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Dear Jeanne & Wordy,
I hope you'll all excuse me for using
a xeroxed letter to give you my news.
I want you all to know - and don't feel
like writing the same information so many
times.

In March I got a pain in my left side,
which gradually moved around to the right.
I had a Doctor's appointment and told him about
it. He palpated my abdomen and detected a
"mass", so he then setup an abdominal CT
scan.

The CT scan showed an aneurysm of my
abdominal aorta and also the left atria.

In addition, it showed indications
of possible metastatic changes in the liver
and a mass at the end of the spleen and the
pancreas.

Next were a group of X-rays and a liver
biopsy. The result was a definite determination
of cancer in the liver (having metastasized
from another location). Dr. Khemka then
referred me to an oncologist, who read the
previous reports, palpated the abdomen, and
took blood samples for additional tests.
Dr. Charney believes it to be pancreatic cancer,
but is not quite sure.

4 May My visit to Dr. Charney today I found that the
tests confirm that the cancer started in the

pancreas. She estimates a life expectancy of six months to a year. She says that radiotherapy would not be effective and that chemotherapy has only about 20% chance of being effective. I find that not worth the known side effects of chemo!

I told her to-day that I planned to stretch that year to more than one.

We have started looking for an assisted-living place. Have been put on the waiting list for Walnut Manor. I was told that the probable time a 2-bedroom cottage would be available to us would be about December.

I have also made the first steps towards getting new wills made. Just proof read the first drafts and make changes.

Another thing is to go through our stuff and get rid of a lot of it. Able to start using Kathy's 12 place settings of NORITAKE china and of crystal. Still much of it in the original boxes from 1958!

Tomorrow I'll have proxies made of these two pages and start mailing the letters to you. Take care & be good.

Love,
Kathy & Bill