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King & Tony;

I wanted to thank you for shipping me the pizzas. I know that's surely not a normal request. It all worked out pretty well. It's been a long time since I've had Chicago pizza. I went to school at Gross & RB. Moved here in 1973. I think the building you're in was the old Marz Pharmacy, then Kanak Pharmacy, and was Lockhart's Sporting Goods when I left. I wrote a book on my battle with MS thru Publish America called, MS; What it Gave Me. My second book thru them will be out soon called. The Day's of 48, Lost America. It has a lot of Brookfield memories in it. I went to school with Ralph Stefannim whose father owned Ralph's Pizza by Cock Robin. Sadly he was killed in 73 in a car accident. I went to school with Herb Fingerhut, I used to buy from them till they closed up. Also Todd Hitzeman. Most of my friends have moved away except Greg Pardini. I have never made it back there. I used to live at 9436 Henrietta, my dad bought the house new in 44 for \$6000. Imagine that today. I'd imagine things have changed a lot. I used to go to Ubert's Barber shop, last barber I ever went to in 12/72. I wrote quite a bit on Holat's Hardware, Stan was quite a guy. Sol Goldman was my dentist. Larry's Sinclair, later Arco was our station. As a kid we shopped at the A&P, last I knew it's a bank. I'd imagine Leo's is still here, as I understand me Cordial Inn still is. The restaurant started out as Paul's, v/as Roma's when I left. I went to school with Gary Palouchek, I see the funeral home is no more. And Sparkle's been there since the late 50's at least. I see on a Brookfield photo tour the deck's been removed off me old trolley bridge over the creek. Dad rode those trolleys. I lived on that bridge. I was a train nut and hung out at Congress Park and on Shawmut at Sv^indall's Coal Yard. My father worked over 30 years for the LaGrange Citizen till it folded in 71. My buddies and I were faithful Barone's customers. We ate at Grace & Steve's on Broadway, best burger joint ever. Stan & Ray's at Grand and Keman was our mainstay, I guess the convenience store of the era. Kerry's Custard I'd imagine is long gone. Another friend busboyed at the Lobster House which I see is still there. I worked at Wally's Citgo on Ogden. I've tried to locate Wally, but no luck. The Blue Bonnet was still there, they had 2 Isetta's for delivery cars. As a kid I saw Dr. Appleyard Sr. in the old place by Trindl Lamp. His son took over and built a place by the pool. I bought a rail video, it started with the new water tower, never seen that one. My dad worked in the 40's for Boerman's Moving with Howie Boerman. hi 46 the

BFD helped save my sisters life, dad wrote them every year till his death in 12/98. I owe a lot to the great teachers at Gross. Only time that place ever closed was 3 days in the big snow of 67. I think Brookfield Auto Parts on Grand is gone, we always had to beat on the Deico signs and make a racket. I'll bet BowlMor is long gone too. As kids we lived in the alleys, collecting bottles in our wagon's. No alley's here. In the 40's my dad nearly bought the Frank Lloyd Wright house on Forrest, but it had no plumbing then. Every Thanksgiving we played the "Gravy Bowl" football game around the outfield at Kawanis Park. The old Brookfield station was still by Cock Robin, the old city hall was still in use. The fire dept. still had the 47 Pierce Ladder truck. We were there before the circle was. Lot's of accidents then. West Town buses were our RB transport often. I guess the RB experience rubbed off, we've owned English Bulldogs since 79. The old library was still in use. I went to school with Wendy Karchi, her folks had a bakery up town, great apple slices. St. Barbara's sponsored our Explorer Post. I'd imagine today little of what I remember is left. I understand they hold firework's again. I was at Ehlert the year of the mess there, it was pretty exciting. Even had my Diamond Jubilee hat on, blew it off I couldn't tell if the Brookfield Pool is still there, I always had a pass for it. I worked part time for the LaGrange Shopper. A lot of memories there for me, again thanks for the pizza. Next winter, weather cooperative we'll do it again. Your menu is wonderful. Nothing like that here. We have one or two fair places, but lot's of Pizza Hut's or Domino type places. We do have some good Mexican places. There is only one place in the state that has half decent Italian sausage. No such thing as a Vienna here. I loved Jimmy's hot dog stand on Ogden. I saved me last pizza for the Super Bowl, I hoped I'd help the Bear's, no luck there. Jim McMahon went to school here. At least last year the Sox gave us what I believed I'd never live long enough to see. Since Ernie, William's, Santo's and Hundley retired I've lost track of the Cubs. I once met Bobby Hull. The Northwest toll's were 35 cents. Twinkle's were 12 cents. Stamp's went up to 5 cents, from 3. And I'm only 51! I was in 3rd. Grade at recess when Kennedy was killed. I didn't recognize Gross with the new windows. I'd like to think someday I'll get back. My uncle Erv used to own Brookfield Collision, he's in the Scottish Home now. Keep those pizza lover's happy there!

Thank You.

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