

Stolen Holidays

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Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Tis the season to celebrate, a tradition from long ago but for some of us, now the season of loss and silent grief.

Memories of joys, happiness and blessings hang in the air and slip through the shadows of our minds.

Gone with the loved ones we lost.

It was their time to go does not satisfy the hole left in my heart. They are gone and took my Holiday spirit with them.

The boxed decorations have been stored for so long, reminders of what was stolen from our life. No need to drag them out to remind me of my pain and loss.

I search for how to fill these days and instead pack away the feelings of grief and dread.

Oh Katherine I miss you so much and it hurts to be sad during this time.

So I have decided to choose joy and fill this empty Holiday space with our memories of the past and the new ones with the family.

Happy Thanks Giving 2023; *I am so grateful and thankful for you and me and the half century we have shared.*

Merry Christmas Darling 2023, *I have hung the mistletoe over your picture here and given you a bow.*

Your stocking is hung with care and filled with love, kisses and hugs to last a year I have added the memories of the children on Christmas morning that we shared together.

Happy New Year 2024; *When the clock strikes twelve this new year we will stand together under the stars and begin to step closer to our loving return.*

I know you are still right here with me and thank for choosing us to be one for eternity.

The good news there is nothing to put away, or get lost, I carry all of this love and hope – our memories and dreams here in my heart everyday – along with you!

Happy Holidays Katherine

My Angel in Heaven

Your Jerry on Earth

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