

Sunday - Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1955

Dear Geoff & Susan - This is a  
very sad letter to have to write  
you - I know, dear Geoff, how  
much you will sorrow to lose  
our dear dear Daddy - so  
kind & good as he has always  
been to each & all of us. It  
has been & is a great comfort  
to have Brian home - & how  
little we thought would happen  
before he returned to Canada!  
It has been a very great shock  
to us all. Dear Daddy looks

Beautiful - with his lovely  
white hair, & no wrinkles on  
his face. Brian plans to come  
by a boat later than the one  
he originally intended -

Norman came on Friday & is  
staying until after the funeral  
tomorrow - he has helped me  
greatly with the papers -

Dorothy Stokes is coming  
tonight. It has been a  
very sad birthday for  
poor Barbara today -

He quite thought Daddy better,  
& he appeared quite all right  
the day of his death - he said  
the night before that we  
could go & see Auntie Nellie  
this year or perhaps next  
year would come to see you -  
The Dr said it was heart  
failure & probably death  
just like Uncle Tom -  
We have already had so many  
letters of sorrow & sympathy for  
Daddy was so greatly beloved.  
he had the gift of friendship

The Dr. said the alternative would  
probably have been deep-sep. &  
he would have been bedridden  
which would have troubled  
him terribly. his veins were  
in a terrible state the Dr. said  
he had never seen a case so bad.  
Aunties have been so good help-  
ing all the time. I hope they will  
be laid up. Daddy was always  
talking about you & wondering  
how you were managing -  
With very dear love to you both  
& X.X.X for Emma from  
Your ever loving Mother.