. Dad's
presence has ben fading my us al
day - · oxygn tanks, eln sheets,
his suit 2 undrtaker.

Hard 2 imagine he died b.
nxt nn 16 hrs ago.

Ken Twichel, WSS:
has tape recordg of Tom Short, tellg story of Eagles lodge at Castle losing its charter after members got drunk & forgot a corpse they wr 2 bury.
- Also; Twchl 1c ws cald 2 Grand Central bar 4 ded body. 'man ws lyg hed dn ~~a~~ sprawld o stairs, whiskey botl at side. ~~(most)~~ Had ben ded for more than day. Janitor had ben stepg acros him al mo time cont tellg bartndr. Bartndr sed, "Jesus Christ, y did-' in tel me he ws here?" Janitor: Hell, "I that he ws drunk."
- Twchl 1s saw Marvin Corkill drillg holes c brace & bit b flr of old post office (Taylor Gordon's building). Asked mo he ws doing. Ckl said they

were getting tired / mopping up
o flo water up upstrs, & he
ws gona let it drain rit thru.
(Bob Gordon & cronies & wud
get drunk upstairs & overflo
toilet & sink.)
- Twehl owns 2 pieces / land
near castle; traded rubber boat
4 them.
- Twehl's sister used 2 object:
"This always sumbody sled
around our house."
- John Potter confirmd 2 Twehl
mo old Sherman Hotel jogged
into main st because Higgins
& Parbury (?) cud-I agree o

Mont. notes –

– Jan thaw put creeks over banks, ice frozen b meadows. Now Lucases having many calves born backwards; Chuck sez becos of ~~calves~~ cows slipping o ice

– fresh eggs don't peel easily; Bert Finn sez put salt b water

– Bert: "I'm so xcitd I see food again I can't eat."

– pics o Dad's wall: Edinburgh castle & Princes St., E'burgh; he got them wy Carol, prized them grtly

Bill Higgins -

#10,000/mo expenses o ranch

fall sale: ave 150 bulls at #500.

#5,000 bale pitch; #11,000 baler, swather #5-6000

3 men now put up hay 10 men did.

Control hay labor at Higgins ranch: hard winters mean they're always either put'g up hay or feeding it.

Went home w/ Dad's funeral, of #16,000 bull on rr tracks. Comment: "I did - no Bill cud run no fast."

Ross ~~cut~~ cut 10 other nieces & nephews in for shares in his will. Bill & Jim still have majority.

MORE

When Gma arvd c WH J o May 1,
I fnd her b lvg rm cryg while
others unloadg bagag. "I see Dad
every place I look," she sad. &
having her thr reminded me of
him afresh, & blot grief bak 2 me.

Notifictn cards –

J. A. Swanson, Pendrys – Auto

Am Republic

Bankers Mult Line Insurca

Leo Ailey

Baldwins

~~deductbl funeral~~

joint accnts go 2 co-owner
inhertce tax: $2000 exemptn
2% next $23,000

8% rate o jnt accnt
funl xpenses deductbl.

$200 min atty fee

7% 1st $1000
5% next 9000 } $120 adm fees

~~P wit draw up reqst~~

Carol

9:48 fl 216

Hel 10:03 a.m.
GF 12:40 p.m.

2d 6pm.

Th.

~~Valier bank letter~~

~~Soc.~~ Sec. - funeral benefit & oxygen payment

soil for tomatoes

hasp on door	729.00
corner shelves	75.00
dig flower garden	50.00
~~chairs~~	854.00

~~bank~~ cash

~~mail~~

flowers

Russells

Rob

Claude

Chuck

Volga Joy etc.

Ed

Cliff

JB

fl. 72 8:40
ar. GF 11:50

→ Western to Helena,
lv 2:40, ar 5:05

call Chadwicks
" ~~Red~~ 266-3877
" ~~Ed~~ 285-3329
" ~~Elsie~~ Independence, Mo
" ~~Anna~~ 402-866-5951
" Claude
" ~~Volga~~ Livingston 222-0662
" Bob Campbell ?
" John Doig
- ~~Aunt Margaret~~
- K. Donovan

Rev Forbes 3971 Ec ch 3
1st Set
after 9
choose casket job verse
tonight ch 38
open casket

double pilot -
Beyond-Sunset *Chuck Lucas
Loch Lomond *Cliff Shearer
Bill Higgins *
at funeral chapel *David Plymale
Presbyterian *Art Sherritt
go 2 gethr o flowers Doc Swenson]*
sum 1 2 sing ~~Jack Nott~~
Mrs. Pedersen - Jim Higgins ~~*~~ alt
if avbl *Ray Russell
or Jean Ellison Jim Bill 2d
Bud Brewer alt

arthritis & heart pills

checks - $600 ~~Medicare~~
cash ~~289~~ 677 Soc Sec - $250
savings 750

Funeral $850

~~# 589 - smooth finish~~
729 - embossed gray
~~# 964 - solid~~

Carol - plane shed
Spot 1 Flings - R. Jeffers

2 pm → ~~2:00~~ GF
6:15 ar 9:48 am
Th → ar ~~11:03~~
↘ 12:40 pm

Rte 4
Blackpt.

~~rifles - roll~~
shirts - pros, then give to Ray
~~pants~~, shoes, - tmo away
overcoats & robes
elec rayor - Ray

1555-1212
Henry G
442-4238

Wed

~~lawyer~~ - 4:30

Soc. Sec. - funrl benefit & oxygn paymt

~~call~~ Carol o ride

soil for tomatoes

- harp on door: ~~Merritt Smith~~

~~call~~ minister

WSS hospital - ~~Dad's~~ bill &

~~oxy~~ eqmt adres

~~call~~ Mrs. Donovan

change billing: ~~fuel~~

~~Mont.~~ Power 3838

~~water~~ & sewer -

~~personl property in Dad's name~~?

~~figure~~ G'ma's expenses

taxes

corner shelves

~~buy~~ stationary

~~blk~~ shoe polish

arrange $

dig flower garden

~~post~~cards

~~call~~ Blanche o

Claude

chairs