

**THERE WILL BE SOME CHANGES AT THE
CARLSONS**

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 4TH WE WILL HAVE A
NEW ADDRESS-----**



**EFFECTIVE MARCH 25TH 2001 WE WILL
HAVE A NEW AREA CODE--- [REDACTED] INSTEAD
OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED]**

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As you can see this is a joint letter to bring everyone up to date on the Iowa Carlsons. First of all we have sold our house and are moving into a condo. It is actually a duplex and we will own one side. An association of the owners handles the maintenance of the common areas. Snow, yard and outside maintenance will be taken care of. The present house was getting too much to handle and we knew we would have to make a decision sometime so we took the bold step. We move on April 4th so we now have a house full of packed boxes. It is amazing how much you accumulate over the years so part of the job was to get rid of a lot of the accumulation. The new place is one floor with a walk out basement and double garage. It may be more room than we need but should do the job.

The enclosed picture is a group shot of the Iowa family when we got together last Christmas at Sharon's brother's place in Cedar Rapids, IA. We generally spend holidays together and rotate locations. The group is getting larger as the young ones grow up, marry and raise families. It is usually a busy day, but they divide the work so it is not a burden on the hosts.

Everything is going fine with us and we are in fairly good health. Sharon has had to have some eye surgery but is coming along in good shape. The surgery involved corneal transplants and over the past three years she has operated on both eyes. It takes a while to have the eye recover, about a year, so her latest operation has about eight months to level out. We have a top notch eye clinic here in Dubuque, so we're fortunate and did not have to do a lot of traveling.

My health is good. I have had some tests on my heart, which showed my bypasses have gradually filled up with the exception of the two mammary arteries that were used in the original operation. They have kept me going along with the heart developing alternate arteries to supply the heart muscles. That along with heart medication has done the job so I have no major restrictions. I did have a bout with the old man's disease of prostate cancer but took radiation treatments which cleared it up.

So much for the health report. Plan to get out and hit that little white ball around the golf course when the snow melts and try to improve my score. Tiger is in no danger. We do have fun so it is reason enough to keep playing. Sharon is busy with her sewing. She is into quilt making and uses them as wall hangings. They are works of art. She selects great varieties of fabric, then cuts them into little pieces and sews them together to create fantastic quilts. We go to a lot of movies, read books, play bridge and euchre with friends, walk and watch a little TV which overall has pretty poor programming. The days seem to fly by when you are having fun.

This is all for now but as you have experienced my letters are not a common routine but I will have to resolve to improve. Trusting that all is well with each one of you and the remainder of 2001 brings continued health and enjoyment. Lots of love from [REDACTED]

Sharon & Don

Sharon
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Don