

[Gladys LUMSDEN nee PERKINS to her sister Dorothy GIBSON nee PERKINS]

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1st December 1977

Dear Dorothy, Thank you so much for your two letters and kind gift for flowers. At the moment the house is full of them so I will wait a while, also we are thinking of sending a contribution towards a fund for a 'brain scanner' for the Neurological Hospital Hurstwood Park, Haywards Heath which would avoid people having to have the dye injection in the brain that Bill had to have so I know you would be happy for me to use some of it for that purpose.

Bill died of a second bleed - a brain stem lesion but there was a Post-Mortem so I shall hear next week from a Doctor more details.

We were delighted to see Charles & Felicity who represented you all and are glad that you didn't undertake the difficult journey at that time of the morning. The reason why the funeral was 10am Thursday was because Thursday was the only possible day, Friday being fully booked and 10am The only possible time.

Please tell Barbara we did not expect her and shall love to see her some other time. At the moment I have the good fortune to have Michael and David with me.

Michael will stay until his new term in January when he will return to York. David flies off to Washington to a philosophy convention just before Christmas but will return after about 10 days and continue his thesis at home for a month or two and then return to America if some interviews come up for a job for Autumn 1978.

Reg stayed with me for a week and was a great help and we still have my sister-in-law Nau with us until Tuesday. Everyone is being so very kind. Christ Church College sent three representatives one of whom conducted the service, Wye School also sent 3, otherwise we were just family and close friends.

Thank you for your invitation to come to Derbyshire. I should love to sometime next year. at the moment I am very busy with the business side of things and have a big pussycat that can't be left - Sometime when Cyril is up here it would be easier for me to get away.

I hope you are all very well and that the christening is a happy day for you all.
With love Gladys