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May 19 and 20th - 83

Nothing special, getting ready for our trip to Cleveland and the wedding on Saturday. Gene came over Friday, we talked about the house, nothing more, everytime I see him, the hurt comes back - I don't think I'll ever forgive him, I may never go back to him, even if it works out that way - The hurt is so deep - He's been with another woman, over a year & a half, sleeping with her, eating & enjoying life with her - I even cry now as I write - This is about the 4th time, he's been with another woman, maybe even more, I'll never know - Oh God, I'm so hurt!

May 21st, 1983

Getting my hair done early today. The gardeners are cutting down our 3 trees today. Bob, Linda and I are having lunch with my mother, then Linda will go home & we'll be off for Cleveland. I never show my mother my hurt - She's suffering enough just seeing Gene and her "together" the last 1 1/2 years, plus Gloria's mental illness, I have to hold back my sadness when she's around - It started to rain as we leave Mapleville, never fails. The trip in was good - Took about 3 hrs. The motel, Budget-Tell is very nice, ~~that night~~ ^{managed} very well, very clean, room is large, free ~~tea~~ ^{coffee} always available in the lobby. I feel sad

without Gene, but I mustn't let it show, we went to a rehearsal dinner, and the food was excellent, Prime rib, baked potato (huge) green beans, salad, rolls & butter & ice cream cake. When we got back to the motel, Bob was very tired, we thought nothing of it, but during the nite, he got so cold and then he had diarrhea, we surmised it was a stomach virus.

May 22, 1983

Bob's still very sick, but we went out for a cup of coffee, he just couldn't eat, so we picked up Pepto Bismol, & for the next 4 hours he slept & I woke him for his "Pepto" and then he went to the bathroom a lot - about 1:30 PM he said he felt pretty good & would go to the wedding and reception - I was so glad, because I didn't want to be there without him - When we got to the ceremony (in a beautiful, beautiful synagogue) I felt sad inside, everyone was with their husbands, especially the middle aged group. Then in a pouring rain, we went to a beautiful restaurant, just so elegant - 350 people were there & the hor-d'oeuvres never stopped, then Sirloin Steak with all the trimmings, Champagne at every table - then a magnificent sweet table - It was fabulous - Cost the Laffins small - \$15,000

May 23, 1983

We left Cleveland about 9:30 AM arrived in
Morgantown about noon, had a "Big Mac" with
Mum, took her home, then Bob went about his
way & I unpacked, but I was very tired, went
to bed early.

May 24, 1983

Linda & I went to see Dona Fonti, I poured
out my heart to her - she said I have to learn
to live without Gene, because things may
never get together again - I'm not sure
I want it to. She gave me some literature
from Our eaters Anonymous - I'll read it
tomorrow. Why must I cry so, why can't it be
Gene, he's hurt me so many times - I know
I don't deserve it - I always believed in him,
what a fool I was - he knows I'd never hurt
him in this way!

May 25, 1983

Ange asked me to go to breakfast, then to
grocery shop - I'm so appreciative, because
I know Linda doesn't really like to take me
grocery shopping too often - I take too long in
the store, Ange doesn't care, she shops right
along with me. I read my booklet, over all it
stresses, "Abstinence from over-eating" I'll try again!

May 26, 1983

Gene called me this morning - asked me about the trip & the wedding, then he said he had to rush, had a lot to do for the convention. (He breaks my heart!) I asked him if he was going to his last bowling tournament this weekend, and sort of sheepishly, he said he went 2 weeks ago, never told me, I know he took her along - It's impossible for me to believe that this husband of 30 years can be so heartless to allow me to know that he enjoys this other woman and knows that I have no one ^(male) to talk to my age, each nite isso long - I'll ~~never~~ love him again, like I did before, he'll never mean to me what he meant to me before - I loved him with all my heart - He broke it into a million pieces, of course, he doesn't feel it - He had a good time these last few years - he couldn't feel my sorrow - I cry almost every nite when I think of the past - and the enjoyment we had with the kids & the house and together - I'll never get over this, for the longest time - I hope I meet someone, someday - I'm so lonely - I feel so badly for my sister & mother for what they've suffered - I hate to say this - but I want Gene to hurt someday too - he has to feel that pain!

May 27, 1983

Today started out real fine with my diet, I read over-ate anonymous pamphlets that stressed as Alcoholic Anonymous stresses, don't take the first bite after you've had your allotted calories for the day. I gave the booklets to Linda to read, because if we decide to go to meetings, she has to drive (for now) and take part in it. It's up to her. Well the day went well, until I decided to make burritos & freeze them - I tasted this & that & before you know it I had my allotted calories for the day, but I was going to meet Linda after work and eat at Embels, and shop a little. Well I did it again - went off my diet - when I went to bed, I was depressed again - mentally I'm very aware of my shortcomings - I'm not blaming anyone else as I did before - but I throw all thought to the wind when it comes to food. I hope Linda decides to join it may be what I need, to control this urge.

I was up at intervals all night, going over my life with Gene (again) I don't like his non-commitment to another person - he's always looking out for him - never accepting "a better or worse" - he always runs away (to another woman) like a little boy - never weathering the storm at home and he doesn't think he needs therapy!

May 28, 1983

It's Saturday. Getting my hair done, then I'll make potato salad for the Holiday week-end - Of course Gene doesn't even call or ask what we're doing. Maybe he's right in not doing that, because he would feel too guilty. Today was sort of crummy, especially the night, Saturday night used to belong to Gene & myself a few yrs ago, when he seemed normal, now it's depressing too me - I'm getting a little crazy from loneliness tonight - and I'm writing it to Linda. It's nobody's fault but mine & Gene's, but I'm suffering tremendously. I apologized to Linda, she said she loves me, but what can she do - Tomorrow will be better, I naturally overate again - I'll go to bed soon.

May 29, 1983

I'm up early today, have to fry my chicken & make a cake - Annie, Linda's friend is coming over - I'd like to write Eddie and the family. but I'm just not up for it, another time. My Mum is depressed for Gloria. So am I, but is Gloria depressed? The food turned out very well. I'm feeling up today mentally but physically, I'm exhausted - It's going to rain, so my body slows down a bit - I'm sure I guess - ate too much today & tonight - so what else is new?

May 30, 1983

Memorial Day - There must be a lot of people out there today, remembering their loved ones that died - So many people have problems - I just never experienced one as devastating as what is happening now, - but that's not true - I experienced this about 10 years ago with Gene also - He's very cruel, but he projects niceness, it frightened me, because he hides his deception so well - He disappoints me, so!

June 1st and (Second) 83

I'm really writing in retrospect, because I've been busy and too tired to write into my journal at nite, I'll try to catch up then continue each nite again! Most important, Linda took me to Unlontown to Dave Margalis's office and a court hearing - He's trying to get her own to consolidate most of his odd & ends securities, etc & put them into something that is backed by the government so her own can't say he isn't getting a good yield, so he can claim he can't give Gloria her monthly allotment, and haven't reduced again. It ended up that the lawyers got together with the judge and came to an agreement without a real court hearing.

June 6, 1983

The real new thing today is that Eddie starts his new job with Comstock Engineering downtown, they have a new building and all. Eddie is not as close to me as I'd like him to be, because when he was about 18 he pulled away to make himself independent and then married and never allowed himself to be part of our life as I would like - I'm afraid we lost him as we lost Gene, and really I never put a real hold on either, Awfully Sad.

June 16, 1983

Ange Davis had a very nice Craft Party today, but it's so hot! It's a new experience for me, I never went to one before. I want to buy Linda something, but she doesn't want anything from the book - I'll buy a stamped cross stitch bell rings! - and hoop!

June 17, 1983

Today I'm 54 years old - Gene came over to give me a deposit slip and a card - he cried a little - we talked nicely - but my heart is so broken from what he is doing with someone else - I don't think he'll try to ~~read~~ it, he finds it too rewarding - but I have to feel happy because Bob & I are going to Betty Atkins for dinner tonight.

June 18, 1983

I had a beautiful time last nite - The athenas were very gracious, a lovely dinner, my Bobby had a beautiful cake delivered & a flower arrangement attached to 3 helium balloons - he also gave me \$27. I love him! Eddie gave me a crepe maker and a small gift from the grandchildren and he called to wish me a Happy Birthday. Ken actually bought me a beautiful card & a \$50 dollar bill, from Gene and him. Linda and her friend Annie are taking me out to see Superman III and dinner at "Targuinos" Linda also gave me beautiful porch chairs - I'm very lucky to have her at this time - but I miss Gene so - or maybe just someone to call a companion.

June 19, 1983

I had a beautiful time last nite - the movie was as Ken would say "super" - the meal was excellent - can you believe it - two JUV couples sat in the booth behind me. A person never sees anyone, anywhere and they show up there! Gene called me late ^{last} nite to tell me that he ^{accidentally} deposited his rent money in my account (wrong pay) & I told him about the nite and he seemed glad for me. Today is Father's Day - Ken will probably go to Lemont

with Gene (which is fine with me, because I guess he should - but I couldn't talk Linda & Bob into giving cards - I really wanted them to) Today I'm having my mother over I prepared a beautiful dinner for everyone.

June 21, 1983

Linda & I are going to see Dona Fonté - Ken called the house from work today and Bob happened to be home - and he really gave it to Bob for not sending Dad a Father's Day card - I got really upset because I don't want the children fighting among themselves - Ken always feels so bad for his Father and Gene hardly thinks of anyone but himself - practically living with another woman doesn't affect him, naturally, but look what it's done to his children's mother - me! - I should be over this, but sometimes the feeling devour me - I feel so alone at times - I can see how Gloria suffered along with her illness. I asked Linda to please go to breakfast with Bob & Gene soon, so Gene can hear from their lips how they feel about the situation we're in - They arranged it for this Sunday morn.

June 25, 1983

Had a terrible crying spell early last evening - triggered by Bobby being angry at something I said, making me feel even more depressed about being without Gene and then I thought about Gene being with her for over a year & a half - and everything began falling apart for me again - and Linda saw me go back four steps again - I ate a little too much (my way of coping and destroying myself) but after a really good cry - I finally went to sleep - poor Linda - she has to be so strong for me -

I feel a little better this morning - going to breakfast - Dr. Lins for an omelet & shot & then my hair, But you never know where the day will lead you - Dr. Lins talked to me about my anxiety with my personal problems - told me to be patient - "good triumphs over evil" he said - oriental knowledge - I guess - but after my ingredients were mixed for my shot - I waited 20 minutes - then went to King's to meet Linda - I got an allergic reaction - I went right back to Dr. Lins & they counteracted the reaction the best they could with drugs, then I went to the hairdresser - I was so sick today, my neck & throat hurt so - I slept from about 4 PM on - the doctor changed my doses to a lesser amount.

June 26, 1983

Today is Sunday. I'm feeling much better, if I touch my neck where my glands are, they're still sore. Bob and Linda met Gene for breakfast, but from what I understand, very little was discussed. Gene seemed uncomfortable with the kids - It's still so unbelievable the way Gene has changed - The family meant so much to him, or else I believed they did - I guess not wanting to live the rest of his life with me, meant giving up the family, pretty much. I always thought Gene was basically happy, but I guess "male menopause" caught up to him, and he's "afraid of getting old & remaining in his old" life. I'm sorry for him, I'm glad I'm not going thru that! He called me around lunch time to see how I felt, we talked nicely, I asked him to please buy me a few things for the house & bring them over this Friday - he said he would - I think we're growing more apart each day.

June 27, 1983

Very, very hot today, I'm so glad we have air conditioning - Gene always was so good to me, always gave me everything - but him!

June 28, 1983

Just a normal Tuesday. I'm feeling very dizzy today. It could be because I stayed up too late last nite, washing clothes, on top of all the thinking I always do. Gene is always a part of my thoughts - I'll probably always love him, in some way - we spent so many years together, I hate ending them this way - I'm trying to stay on my feet - It's very hard. I'm always so angry at myself for allowing myself to be so stupid & let myself go physically & mentally - I sure hope God gives me the time to get it together, once and for all - I know now that nothing really comes easily - if it does, you probably pay for it in the end - as I am. Gene has such a capacity for living life, whether it's good or bad, without ~~out~~ showing much emotion - I just fall apart, inside and out - I'm extremely sensitive, but trying to build a harder shell around me, to protect me from the future & what it holds for me and my family - but this family belongs to Gene too - why does he exclude them so - why doesn't he miss them more? This I can't understand!!

June 29, 1983

Not feeling too well today, took "Pepto" this evening feeling a little better. Thought it was because I was feeling down about Gene. Thank God! It was my stomach!

June 30, 1983

Today I go to court about the guardianship of Gloria. The weather is very hot, Angie was nice enough to go with me, I met a student (male) I took care of at Pitt - we talked most of the way until Oakland, then he got off. Angie enjoys listening - It didn't take too many hours, from the lawyer's office, then to the court house - all went well - Angie & I went to a Third Avenue Chinese Restaurant, the food was good and filling - Then we were very lucky - we caught our bus immediately & then home - Boy was it hot! Now that's over! Gene stopped over tonight, & so did the man who will do our bathroom - Gene was kind of strange tonight ~~but not~~ he left here & went back to his home, because he said he had to pick up his lunch! I wish his heart was as broken as mine.

July 1, 1983

Gene stopped over again, after work, this morning - he seemed much nicer - Maybe because it's Friday & he'll go out tonight - we discussed the bathroom, health insurance, credit union, etc. Nothing about him or I - Then he left & I spent most of the day writing checks & writing letters that were necessary! Bobby was home for a while - he seems so disappointed in his father, I can't blame him - he's only 22 and his Dad never calls him. I don't know what has happened to Gene!

July 2, 1983
Grocery shopping for the Holiday week-end & then I got my hands done - I'll do most of my cooking tomorrow, but I made potato salad tonight - I'm still very depressed!

July 3, 1983
Got up early to prepare for dinner, Mum & Anne & Carla are coming over - Everyone had a real nice time, which made me happy but I'm real tired again - which I'm sure is natural.

July 4, 1983
Just an easy going day - Eating left overs

July 5, 1983
Haven't heard anything from Gene, he's supposed to buy the faucets, etc, probably hasn't done it yet - I guess he had a really good time on the "4th". I'm going to Dona's tonight. In our conversation tonight, Dona feels much the way things are going. I must not look for Gene to return to me. I have to make myself live for myself, without him. I'm trying to accept this now each day. I have to lose weight & find someone new, someone who'll really like me & be a true companion, I always thought Gene was, but I was wrong!

July 6, 1983

Angie & I went for a little breakfast this morning, and talked and talked, about her problems and disappointments and mine. Then we went shopping to a few stores and then home.

I really appreciate her friendship, we both became closer this last year or so - we were distant before, because we were both troubled by inner turmoil, but not being able to put our finger on it, we were very edgy toward each other before, while all the time we held ourselves in low esteem. Then later in the day - Linda called me to tell me her wonderful surprise - Some top level brass in her department asked her if she'd like to "house sit" the Provost house which would be awaiting a new tenant in about September - she was all excited. They would pay her \$25 a day & provide her with food also. I was very upset because I didn't want her to live there by herself, she said Carla would probably stay with her and then sometime Anne & maybe Janice. I was upset me quite a bit, because I was fearful, so I was kind of angry & decided at that time to call Gene & see if he got the faucets but he said he

Called Kenny & told him he couldn't find anything & Kenny should look. I was so mad, I asked him why he didn't call me directly, because Kenny would never find time & then I got into it with him about what he was doing & I ended up calling her a "sleazebag" again & he hung upon me. I tried to call him back, but he wouldn't answer the phone - I wanted to lay into him again - I'm just so sick of his lies, I couldn't stop crying. Then I called Kenny & told him if he would have told me about Gene's call, I wouldn't have had to call him at all. Ken said he forgot - he forgets everything. Then the cement man called me home & I said I'd try to get things together as soon as possible - I called Gene's apartment to see if he'd take \$600 out of Mellon till our credit loan would come in & she answered & I hung up! She's always there or he's at her home - It's ridiculous! He has less freedom now, than ever before with me! She won't let him out of her sight - !! I hope she ^{for mother's} strangles him with his so called freedom. Someday I hope he sees what he gave up for his search for a new life without us!

July 7, 1983

Everything is all set up for next week to finish the
Bathroom wall - I called Gene at work last nite (he
talked to me nicely) - He'll put \$25 from Mellon
into Equitank & I'll pay Mellon back when our
Credit Card comes in.

July 8, 1983

Had great nice lunch today, with Ange, in
Oakmont - We had \$100 off coupons. A real quaint
place called 'What's Cooking?'. Had Turkey
Devonshire - It wasn't that big, but it was
so comfortable there. I still miss Gene so much.
If he was back with me, I'd still go out
with Ange & Betty Athens & I hope I can drive
someday so I can shop by myself.

July 9, 1983

After I came back from my hairdressers, Eddie
called & asked me if I'd watch Jesse & Anne.
I said I'd love to - It was a little difficult
because I was alone virtually all the time.
Linda had to move a few things to her new
home (which she said is fabulous). She calls it
'The Mansion' - (We'll see it next Saturday) &
Ken was going and Bob was at school in
Oakland - So I did it myself! The kids
were real good - they're getting so big and smart!
The house became a shambled again - I'll clean tomorrow

July 10, 1983

It's Sunday - and the weather is just beautiful!
Low humidity - a little breeze, - the porch is so
nice - I'm sorry Gene isn't here to enjoy it!
Altho when he was, I wouldn't sit outside
with him - felt too fat - felt bad about myself
but I did nothing about it - always feeling
sorry for myself - blaming everyone but me -
but then, I was working and the
pressure was heavy - my weight, Gloria,
my job, my wanting to be home instead,
so I could have more time with the
family and house - and then as I said
before - when I finally quit, I felt so
guilty, I ate too much, got sick, felt so
low in my esteem, Gene was a ripe
target for her. I needed him more then,
then ever, & that's when he left me,
when I was at my lowest, I'll try
never to get down to that point again!
God did this for a reason and I know
now, all the reasons!! Most of all, as Ken
& Dona said, you can never trust anyone
else, just yourself. Human beings are so
imperfect!!! In some people, as in Gene, if you love
or too tight, they feel overly burdened, can't take it!!!
So they flee for their lives & become selfish!!!

July 11, 1983

Am not feeling well at all - My bronchial asthma is so bad - Angie is taking me to Dr. Fero for my shot. When I got there, he listened to my lungs and gave me a booster shot for grass pollen instead. I left there feeling so tight - Then I went to Shop & Save, I could hardly do anything there, I thought I'd faint, with lack of breathing & it's so hot out today - I couldn't wait to get home - I went to bed early.

July 12, 1983

Feeling a little bit better today - still very humid out - Thank God for my air-conditioning - Haven't heard anything from Gene at all - he's not part of our lives at all, must be happy with his - It still makes me feel so rejected! The plumber came today & put up the tub fixtures - There are some bugs behind the wall - I sure hope they don't turn out to be termites!

July 13, 1983

The man that is to put up our bathroom wall came today, found some more bugs, cleaned them out, put up the rock cloth & wiring - He's very nice, about 46, married, children & is a hunter - lives in Murfreesville.

July 14, 1983

The day is very hot. I'm not doing too much today, the "Bathroom" man is still here, Gene hasn't called - but I think he talked to Ken

July 15, 1983

The Bathroom is done! So professional - I'm glad I pushed to have it done, I'm only sorry Gene doesn't have the same interest he used to - A definite "change of life" - I wouldn't be surprised it would have come about, even if I were there, maybe the life would have been boring anyway - the only difference is I could have, maybe, changed it around, but Gene maybe needed the change for his ego - It's so perplexing!

July 16, 1983

Saturday, another hot day - Gene was over today - he and Ken cleaned up the cellar a little more, varnishing the wood, because of the flooding. Linda came over to take me shopping, little & my hair - Also Bob was home & so Gene saw just about everyone. I don't know if it affects him or not - how could he be perfectly satisfied with just her - but I'm not competition just yet. Also Bob went to Ohio - for business & pleasure - he loves that!!
(PS Gene loves the bathroom wall.)

July 17, 1983

Ken had a big talk with me last nite - told me how he knew I was betrayed by Gene & really understands what I went thru, but he wants me to really work at my diet & driving for myself esteem & it would be the only way Gene would really strive to come back - I really don't know what I would feel at that point - but I just have to make it - it's the only way I'll mentally survive this & go on to a better future. So I'm starting again today - exercising, keeping busy, dieting (watching what really goes into my mouth) working on my hobbies, cleaning house, going to bed early (after a hot bath) I hope I can be consistent at this - it's the only way!! Also Bob & Linda always support me also - I am very lucky to have such great kids - poor Gene has lost a lot!!

July 18, 1983

Went grocery shopping with Ange. First we went for toast & coffee, then to Giant Eagle - I should never be allowed in a grocery store. I never know when to stop buying! Then I have to repay the money I borrowed! My dieting went fine today, until I began to get tired & then the old habit - to stay up is to eat! I didn't do too bad - I exercised today - 175 rows on my machine.

July 19, 1983

Talked to Gene this morning, mostly about the house, the loan he has to pick up thru JWI for bathroom, etc. He's lucky, I'm still rather, not doing anything so unbelievable, that he has to be amazed at my change, but I can't get over him, I hear about these changes on Health TV, but I never knew it would happen to Gene, always felt so close to him, but I did, complain a lot, and gained a lot of weight - What a lesson I'm learning! - Hope he is too! Irene Michelson came over to watch "Dayware" true story about Margaret Sullivan, the actress, what an in depth look into life - she enjoyed it very much, along with the herbal tea I made her.

July 20, 1983

Exercised again, Oh it is so hard to take off all this weight - I did pretty good on my eating today - going to bed early tonight, because I want to do more around the house tomorrow. - But, I keep wanting to stay up & eat, it makes me so crazy! Talked to Ed, Trish & little Jessie - They signed Jessie up for Pre-Kindergarten at "Laura Child Center" for Sept 7 - I got so excited - I just love those kids! I'll be taking care of them, July 29 and 30th. Wish Gene was here!!

July 21, 1983
I guess for some reason, I stopped writing in my journal as of this day - everything was about the same I guess, and I got tired of writing it down on paper.

November 30, 1983
It's been another 4 months approximately, I feel much better mentally than I did 2 years ago - I haven't accomplished my two goals as yet - dieting down to 130 lbs or driving but I won't give up - I'll try real hard in December and January. Anne Margaret & I have a bet going for the next 3 months - 2 lbs off for her per week & 4 lbs off for me or we pay \$5 a week to the winner. I'm determined to do it because I have "gorged" myself long enough - my body aches from tursetis especially my legs - I just can't take the pain anymore - I can't even baby sit properly - can't bend, can't lift - I'd be no good for any man sexually, but that isn't everything for me - I loved to have a companion just for him, and some good hugs & kisses, and going out to dinner & the movies, good conversation, things like that - someone who really likes to be with me, just for my mind and cooking, etc. Some day!!

I don't miss Gene as I once did. I guess
Dix been too hurt to really care anymore -
If he really showed that he wanted to all back
again, I'd do my part to make it right, but
he never calls, comes over about twice a
month, stay away from the family pretty
much - just lives with her & does for
QWV. If that's enough for him, what can
I say. Linda is still at Pitt, Bob is still at
JPM & going to school, at Pitt. Ken works at
"Friday" in South Hills & is going to stay
at a furnished apartment in Belmont for the
next few months, for about 4 to 5 nites
a week and Ed is working at Cornstock
Engineering & has a wife and 2 wonderful
daughters.

We have such a nice family, a beautiful
home, a good future together, if we both
try to enjoy each other, for better or for worse,
but evidently, Gene doesn't want to retain
what we had together for 30 years, I feel
it is his loss. Not mine, I won't give up
anything, even if I have had nites & days
with all memories. I'll survive this somehow
for my family, my mum and me.

December 1, 1983

Today's my mother's 74th birthday. Gene actually sent her a card, signed it "Gene". no love, he never signs love anymore. Even on the Chanukkah Card he sent us, he signed it Dad, no love. I really wonder if he's so much happier now, than with us, I'll probably never know. The hurt in my heart is still very deep, I just never thought he'd turn away from us so, especially for people who are not his family & true friends, for some reason, because his girlfriend "stays" with him no matter what he doesn't give her, he thinks of her as much closer than me. I hope and hope she shows her real colors soon & devastates him, so - but she needs someone so badly, she may never do that. We lost so much love & trust for him, that in time I may turn away, too, especially if I'm lucky to meet someone else, maybe after my weight loss. Linda & Bobby and I took my mother out to Targuino's for dinner for her birthday, she loved her watch from the 3 kids & I got her a timer for the kitchen & a chain for her Rose necklace & I paid for her dinner. She had a real good time & Linda also bought her a small Vase with pink roses - She called Glenna the other nite & she seemed reasonably well - we'll see her on her Birthday - her 49th - December 8th.

December 2, 1983

Today is the day Gene puts a deposit into the bank for the bills, etc. - I thought he'd come over, because I haven't spoke to him for 2 weeks, but no, he didn't and I was getting very edgy because I'm not perfectly sure he gets to the bank all the time, illness, etc. So I called him about noon at his apartment & he said he was busy & would have dropped the receipt in the mail and come hell or high water the money would be in the bank - I asked him to show me the respect I deserve by calling me from now on so I can be sure - he said he would, and I got a few choice words in about him, & he said not to lay any guilt trips on him, and I told him, if he didn't have guilt he wouldn't feel that way & we said goodbye. I can't believe he's changed so! He's the old Gene of yesteryear, before he became my husband & changed for the good - I can't stand this person now - he's so selfish & egotistical, but he likes his life this way, a woman hanging on him, making him feel like the man he's not - and he blocks his mind to the past & what might be better for the future - what can I say!