

George and Kato's Visit

In 1976 my Godparents, George and Kato visited us in America. Coincidentally, it was America's 200th birthday and the bicentennial celebrations were all over the television. When they asked me what the occasion was and I told them they couldn't understand it. Kato said that she had a vase at home that was older than that.

It was a great visit, enjoyed by all of us, including the children. It is worth mentioning that at the time we lived in Levittown, Pennsylvania in a 1200 square foot house that was basement-less and had a one-car garage. There were eight of us and one television.

One night we purchased tickets to the Barnum and Bailey Circus at the Spectrum and took George and Kato along, all in one car, an eight-passenger Plymouth station wagon. Mary chewed gum constantly then and on the way to the circus George mentioned that he never chewed gum. Kato chimed in, saying that she had never had the pleasure, either. Two sticks were handed out as all eyes were on them in anticipation. A few seconds later Kato's gum stuck to her dentures and George painfully observed that his gum had pulled off one of his crowns. He was so disgusted that he took the gum out of his mouth and threw it out the window. I don't think it had landed on the ground yet, when he realized that the now-free crown went out the window with the gum.