

Dear Laura

May
the Spirit of Christmas
be with you and yours
Throughout the New Year

With love,

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Dear Laura

How are you? 'Fit as a fiddle',
I hope -

When I was visiting friends in
Colorado Springs late Oct I found
the copy of CS magazine about
you, so I latched onto it (with
permission) + have put it with
my Gilpin collection, in which
I loved to appreciate folk.

I realize Christmas message
should not be accompanied
by sad news, but I must tell
you Jim died Sept. 14. He had
been ill most of the year. After
many tests, neurologists decided
he had Guillain-Barre syndrome,
probably as result of flu shot.
Fortunately, the accompanying +
distressing Bell's palsy passed.
But when he got rapidly weaker
it was decided to make yet more
tests. Hospital still has not given
me autopsy report but Dr said

"French
folio"

examination showed leukemia,
not evidenced in blood.

Fawn & Sue & friends have
been a wonderful help - and
United Air lines has been
more than generous. They
propose to give me a 2 yr
unlimited pass as of 1-1-79,
so I'm mulling how best I can use
this wonderful privilege.
United gave me the flight to Denver
in Oct. - Borgmanns came down
from mountains W. of Boulder
& we had a grand visit. Then
Bob White, formerly of Boulder, was
in Denver on business & came ^{up} &
got me. Such a co-incidence -
The reservoir below the Borgmanns -
Denver City's water - he & his
brother helped build years ago.
It was great to see with the Whites
again, in their new home near
Woodman. Visited also with
Jim's cousin, Raymond Pezoldt & his Dorries!

I'm writing on my lap in filling station while my bag is being repaired. Goliath - a Big Airedale Terrier was given to us - & I hope to embark on 21st to visit Sue & Ron in Dayton. They're in process of settling in, having moved from apt to their 1st house. I think they're expecting me to prune the overgrown shrubbery - air force backdoor had the place as his "pad" - fireplace, spruce tree, & fences in back yard for Goliath.

Fann plans to go with friend - one of her weaving students, to New Orleans, & then on to Warren & Joan in Ft. Lauderdale. Joan returned 12-8 from 3 wks in Ireland with her mother - Warren's birthday

present to her for her 53rd.

The filling station kette
keeps dirty foot printing

this, so good-bye for now

with love

Mollie