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Dear Marilyn:

In belated
response to your letter of
Dec 15/89. Allow me to
once again express our
condolences on the passing
of your Mother. The
Holidays and Edna's
continued illnesses
have taken up my time.

In response
to your request on some
of the young life of your
Father Ed as I know
him, I shall try to
give you a Synopsis.

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Your Dad and I first met as Freshmen at St. Mel High School. We were in the same classes for 4 years during which time we were fairly average students, but we both participated in Sports and as a result became quite close.

Your Dad was an excellent athlete, playing Football, Baseball and Basketball. He was an outstanding Football player in High School, and in his Junior and Senior years he was

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chosen on the All-Catholic
Team of the Chicago Catholic
High School League, ^{years 1923-24} which
at that time was the Best
in the State. I played a
little football, but was too
light to carry on.

Year Dad also in 1923
and 1924 starred as an out
fielder and again made
All-Catholic Both years.
He, I believe, liked baseball
the better of the sports. In
Basket Ball he played with
me as Forwards and we
won the Catholic Title
in 1924.

During his High School
years he was a good student,

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well liked by all his friends
and because of his athletic
good looks, by all the girls
who knew him.

In High School
we also indulged in the
old Irish Game of handball,
a sport we ^{played} indulged and
kept us as friends for the
next 35 years. We played
with 2 other High School
associates, now deceased,
Frank Hill and Daniel Egan

After our High
School years Don Egan &
I went on to Notre Dame
and Frank Hill and I
both went into the business
world. One thing I could
never understand is why

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Your Dad didn't receive a Football or Baseball Scholarship for College, as he was a standard Athlete as I have described.

For one season, he went to work and also was signed as a Semi-Pro Baseball player in what was known as the Three "I" League (It consisted of teams of Pros from Illinois, Indiana & Iowa.

After Ed and my return from College, we took up our friendship again and the four of us played handball for 35 years at The Midwest & C. the Y.M.C.A. and Lake Shore Athletic Clubs in Chgo. Your Dad also strove in this sport

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winning many tournaments
trophies and Medals. He
was very handsome and
popular with all the ladies.

Sometime in the 1930's
he met and married your
Mother, Henrietta, whom we
called "Bernie" from what
sawyer I don't know. Your
Mother was a very attractive
and good looking girl and
they made a handsome
couple.

Sometime during
the 30's your Dad made
a connection with Kohler
of Kohler, as a salesman.

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Sometime during the 1930's, our old High School friends (10) got together; after we were all married, and formed a Social Club called The West Side Fools Club. We met once a month at Luck others house for Cocktails and Bridge and it continued up to a few years ago, collapsing when most of the members died.

Your mother & dad moved to Detroit about 1960, when Kohler transferred him to Detroit. As you know he passed away a

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few years later.

Getting back to
your Mother I am enclosing
a snapshot I found of her
taken at one of the parties.
She graduated from Austin
High School, Chicago, and
was known as a really
fine and good-looking
girl. I believe she
belonged to a Sorority on
the West Side called the
Chi Sig's

I, at one time had
a considerable amount of
memorabilia, but due to
Edna no longer being
able to carry on a home

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we moved to this Hotel
where all the chores &
meals are taken care of.
as a result I had to
dispose of many pictures
which I could give you,
but they were disposed of
with our home.

I believe your
Dad went to Sacred
Heart Grammar School
in Chicago, and I
remember your Grand-
parents on Jackson Blvd.
I represented them as
a lawyer about 50 years
ago. I am also developing
a group picture of your
Dad's High School Graduation.

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Class, showing our pictures
as indicated.

Just a reminder of the
names you will find on the
Picture, whom he knew
and belonged to the Club

- ① Evans, Dan
- ② Keel, Frank
- ③ Lyons, John
- ④ Gubbins, Wm. Doctor
- ⑤ Curry, Ray
- ⑥ O'Rearke, Frank.
- ⑦. Houdyde, Art.

also Joseph Kane and
Arch Revell.

I always had
a fond and warm relation-
ship with your Dad and
his Family

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Your Mother was
a lovely lady for whom
I had a lot of respect
and admiration.

My recollections are
not of the best, I am now
in my 85th year and
can only remember you
and your sister as being
very young until I saw
you at the Wake.

I have called on
my memory as best I
can, and have a few contacts
that may come up with
some more pictures, but
if I can give you anything
more, let me know

kindest personal regards
To you & Mary John



C. J. MEYER



E. W. CASSELL



E. F. DALEY



R. J. GUREY



J. A. MULLEN



E. EGAN



A. C. SIEWERS



R. M. LOHAN



J. P. NOLAN



P. LAUTZ



W. A. GUBBINS



R. F. KAMM



W. K. JANUS



J. M. GRATH



T. B. FURLONG



J. J. GESTL



J. G. DUNLAVY



T. J. BRUNSCHWIG



F. W. HENNAN



V. A. CORCORAN



C. S. STACY



G. J. GATELY

St. Mel High School

Class



1924



R. F. MCGUIRE



R. F. HAYES



W. A. MURPHY



W. J. BRADY



E. H. KING



D. EGAN



E. P. RAFTER



R. J. LINDSAY



W. T. SCHAEFER



J. T. MULLIGAN



J. F. TIMLIN



T. F. POWERS



T. M. MULLEN



C. E. LANDERS



J. E. TOOMEY



J. A. M'INERNEY



W. E. RAY



J. F. DORE



J. J. O'NEILL



T. A. SHARPENTER



T. A. REYNOLDS



J. A. MADDEN



J. F. DEVEREUX



J. J. STRICKLANDS



C. E. GAETHEKE



D. J. FRIES



W. P. DOWDALL



L. J. TOBIN



J. J. LYONS



W. A. M'ELLEN



J. F. KRATCHVIL



F. J. GILL

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