

8/28/99 =====
Journal Entry (I had arrived in Rochester the day before)

Today was a good good good good day. An almost unreal day, in some ways. I felt accepted. Totally and completely and without reservation...

I took my 8 year old niece to go and pick up my mom this morning. She is staying at my brother's apartment, as my brother is out of town until tomorrow so she's sleeping in their guest bedroom. There is a doorman in the lobby, and I told him we were there to pick up Mrs. Rosen in 309. So the guy gets on the intercom and says "Mrs. Rosen, there is a young lady waiting for you here in the front lobby". And he was talking about me. Just like on the bus, I was wearing no makeup, a t-shirt, and some shorts. It was very nice...

I had an appt. with my makeup friend (Deborah from Jumelle) at 2. It was great to see her. She did a very nice job (as usual). When I came home, it was the first time any of them had seen me with makeup, and they were all wonderful. We took a bunch of digital pics, which I should have downloaded tomorrow...

My 14 year old niece and I decided to go to the mall. We strolled and shopped for almost 3 hours. Noone batted an eyelash. I bought a purse. Rachel bought some pants for school. We had a great time.

Later in the evening, my sister-in-law stopped by. We had a very nice talk. She offered to give me a bunch of her stuff that she doesn't use anymore. Mom had brought some more dresses for me, so I tried them on and everyone agreed on one I should wear tomorrow night out to my mom's birthday dinner...

I did get a call from work, and they asked me to fly direct from here back to Dallas on Sunday night, so I can be at the facility first thing on Monday. I'll make the arrangements tomorrow...

It's late, and I need some zzzzz's. I'm not sure what all is planned for tomorrow, but it will have a hard time topping today...



Rachel and I after shopping!

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So much seems to happen every day that I can't even begin to sit down and type it all out.

I went to the outlet mall with my neice today. The place is huge. We spent almost 4 hrs. there and probably only covered 1/3 of the stores. I bought a few things, but have been really holding back because I just have no room left in my suitcases. It's a hassle using credit cards with "David Rosen" on them, and I can't wait to change those over...

Tonight we went out to dinner for my mom's birthday. We went to the same restaurant that I took my dad to the last time I saw him, which was last September. I wore a dress that mom had given me, and it was the first time that ny brother has seen me since I got here. Dinner was very relaxed and comfortable, and I couldn't have imagined it going any better. Afterwards, bro invited me over to watch the Bills game, so I changed into shorts and a t-shirt and went over to talk and watch the game. It was very nice...

Well, I gotta get to bed. Another busy day over. I did talk to Matt today, which was a good thing...



Mom's 70th Birthday (she picked out the dress...It is hers)