

Personal Journal

3/20/2021

I got some more messages last night dated by BTB January 9, 2021 😊 must have gotten lost in our mail room. Again thank you to singleservice for your words; thank you to lizbeth for caring. It has been raining here for a few days now. A slow soft rain. We don't get a lot of rain here in California anymore so we enjoy it when we do. I didn't get to go out for any rides to the doctors this week I would have enjoyed another ride in the rain. It's the same old yesterday here. The phones have change: we have to use the pen[#] we have on our I.D.s not the I.D.[#] but the pen[#] plus the 10 number phone[#] plus another 4 digit # I'm going to try it today - we'll see how it works and the cost is supposed to drop to 2½¢ a minute. I can call everyday at that cost all I need to do is be able to get on the phone 200 people = 6 phones 15 minutes calls 😊 all I need is everyone's phone[#].

3/22/2021

Monday morning - cool this morning, not cold but cool - the sky looks clear, no ~~cloud~~ clouds. I heard we're going to have yard this morning and that could be true right now but everything is subject to change here without notice 😊. I was able to talk to my love yesterday she always makes my heart race. Now I will call more often - I'll have to get new phone[#]s for the rest of my love ones they've changed over the

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😊 I woke up with this smile on my face today 😊❤️ I got the stitches taken out of my chest yesterday. I knew they were leaving them too long. They dried out and the skin grew to them on every stitch the R.N. had to pull them loose from the skin just to get a bite to cut them 18 times 😊 hurt like. The R.N. was nice but she wasn't no Morilli 😊 They've changed all the nurses in the Clinic since the beginning of the year. I saw the Rheumatologist ^{gast} He's changing two of the three medications I'm taking for my Arthritis and Lupus - I saw him on a day when my fingers were hurting. He seemed more worried about my oxygen level it was down to 79% on the first read it did get up to 94% after I was sitting there for 10 or 15 minutes relaxing. He order some tests for my Lupus and put a note in the file for the Pulmonary doctor that he should run the oxygen level test sooner then later - I'm ready. - I think I'll be out of here by the end of summer to Stockton Hospital Prison 😊 but these people are slow about everything blaming it on Covid ...

3/25/21

My sister Linda is in the hospital - don't look good

3/26/21

I went out yesterday to the hospital in Stockton they did a barium swallow X-ray test to check my throat from ~~my~~ my mouth to my stomach (esophagus) it was hard to swallow the stuff - it was

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thick and hard to suck up thought the straw it took all my breathe. I haven't been able to talk to my baby sister in 4 or 5 years now - don't know what happened - she got off prole money ran out on the phone. It's not looking good for her now - she's my baby sister and I love her I hope they are able to get the money set up on the phone so I can call her? It is hard to lose a love one while you're in the hospital I know I've lost a few.

3/29/21

Monday

Good bye baby sister - with each lost it gets harder and harder not that I'm in touch with anyone except My Love + My Little Mel. I have not heard from anyone else in years. I did this myself so I'm not even able to be mad at anyone I guess it all started when I was about 11 or 12 at least I'm not on my own now. Linda past away early Sunday morning.

4/1/2021

I want to get this in the mail today. I hope everyone is doing well - stay safe. I started a painting yesterday - did a whole lot of little stuff and cleaning - I have to stop blaming my health on not doing anything - it is part of it but not all - doing the work in this ADD group takes up a lot of time - and I'll have to learn to work with someone else in the cell - I ~~go~~ got another appointment at TTA telemed doctor this morning. Take care. I would say the food is bad but I don't eat it.

Love Note

4/1/2021

My Dearest Love:

Easter morning: we were up all night cooking and coloring eggs plus candle filled baskets + candle eggs. Remembering us sitting in the car at the end of our dead end street, to be buzzed to go anywhere but not wanting to call it a night. The motor idling, warm air blowing from the heater, those old 50's Rock + Roll songs playing from the radio. The rain coming down drops as big as baseballs bouncing off the windshield sounding like little pebbles hitting on the roof. Covering our bodies with my old leather trench coat, swearing to one another that we would never part. I've always enjoyed the music the rain and the wind makes playing off the car. Even when I was a small boy and would be hiding in it to get away from all the rain while it came down my cheeks in the field where I played. You bring all that out in me my love - a place to feel safe in our dreams where I can see our names painted on the barn 'Steve Love Jeannie'. Anytime there is love crossing my mind from the past you are there. We had the Easter Egg hunt inside the house that year - the kids were screaming with laughter. What a beautiful rained day it was.

I'll Always Love You
Forever + Ever
Your Steve

Poetry

looking back at the house
 where the beauty of flowers flows
 where love and happiness grew
 where the sounds of laughter resided
 a home that was never mine
 good bye baby sister good bye

Steve Burlett 3/28/21



the weathers getting warmer
 things are happening
 we'll be okay
 quarantine inside
 is the same as outside
 starving for your touch
 exhausted from paining the floor
 terrified of being alone. 4/1/2021
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