

# Peace On Earth

This is a personal and loving Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greeting to you. I treasure this time of strengthening of ties with family and friends. As the years go on - oh so rapidly--these ties loom up with greater intensity, and joy. They are very precious.

This has been a real bonus year. One I didn't expect and there have been so many exciting and joyful events taking place in spite of the handicaps of heart damage and mild Meniere's syndrome. I am trying to also "Grow old gracefully" and keep independent, all of which is a real challenge!

The most exciting and joyful event was the birth of my first great-grandson, Max Kent Early, son of my grandson LTJG James and Michiko Early of Long Beach. That baby is strong, healthy and beautiful and a joy to all of us.

I had a very successful eye operation (cataract) with implant, which has helped me in all life situations including my hobby of bird study which I can now resume and see all the details of birds in flight which I had been missing.

I continue with my very modest and limited writing and speaking. This year's work has revolved around a study of the Gabrielino Indians of this area. They formerly belonged to the Shoshone tribe. Also I am trying to see that our book on "Marriage and Family" gets published soon, as so many have requested it.

This year I have had great help and companionship from Charles Arterburn who is the fifth college student I have had here since Bill's death. He is a fine young man who works at Westfield Inc. and he goes to Pepperdine College. I learn so much from these young people. They are all smart and well-informed.

NOW, for the real important news from you and about you and yours. I am eagerly waiting for your Christmas note.

Merry Christmas with joy and love.

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