

VICTOR AGE 3

On Victor's third birthday (April 27, 1989) José and Josy went to Lois and Bill's to celebrate. Malva and Steve also came in from New York, bringing five-year-old Jessica and their baby Jeremy, just two months old.

Once inside the house, they turned their attention to Jeremy, crying and in need of a diaper change and a bottle.

"Go take care of Grandma," Malva, distracted, told Jessica, who was hovering near the baby.

To this Victor called out, "I can take care of Grandma!"

It was a beautiful spring day, so Josy took both older children outside. Standing on the lawn they all admired the new spring blossoms and the lawn rich with wildflowers coming into bloom. Suddenly, without prompting, Victor bent down, picked a violet, and handed it to Jessica. Josy found it touching that at such a young age he already felt a sense of chivalry and warm instinctive affection for his cousin, happy that she had come in to be there with him.