## **HEINLEIN GENEALOGY**

Norma Barbaretta Heinlein Johnson (1908 to 1995) Eric Axel Johnson (husband, 1906 to 1965)

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Dear Family and Friends,

Another year has gone by and, as I reflect upon it, a lot has happened to the two of us and our family. As I write, my brothers and I are currently in the process of moving our mother from Scottsdale to an assisted-living facility here in Lake Oswego. She has had a difficult year with health problems and can no longer live alone. This has made my normal preparations for Christmas, cookie baking, home decorating, and note writing somewhat difficult.

My year has had other moments. I was diagnosed with uterine cancer in May and had to have a hysterectomy. I was fortunate in that I did not require either radiation or chemotherapy after the surgery. My only follow-up is a visit with the medicine man every six months for five years. As you can imagine, I am counting my blessings. I returned to work three weeks after my surgery and continue to toil three to four days a week.

Rich formally retired from the Research Center the first of July this year and is having difficulty finding time to do all the things he wants to do. He was hired back by the Center to work one day a week to finish a couple of the research projects where he is the principal investigator. He also is taking an evening course in Swedish at Portland State University, learning to play his Casio keyboard, working on his train layout, learning to better use our new PC, volunteering at a train store, managing our new finances and doing some walking and exercising.

This March we were blessed with our second grandchild, Hanna Catherine, daughter of Brian and Carol. She is a lovely toe-head, and is said to look like her dad. Our first grandchild, Brady Richard, now 15 months old, and his parents, Jay and Debbie, appear to be adjusting well to living in Columbia Falls, Montana. We visited them this summer and they spent Thanksgiving week with us. Our other two children, Kelly and Joel, and their spouses still live in the area and we see them frequently. They are all doing fine.