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Dear Chet

I noticed that you unsubscribed from The PA-Dutch list last week. I hope this doesn't mean that you are dropping out of genealogy.

Family history has kept me occupied for so many years. I have been desperately lonely but genealogy takes my mind off being unhappy and lonely. You have evidence of my effort to keep busy (Frank's books).

Now I'm throwing my energy into another project: Showalter (my mother's maiden name).

I'm doing it on Family Tree Maker software so I can search the internet, etc.

I'm doing this now because I'm depressed about not being able to retire soon. I went to a Financial Seminar (3 classes) and it really spelled out (BIG TIME) that I haven't enough retirement income. I had hoped to sell my mobilehome soon and move to Indiana. Well, had to abandon that dream!! Now more time and energy will be channeled into computer genealogy.

I hope to see your name on the list groups again, and consider sending me an e-mail message occasionally. We can swap chit-chat.

Heartfelt best wishes
from Lorraine

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in Him."

1 JOHN 4:16 NIV



There are many kinds of loneliness, but one kind in particular is often apt to intensify as the years mount toward three score and ten. It is the loneliness we feel for those who have gone on before us, those who cannot be replaced, those whose physical presence brought us so many happy hours of sharing and love.

One day when I could not seem to shake my melancholy, I found myself reading *Alice Through the Looking Glass* to my grandchildren. Alice was very lonely.

"Oh, don't go on like that!" cried the Red Queen in despair. "Consider what a great girl you are . . . consider what 'o'clock' it is. Consider anything. Only don't cry!"

"Can you keep from crying by *considering things*?" Alice asked.

"That's the way it's done," said the Queen with great decision. "Nobody can do two things at once, you know."

The children regarded all this as delightful nonsense, but to me it repeated Isaiah's song (Isaiah 26:3), and I knew where my help lay.

Like the Queen said, I couldn't do two things at once! Keeping my mind on Him brought the peace I sought.

—ELAINE ST. JOHNS

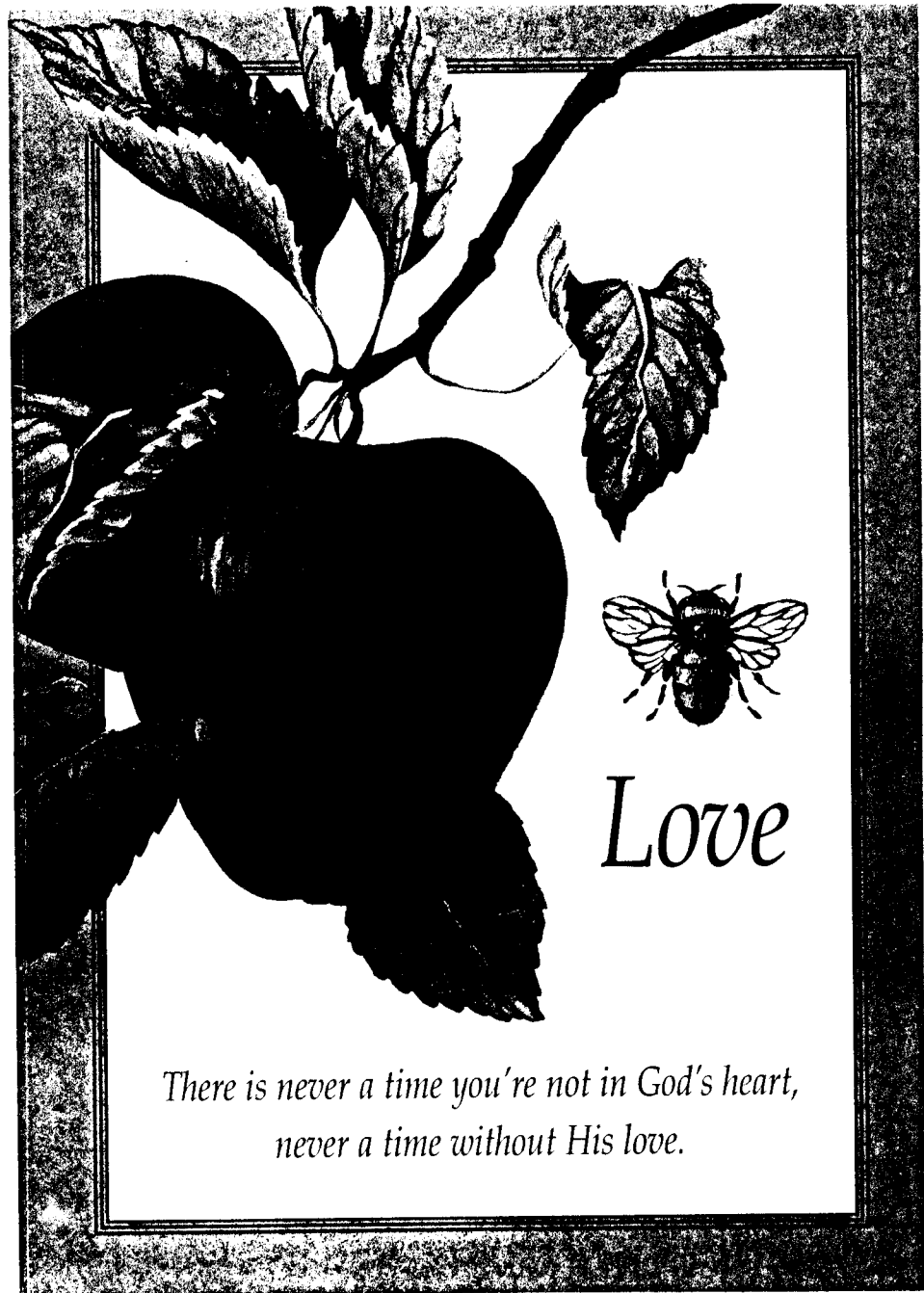
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Love

*There is never a time you're not in God's heart,
never a time without His love.*