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Sam expressed a preference for memories of us so I was thinking of our first date...Dave had no car for several years on the farm. It was 1939 when we met at the Quaker work camp and he was borrowing Gene coxes car(husband of nurse Lindsey) to make calls etc. So he asked our workcamp counsellors, a young couple Biff and Elsie Jackson with two young boys to take us to a nearby town one evening for a coke. On the way I was singing some of my favorite folk songs(a Ky one)"Down in the valley " for example the valley so low, Hang your head over hear the wind blow. Roses love sunshine violets low dew angels in heaven knows I love youl" I think it was that ride that raised the idea of lifetime companions which we were both in search of. Fast forward to 91 when susan and I were with a dying Dave in TMC hospital. He had been in a coma for several days and as I sang that song near his bed he gave a moan: The hearing goes last they say and I am sure he heard the down in the valley tune from that first date.