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Subject: For Andrew on June 21, 2009

Dear Andrew,

Your Grandma Richardson creates displays of family photos for various family celebrations like Father's Day, Mother's Day, and birthdays. She then displays these photos in the apartment that your Grandpa Richardson and she live in Milwaukee. She changes the photos in the display throughout the year. She started doing this because she has so many wonderful family photos that she wants to share with her family to help them learn, remember, and appreciate their family history. Now, thanks to the Digital Age, she can share these displays of photos via the Internet with family members (like you) who live outside of Milwaukee. Today is Father's Day in the USA. Attached to this email are two photos for you that are part of this year's Father's Day display.

The first photo was taken in the year 1974 or 1975 when your father was about your current age. It was taken at your Great-grandmother Richardson's house in Michigan. Your Grandfather Richardson, is in this picture with his three children: your Uncle Chris, your Aunt Becky, and your Father, Trevor. Your grandfather is wearing his Naval uniform because he is on a Navy Reserve drill weekend in Michigan.

The second photo was taken on July 13, 1991, when your father was twenty years old. It was taken in front of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Milwaukee. Your Grandfather Richardson, is in this picture with your Grandmother Richardson, and their three children. Your grandfather and your father are both wearing their Naval uniforms because it was your grandfather's retirement ceremony from the Naval Reserve. He served his country for twenty-five years and was twice in combat overseas: 1966-1969 during the Vietnam War, and 1991 during the First Persian Gulf War.

We ask God to bless all of the world's fathers this day. We recall with gratitude our own deceased fathers (and your great-grandfathers), L.S. Richardson and Frank Bennett, who served their country in combat overseas (1944-1945) during World War II. We are thankful that we have and can display photos of them with us as children in our apartment this year. We ask God to strengthen your father as he continues to work to be reunited with you. He is doing the right thing, doing what he must do, and doing his best.

Love and prayers,

Grandpa and Grandma Richardson

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July 13, 1991.jpg (534K)