

Lettie passed away at approximately 5:00 A.M. E.S.S.
on Nov 24th. Ruthy phoned about 7:30 AM.
2:30 PM
Tumor + burial ^{in Ashland} was held at ^{Leslie F. Windans} Kings Daughters Hospital
Nov 25th Ashland
Sat AM - 11-21-59

Dear Tom & Dee -

I may call you before you receive this but I'll write briefly of Lettie's condition. We have had her here for three days now - She has been in the infirmary ^{at the Home} since last summer - improving in some ways very slowly. Ida Dixon came the 1st week of Oct and stayed at the Home with her until her birthday. When Ida left we thought she had improved both physically & emotionally. She went down to her own room (wheelchair) for the P.M.s - Then last week she even got brave enough to eat in the regular dining room twice three times - ^{the 1st time} since ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~last~~ ^{last} summer.

While she seemed to have less heart distress other symptoms were slowly evident - Her mental attitude wasn't bad but not normal for her - complete lassitude as to energy - and increasing swelling in her ankles & legs. After Ida left I had hopes of getting

her strong enough to come down to the Ashland
(my stairs are a hazard for her) I had been
going up 3 days a week most of the time
& just last Sunday she said she that she'd
soon be equal to coming & hoped she could
have a permanent while there. But Monday
she took a double dose of cathartic (could pull
her M.D. at the home had said she could use
as she thought necessary) w. think she got con-
fused & forgot what she had already taken - any-
way - for 24 hrs she was in bed shape. In
the middle of that - Mrs. Shouts her friend from
Ashland who went to the home when she
died) died suddenly just after a visit in
Lottie's room. This didn't seem to upset
Lottie too much - but in meantime along
with the temp diarrhea they discovered she
couldn't empty her bladder. - So the M.D. said
she would have to be hospitalized & said she could
come but if she preferred. Since it would be
much easier on Steve & me to have her here
she came down in an ambulance. She didn't
seem too bad - except for the bladder part - altho
we all noticed a definite change mentally -
much confusion in her mind - drowsy. The
Lester got numerous tests run & didn't find
what he expected. She got very distended last
yesterday bringing on her old shortness of
breath & great discomfort - so she asked

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for me to come back last night & early this
a.m. she seems drowsy but afraid to breathe.
Les. says it looks like she may not come out
of it & we may have to get a nurse for
one portion of the night. The floor nurses
have been wonderful & patient.

He put her in oxygen tent of course
and that has helped a great deal. She
got use to that this summer when we
had one in her room at the home so she
seemed glad when he ~~was~~ ordered yesterday.

I had post cards written to send
you the day she came down but
I didn't mail them as it was so hard
to evaluate her condition at the
time.

We haven't heard just what your departure
date is & what your itinerary is - Sounds
wonderful though & I hope all works out
if I haven't called you before ^{then} get this I will
call sometime - Our best to you & the children
Ruth

I am not writing Homer
not being sure what
his present condition
is. So maybe if
you are calling them
you could indicate
things don't look good
at this point. R

- Homer & I got train reservations
to Huntington, leaving Tuesday 11/24
evening. Dep. 5:30 Newark 5:45
arriving at Huntington about noon.

Tram tried to get reservation for
return - nothing available by train
until Thurs Nov 26 (Sunday morning day).

I called Jimo they kindly helped out
Mrs. Traffic contacted Estene
and when I called them at 4 PM they
had two reservations to Washington ^{6:30 PM} & a
late plane from Wash to Newark, but
were advised to try to get on # 502
leaving at 8:30. Space was available
& we arrived in Newark 9:30 wed 25
PM