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Sunday Evening

Dear James and all:

Henry left Phoenix at six after I talked with him on the phone <sup>Wednesday</sup> he reached home at eleven. I had gone to bed thinking we would leave early in the morning but he wanted to start then, while he tried to get gas I dressed and before twelve we were on our way. We had trouble both going and coming in getting gas but I think the Lord looked out for us, while we went to several places before getting gas yet we were able to get enough to keep going and at six Thursday night we reached Carris. Friday Henry and I drove by Soder, seeing Carrie Young and Mrs. Seymour then on to Richler, calling at Joe Brightman's, then Fred Brightman, the Kramers, seeing the old place on Lyngline, then to Irene's and then to the Undertakers, Irene going with us and later to all Anna Davis and back to Carris for the night.

The funeral was at two o'clock Saturday,  
after going to the grave at Mount Hope  
we drove to Carriis, she was ready, we  
had supper then started, drove all night,  
leaving her place at six we were here  
at eleven this morning. Henry unloaded  
the car. (we brought three bushels of  
apples) had some dinner and he started  
for Phoenix. I only hope he doesn't fall  
to sleep driving. He wired the foreman  
from Washington that he would be  
back for work Monday morning, we  
had expected the funeral would be  
Friday. Carrie came with us and she  
staid the trip three fine. It makes  
over 1100 miles for Henry in the one  
stretch. Earl has been a very much  
sicker man than we knew. Sunday  
he was bad all day. Monday he felt  
better and Tuesday decided to drive  
to Carriis. She found him dead in  
bed when she went to call him  
Wednesday morning, just left away  
there was no evidence of any  
struggle. She did not go to the funeral.



He told Irene Sunday he didn't want  
 live longer, fighting for breath and the  
 condition of his kidneys. Bob, Ray's husband  
 is going to drive Earl's car to Rochester  
 this week. Irene thinks she has it sold  
 Adèle is in a very bad condition, her baby  
 is past due three weeks, it seems it  
 cannot be born the usual way. Earl had  
 lost so much weight as he looked in  
 the casket he was ~~so~~ much like his  
 father. I got Henry to look at him  
 but he wouldn't come in to the funeral.

The flowers were beautiful 21 large  
 pieces. Margaret, yours and Jack's was  
 nice, Patches also sent a piece and I  
 had one for the family. Carrie also.

He is now beyond his suffering.  
 Irene takes it hard but Adèle in  
 the shape she is in will keep Irene's  
 mind in other channels.

I am using carbon paper for  
 the three letters, I see one is not so  
 plain but guess you can make it  
 out. I haven't done much sleeping  
 I late so am going to bed now.  
 Florence, Earl sent you a present  
 over a week ago, just put Coles on it  
 so will look it up tomorrow, hope the stove  
 comes soon. Love for all. Mother