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Dear
aunt
Helen,

*N*ear in thought
and close to heart
is what you'll always be,
*F*or knowing you
has always meant
so very much to me.

Love,
Kristen

Dear Aunt Helen,

I am so sorry that you did not know that John and I were engaged, I feel terrible. I thought that mom had told you. Anyway, thank you so much for the card and the money. You are so sweet and thoughtful.

Well, I just finished my clinical and now I'm working a little bit at the hospital and working on my elective course with premature infants in the neonatal ICU. We've also started to plan the wedding. The tentative, semi-permanent date is June 14, 1997. I would really love for everyone to be there, but I know it is difficult for everyone to travel to Texas.

Everyone here is fine. Things are pretty hectic around here. Dad & Rob just moved in to a new apartment. They both have been working hard. Mom has been working hard, too, and is in the middle of trying to find a new place while cleaning out the house.

How is everyone up there? I hope well. I know you're busy, but if you get a chance, I would love to see a picture of the baby. I will try to send some pictures soon. When will you be heading to Florida again? How is your hip? Well, give my love to everyone. I think of you all often. Take care.

All my love -
Kristen