

After Jess' death, Harriet returned to Michigan City, Indiana (from whence she came) and lived with her spinster sister, Mary, at 1714 Tennessee Street, Michigan City, Indiana, until her death on August 17, 1966. Mary Novak sent the following letter to George and Ethel Loeffler:

Mary Novak  
1714 Tennessee  
Michigan City, Ind 46360

August 23, 1966

George J. Loeffler  
320 Lenox Avenue  
South Orange, N.J.

Dear George & Ethel,

Just a few lines to let you know that Harriet passed away wed Aug. 17, was buried Sat 20th now I am left all alone she was away from home 8 months but I knew she was living and I could see her but now the house seems empty, we had our ups and downs but she was here now that is all gone she simply wasted away the undertaker said she didn't weigh 60 pounds. I am enclosing a clipping from the paper and a picture (picture was a holy card).

Sincerely yours

Mary Novak

The enclosed funeral notice had the following biographical information about Aunt Hattie:

Harriet Loeffler, 76, 1714 Tennessee Street, died at 6 a.m. today at the Lake Shore Convalescent Home after an illness of two year. Mrs. Loeffler was born in Germany Oct. 4, 1889, the daughter of Samuel and Michaelena Gorna Novak. On June 23, 1926, in Vineta, Okla., she was married to Joseph Loeffler, who preceded her in death. She was a member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church. Surviving are a sister, Mary Novak, with whom she lived; a niece, Mary Grott, and a nephew, Edward Novak." She is buried in St. Stanislaus Cemetery.



Harriet N. Novak  
1889 - 1966

Miss Mary Loeffler  
366 21st St  
Irvington, N.J.

December 18, 1927

Dearest Sister:

Dont think that I am just recovering from the shock of your letter, I just have been so busy doing things, and sick most of the time that I did not have pep enough to write, but to Mother, I only had ten teeth pulled, first three were pulled on my Birthday 4th of Oct, and the five a week later that was on Oct 11th then I had two more pulled two weeks later, so you see the month of Oct was all taken up for me and that was no fun. I was just about sick from that, first I had an Xray taken of my teeth, then I took gas for the first three teeth I had pulled, but the rest of them I did not take gas, but believe me that was hard on my nerves, but since I had them out I feel like a million dollars, one of my teeth was badly abscessed thats why I was feeling so rotten all of the time. I have been to the Dentist for impressions and I will have my other teeth next Wed Dec 21st. You should of heard Jess tease me you see I cant say anything right, that is anything with v's, or f's and he would have me say violets or vivien, boulevard and it sounds like I would say it the w. He sure is a kick. Mother told Jess that he is laughing at me but i'll have my laugh on him later.

So you are going to be married in the Spring **[Mom was married July 25, 1928]**, here is luck to you and hope you will be as happy as I am, I could not get a better husband then I have, God Love him, and I do love him so, yes your mother has told us about your sweetie and that they have met him and that you had him up to Evelyns house, and I do hope he will be as good to you as Jess is to me. I would of made you something nice for Christmas but I was feeling so badly and was short on money that I could not do any better. My Dr bill was so big and then my teeth that I cant even get anything for ourselves. After New Years I am going to work and make some money. Jess will be going away soon after that so there wont be anything to hold me back.

I want to make enough money to buy us a car. And I need so many things too, clothes and some things for the house. Say Mary how is your Bird **[have no idea what Aunt Hattie means; Mom couldn't have had a bird in Training College; perhaps there's a joke here]** you have not mentioned anything about him in your letter.

I suppose you are very busy right now, are you going to be at home on Christmas day, I hope so. Jess and me are going to have ours up in the Mountains, I have a girlfriend staying at my house her husband is up in the mountains for his health and so we are going up there to spend the hollidays. Jess gets five days leave and we are going to spend them up there, he loves to go hunting so he will get the chance now. Her name is Mary, we were up there a week before last for four days, Jess came on a Sat and we came back Sunday night. Gee we sure had a good time. Tommie thats her husband killed two rabbits one day so I went and made Hasenfefer **[hasenpfeffer - a highly seasoned stew made of marinated rabbit meat]** and they were crazy about it, want me to make it again some day, and we played horseshoes they beet me on that but I beet them playing croquet, I wore my hiking pants up there.

Jammie has a cabin up there three rooms and sleeping porch so when we go up there we sleep on camp cots thats Jess and me, but we have lots of fun.

Well everything is nice out here warm in day time but pretty cold at night. Jess has been gone since last Wed and wont be back until Friday 23rd.

Well Mary I guess I'll stop I got to talking here to Mary Smith and forgot what else I was going to say so I think I'll quit and go to bed it is getting late, I said I would do better than you did but I see I kept you waiting for an answer, but I do promise to do better after the hollidays so will say good night, and dont forget to write soon.

Love to you from Jess and Hattie.

Harriet N. Novak  
1889 - 1966