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I dedicate this book  
to those who have  
experienced the loss  
of loved ones.  
The memories of your  
loved ones are now  
precious treasure for  
you to carry in your  
heart always.



*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*Barbara Ann Young*

Mr. Zane lives next door to me.

He is a friendly neighbor.

He lets me plant in his backyard,

we put in lots of labor.

It has been a while since I have seen him.

His garden is growing wild.

His mailbox keeps getting way too full, and his

papers are in a pile.



His son comes by to cut the grass.

He keeps it nice and neat.

He is no good at gardening,

but it's no easy feat.

His daughter comes to see him,

but he is never, ever there.

His house is dark and empty

and he is never in his chair.





One day while I was playing,  
a crowd gathered at his house.  
I watched them talk and laugh,  
but I was quiet as a mouse.

Mommy walked up behind me  
and she began to speak,  
"There is something I must tell you,  
that I have known about all week.

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