

Dear Lil.

I'm finally getting around to answering your letter. I've been down in the dumps since the funeral. I feel very sad & never got to say goodbye to Arnie. Everything was kept secret from me until a few weeks before he passed away. Jackie didn't want me to worry in the condition I was in & Lila thought it would be a good idea not to tell Arnie about my problems. I was going to go to his house when he was home, when I decided to go, that's when Jackie told me that Lila called her the night before & said Arnie passed away. I'm a lousy procrastinator & I hate myself for it.

I was in the hospital twice in 2 months. I had to take cat scans & pet scans & all sorts of X-RAYS & blood tests - no wonder I'm now anemic. I've been exposed to so much radiation, I wouldn't be surprised if I could lift a bull just by touching it.

I have arthritis & two compressed discs in my lower spine. I know what that feels like.

I have a special heating pad that has a foam sponge that you wet & apply it to the back. It really helps. I got the heating pad from the people that supply my diabetic supplies. It cost \$150.00 but Medicare paid 80% & my ADAP coverage paid the rest. It didn't cost me anything.

I'm glad you & Bob are fully covered. The V.A. comes in handy.

I finally convinced the V.A. that my hearing loss was service connected. They granted me a 100% service connected disability pension. I receive a check from the V.A. for \$2774.00 plus an additional 125.00 a month for fuel. Not bad.

I tried to convince Irving to try the same last year, but he didn't want to bother.

I watched a commercial on T.V. some time ago, about a law firm, that has a class action suit against the asbestos Co. For the people & families suffering with mesothelioma -

I wonder if Lila knows about it. She could be entitled to some kind of settlement.

I hope the medical appointments you have this month turn out to be OK.

Are you on any kind of diet?

I was told I have a slight blockage in one of my arteries, but nothing to worry about now.

That's if for now, take care of yourself & tell Bob to do the same.

I Love You
Charlie

P.S. excuse all the mistakes & the bad handwriting
C.