



MARIE GRIFFIN DOWNEY – FROM BIRTH TO 80 – CLIFF NOTES

**REA WAS BORN IN WEST PHILLY
THE YOUNGER SISTER OF CLAREY REA**

**AS LITTLE GIRLS, THEY WERE ALWAYS SEEN
WITH COUSINS – PEGGY, THERESA & PEAN**

**ON CLEANING DAY, WHEN IT WAS TIME TO DO THE FLOOR
REA WOULD SNEAK BEHIND THE COUCH AND RIGHT OUT THE DOOR**

**CLARE WOULD STAY AND PICK UP THE SLACK
AS SISTERS, THEY ALWAYS HAD EACH OTHER'S BACK**

**THE SISTERS GREW AND TIME WENT BY
SOON THEY GRADUATED FROM WEST CATHOLIC HIGH**

**REA MET PAT AND CLARE MET DAN
AND BEFORE YOU KNEW IT, THEY WERE A CLAN**

**THEY HAD THEIR FIRST BABIES – PAT AND TIM
SOON FOLLOWED BY THE ARRIVAL OF JIM**

**CLARE HAD KATHY, FOLLOWED BY BOB
REA COUNTERED WITH TWINS FRAN & MIKE, CREATING A MOB**

TO KEEP THINGS EVEN,
CLARE HAD STEVEN

THE TIEBREAKER CAME. AND HE WAS NAMED PAUL
HE SPENT SEVERAL WEEKS WITH THE DOWNEYS THAT FALL

WHEN REA DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO EARN A SALARY
SHE WENT TO WORK AT STRAWBRIDGE'S IN THE GALLERY

SHE MADE MANY FRIENDSHIPS IN THE DRAPERY DEPARTMENT
THAT LASTED WELL PAST HER RETIREMENT

FROM UPPER DARBY TO JERSEY, REA AND PAT DID GO
REUNITED WITH CLARE, DAN, THERESA AND JOE

THE MOVE TO LEISURETOWNE WAS A WINNER
CUTTING THROUGH THE BACKYARDS TO SHARE DINNER

NEW FRIENDS AT CERAMICS WERE MADE
ALONG WITH MANY DECORATIONS I STILL HAVE DISPLAYED

THE DANCES, TRIPS TO THE MOVIES AND MALL
TOGETHER THEY SURE HAD A BALL

WHO WOULD'VE GUESSED SHE'D MOVE TO A SOUTHERN STATE
THE FACT THAT IT IS WARMER, I GUESS IS JUST FATE

NOW REA IS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND HAS A NEW HIP
TO SEE HER, WE HAD TO TAKE A ROAD TRIP

IT ISN'T EVERYDAY SOMEONE YOU LOVE TURNS 80
WE HAD TO COME SHARE THE DAY WITH THIS WONDERFUL LADY

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, AUNT REA!

*Love
Kathy
& Dan*