

"THIS IS YOUR LIFE"

According to Mother

When Billy was a little boy,
He was his mother's pride and joy.
He went to school and made straight A,
And worked real hard both night and day.
His father wanted him to do some chores,
But he felt mops and brooms were awful bores.

He thought boat racing was much more fun,
So a cabinet full of trophies he easily won.
He worked hard at whatever he did,
And an Eagle Scout was his next bid.
When old enough to go to college,
He went West to Utah to gain his knowledge.

Each morning at five he went down to the Hot Shoppe
Where he worked all the stations from bottom to top.
He studied hard, but played some too,
And found lovely Donna Rae to woo.
After one year in the Navy, he made Donna his bride,
And they came back to Washington, D.C., to reside.

In 1956 he helped open our first hotel.
We called it Twin Bridges and it really did well.
He loved the hotel business and wanted a chain,
So we soon had Key Bridge, Dallas, and Philadelphia Main.
In 1964 we were forging ahead
With airline kitchens, restaurants and hotel beds.

He then was made president of the Marriott Corporation,
And in 25 years vowed we'd be fourth in the nation.
He is off on a plane a great deal of the time
Checking hotels, theme parks, and kitchens of airlines.
Donna and Bill have raised a wonderful family.
They have added three fine sons and a lovely daughter to our family tree.

Debbie gave them twin grandsons a year or so ago,
But Stephen, John and David still have awhile to go.
So here's to our son bill on his 25th year.
He's done a great job and is to us very dear.
We wish him good health, much happiness and cheer,
And hope he will have another 25 years.

Alice S. Marriott

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J. W. Marriott, Jr., with the Marriott Corporation

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