

Happy Birthday, Aunt Marge!!

How lucky I have been to have had you for an aunt.

Your friendship with Mom showed me the strength that friendships give to one another, be it discussing husbands who prefer not to stop for directions, children who have their own strong ideas, a new recipe...your weekly letters, Mom's often typed, to one another traveled the miles for years.

You also introduced me to German words at a tender age that I, too, would one day use on my kids "vingers weg!"

The cousin exchanges were probably a lot of work for you, but boy were they ever fun and forged life-long friendships with the Webster crew. Thank-you for going to all the effort.

Thank-you also for introducing me to camping. Every time we camp, I repeat what I learned from Uncle Carsten, "to leave the campsite cleaner than you found it," what a good lesson that was.

What a treat it was to go to the German Sausage Shop and pick out candy. My tongue still aches when I think of the splits I got on it from the hard sour lemon candies, no doubt, I ate too many.

Oma also comes to mind when I think of the Webster days. What a patient and loving Mom you had. Do you remember hearing that I craved Oma's pickled cauliflower when I was away for a year in Latin America? Yumminess.

I can hardly mention fond memories without including Uncle Carsten. You made a great team and am I ever glad that he married you. Unc sure had a great sense of humor and I guess that you needed that with a house full of that many boys! Hannah and Vadiem both know the Uncle Carsten song .

It would be a great joy to me, if someday, my nieces or nephews looked back on their youth with as many fond memories of me, as I have of you. You have been an excellent example of a loving aunt and deserve your place of honor as a Favorite Aunt of mine.

I hope that there are many more birthday cakes in your future.

Thank-you, dear Tante, for all the love and attentions you have shown me.

Best wishes for a very Happy Birthday!

Tilykke med Fodselsdagen, Alles Gute zum Geburtstag, Bon Anniversaire, Feliz Cumpleanos, en van Harte Gefeliciteerd met uw verjaardag!

With love,

Vadiem, Hannah, Tom and Carol