

# Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*A day to remember, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1929, a special son experienced his birth;  
God had been training this kid, for a lifetime mission, on planet earth.  
After parental debate, John and Ruth Montgomery, decided without strife.  
“Rex”, meaning “King”, would be his carefully chosen name in this life.  
Raised on a farm, in Kentland, Indiana, one might ask “what was there to do?”  
With four brothers, and a sister, boredom was never a problem with this crew.  
In June of ‘47, the 4H round-up is where Rex first laid eyes on Maxine; was it destiny?  
Would these hearts become one (3-3-51) in the presence of God, friends, and family?  
To pass the time, cars, bowling, and Maxine was Rex’s idea of good fun.  
Camping, fishing, and farming were also favorites, anything under the sun.  
In a flash, Rex was graduating from Goodland High School, 1948 was the year;  
Followed by a Purdue graduation (1950) and the start of a memorable career.  
As a soldier, farmer, trucker, and dad, Rex logged thousands of lonely miles;  
Yet, it was a sacrifice he willingly made for Maxine’s love and five other smiles.  
Now, there are many more children, ten who are grand and two who are great;  
Why was this wonderful life bestowed on Rex, was it hard work or simply fate?  
On this special day, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, there is just so much that we need to say;  
So from your family to you... “Thanks, we love you, and Happy Birthday!”*