

Letters from John and Bessie McHugh to John's siblings and family.

First letter:

My Dear Brother Tom, Sister Mary Ange & Michael,

Here we are about to say Good Bye once more. I just can't say these words so I thought this might ease these terrible words as I am afraid this is good Bye forever.

for all you have done. You have been exceedingly kind, a Father & Mother to us and if we ever wanted you it was this time as Poor Dad & Mother had left and it did of course make a difference. (Only that they were not here as for as you were concerned) Mary you are wonderful you did all we could expect from a mother.

now please forget all and let our visit cause no hard feelings in the family. Nellie has been a mother to us & her husband & family can't be surpassed. She is better than all the rest put together.

Enclosed is a little remembrance.

God Love you all.

We will miss you

Second letter:

My Dear Mary, Tom, Angela & Michael:

Just a few words to say that, I, too, greatly appreciate the hospitality you have shown us. A Father & Mother couldn't have done better. Enjoyed every minute of our stay with you. The only way we can repay you, is to remember you in our prayers. Again thanks a million for everything.

Our love & best wishes always.

God Bless you all.

Bessie

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow with punctuation, spelling and grammar as in the original.

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