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Family Album, USA

Episode 16 “[Full of Surprise](#)“

Act 1

Robbie The mailman just dropped some mail in our box Grandpa.

Grandpa Probably a lot of advertising and bills. Why don't you write to me, Robbie, so I can get some interesting mail?

Robbie You were right, Grandpa. Advertising, bills, bills, advertising.

Grandpa Yes. It's just like I said, Robbie. Nothing interesting.

Robbie You won't believe it, Grandpa, but there's a letter here addressed to you, Mr. Malcolm Stewart, and it looks like a personal letter.

Grandpa Oh, it must be a bill.

Robbie I don't think so. The return name and address is Pete Waters, RFD Number 1, Chesterton.

Grandpa You're joking. Pete Waters?

Robbie Pete Waters, RFD Number 1, Chesterton. You know him?

Grandpa Do I know Pete Waters? You bet I do! He was my roommate in college. He visited with Grandma and me in Florida about five years ago.

Robbie What does he say? Is he OK?

Grandpa Yeah, he's fine. Just fine. He's writing to invite me to spend a weekend with him at his farm. He's planning a get-together with two or three other college friends. A kind of a fifty-year anniversary reunion.

Robbie Sounds like fun. Fifty Years?Wow!

Grandpa It sounds like fun to me, too, Robbie.

Robbie What kind of farm does he have?

Grandpa I've never been there, Robbie, but he has chickens and cows and all. That means fresh eggs and fresh milk.

Robbie Does he have a family?

Grandpa No, he doesn't, Robbie. He never married. He's not as lucky as I am to have a family and grandchildren . I'm a lucky man.

Robbie How come he never got married?

Grandpa That's a good question, Robbie. A very good question. He never married because the girl he was in love with in college married someone else. As simple as that. He never got over it.

Robbie He must have loved her very much.

Grandpa Yes. Very much. Lillian Winters. She was in our class.

Robbie And what happened?

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Grandpa She was in love with Donald McGrath, the quarterback on our football team.

Robbie Football players are always popular with the ladies.

Grandpa She liked Pete, and they went to dances together. But her heart was with Donald.

Robbie Did he ever get over it?

Grandpa No, he never did.

Robbie Where is she today?

Grandpa I don't know. Maybe Lillian will be at the reunion.

Robbie You think so?

Grandpa Pete's full of surprises.

Robbie I wish I could go there with you, Grandpa. What do you think the surprise will be?

Grandpa With Pete, you never know, Robbie.

Robbie Won't it be exciting to see all your college friends there again?

Grandpa It is already. I'm kind of excited about going now. Next weekend...sleep over Friday and Saturday night and come back Sunday. I can't wait!

Robbie Don't you think you ought to call Pete and tell him you're coming?

Grandpa You're reading my mind, Robbie.