

I typed this because you couldn't possibly have read my hand writing.

## *A Letter To A Special Person...*

That would be you Berry.

I can't tell you how good it made me feel to get your card. I actually had a tough day and that evening Mama said "you got a card over there Honey". When I open it I was just pleased. When I read it I was even more pleased. Not only because you took the time to write to me, but because I can see a special person caring enough to say the words that matter.

I wish I could say that I think it's unusual for people to bond in such a natural way as we have, but Berry I've seen it so many times in my life. It's strange in a way because I'm very hard to get close to for most people. I am pretty honest with my feelings and that's hard for a lot of people. I think Katie is a little like that.

It was really like that with Dave and I. Something just clicked with us and like many people, one special relationship leads to another.

I know ya'll had a nice visit this past week. Pretty cool up there I bet.

Barry, the baptism thing is important to me for Debbie. I feel like it's important to do, though not necessarily going to keep you out of Heaven if you miss getting it done. Think about this Berry. It was Jesus that asked a man... a special man... a relative in fact, and can you believe... **a Baptist** to baptize Him! For me it's what I need to do for Debbie and I. You are so pure in innocence of motivation by anything but purity of heart in my opinion. Berry, I know your just a man, but like John, a special man. You chose a craft that will mean the difference in so many people's lives. And much of that will come by your presence, your statue, your words and your actions. You will be held to a higher level of accountability all your life for carrying the word of the Lord our God. But you have the special and unique opportunity to effect so many people's lives by whom you are becoming. I appreciate you and Katie taking your time that night to see me. I told Anna, as we hugged and you prayed, I could feel Katie, your child, you and the Holy Spirit blessing Debbie and I as you prayed. In our lives, we have people and things happen that stay with us forever. One saying my Mormon friends have is this. I can forgive you for the wrong you do, but I can't reward you for good you haven't done. I know you and Katie will bless a lot of peoples lives.

I hope those belts keep your pants up and your belly in. And I look forward to the next time Debbie and I get to see you and Katie. You're a special person Berry and I wish your and Katie all the best life has to offer.

Until next time...

PS: Thank you for all your well wishes and prayers. I know prayer and my faith has made all the difference in mine and Debbie's lives.