For God, providers, work-subjects, archivists, counselors, medics, readers, & family & friends, esp. my mom (Rose), Tom & Joy Marcou, Matt & Jessica A. Marcou & their family-to-be, 2 young adults known as Max & Lisa, a man named Tim, Françoise Gilo, Mgr. Bernard McGarry, David W. Johns, Charles & Christine Freiberg, Roger L. Chase, & Ignacio & Argentina Peterson.

"A good snapshot stops a moment from running away."
—Eudora Welty, star author & photographer.

"All serious daring starts from within."—Eudora Welty.

"Through travel I first became aware of the outside world, it was through travel that I found my own introspective way into becoming a part of it."—Eudora Welty. star author & photographer.

"In art, there is no need for color, I see only light and shade. Give me a crayon (black presumably), and I will paint your portrait."
—Picasso. Goya.

"It is not likely that posterity will fall in love with us, but not impossible that it may respect or sympathize, in a man would rather leave behind him, the portrait of his spirit than a portrait of his face."—Robert Louis Stevenson.

"David [Marcou] has woven a tapestry of the human spirit that transcends cultural, geographic, and ideological boundaries."
—Emer Prof/Roger Grant’s intro to DvJM’s, Pictures of Human Life.

"(I’m) (many) years to come people will be able to look back on your book and learn a lot about C20/21 life..."
—Jim Tarrant, Emeritus Editor, British Journal of Photography.

"I very much appreciate having your Spirit of America as part of my library."—April 02 American Spirit author/1X Pulitzer winner David McCallough note to DvJM re SAI.

"I love going to galleries, particularly the National Portrait Gallery."—Mark Gatiss.

"The challenge for me has been first to see things as they are, whether a portrait, a city street, or a bouncing ball. In a word, I have tried to be objective."—Berenice Abbott.

"Your library is your portrait."—Holbrook Jackson.

SA46 is David Joseph Marcou’s 131st book. His works have been nominated for Pulitzers & POYI’s, have won Sept. 12th Initiative & Governor’s Commendation awards, & have been displayed at Smithsonian. He’s freelanced for nytimes.com, theguardian.com, thetimes.co.uk, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, RPS Journal, BIP, Business Korea, La Crosse Tribune, Catholic Life, Greenpeace, Missouri Life, Smithsonian mag, Etc. He springs from explorers (incl. Louis Jolies), farmers, teachers, shop-keepers, meat-cutters, record keepers. His son Matt A. Marcou is an Army Ranger combat medic veteran, magna cum laude univ. graduate, & electrical engineer married to talented artist/univ. teacher Jessica A. Marcou.


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Author’s Note on Bert Hardy’s Korean War reporter-mate James Cameron, for whom the single most prestigious annual British journalistic license and prize is named:

July 13, 1975 NYT Times review of James Cameron’s travel memoir, “An Indian Summer” the reviewer Edward Ross Lipson notes —

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SA46 BW Interior Page Captions-Credits:

David A. Marcou Jr., Quill’s worst cut, LaX, ca. 2008 (DvJM).
1st lunch for our monthly lunch group, the New Pioneers’ Lunch Club, New Taste of India Restaurant, LaX, May 2014 (Photo by Joe Kottmuller). (L-R) LaXNPD Chief Ron Tischer, LaX City Housing Authority Director Jane Albers, & Mayor Tim Kabat, Nat. Night Out, LaX, Aug. 2012 (DvJM).
Rose & David A. Marcou Jr. 60th Valentine Anniversary Portrait, Old Country Buffet, LAX, Feb., 2010 (DvJM, for www.theguardian.com).
3-time Grammy-winner Bill Miller on guitar, co-composer of “The Last Stand Symphony,” world debut’s dress rehearsal, Viterbo U., LaX, Apr. 2-4, 2008 (DvJM for SNSNMAHAC).
JudyWoodruff PBS NewsHour anchor-Arlington, VA HQ Studio 471 (DvJM).
Obama speaks, 2ndFloor St., LAX, 1-10-18 (DvJM for SNSNMAHAC & www.nytimes.com).
Obama baby, 10-18, LaX (DvJM for WHS).
John Sexton, top protégé to Ansel Adam & a superb environmental & fine-art photographer, UW-LaX, ca. 1991 (DvJM).
Bernard, a Christian body-builder, showing his torso, LaX, ca. 2008 (DvJM).
Patrick Clark upside on his back having his shoes tied by his physical therapist, UM-Columbia Hospitals, ca. Nov. 1980 (DvJM).
Denise Marcou, image from Denise’s municipal judge campaign photo-session with brother & photographer DvJM, LAX, 1998.
John Zobrz in his LAX garden, former owner La Crose Floral (owned then by his daughter), who took part in DvJM-directed/edit Light, Shadow, & Spirit in05 (DvJM).
Volunteer ambulance drivers with certificates, Adams-Friendship, WI, 1990 (DvJM for Adams County Times/Friendship Reporter weekly papers).
Hubert Liang, a leading Mainland Chinese journalist & guest lecturer at Mizzou’s J Press, LaX, 2-20, 2013 (DvJM). Pat Feinberg, VU, LaX, 3-29-08 (DvJM).
Holocaust survivor/best-selling author/Oscar-winner/Pres. Medalist of Freedom/guest speaker Gerda Weismann Klein, VU, LaX, 9-17-17 (DvJM).
Rev. Jesse Jackson making final edits in his soon-to-be-published sermon at UWLX, 3-29-11 (DvJM).
Chela Clinton by Hillary signage, UW-LaX, 2-12-08 (DvJM for WHO & SNSNMAHAC).
Mark Smith wear’d beard, LaX, ca. 2013 (DvJM).
FSPA’s Perpetual Adoration, Mary of the Angel Chapel, St. Rose Convent, LaX, 2007 (DvJM).
Event co-organizer Darryl Clott & holocaust survivor/USHMM worker/guest speaker Manny Friedman w/LaXTrib’s KJ Lang in back interviewing USHMM worker Stephen Feinberg, VU, LAX, 3-29-09 (DvJM).
Holocaust survivor/best-selling author/Oscar-winner/Pres. Medalist of Freedom/guest speaker Gerda Weismann Klein, VU, LaX, 10-27-17 (DvJM).
Likely Nat. American “Mona Lisa”, NCCBP, LaX, 8-12-17 (DvJM).
Crystal Keller Kellfrey wearing intriguing t-shirt & holding Diary of Anne Frank book I’m buying, Pearl St. Books, LaX, ca. 3-15-17 (DvJM).
LifeLong Marcou Family friend Jeff Kraus, who was maintenance man in many buildings & other family members have lived in, Onalaska, WI, ca. 2015 (DvJM).
Jim Hobart, Ph.D., retired director of Mayo LaX’s Psychology Dept., King St. Kitchen Café, LAX, 3-17-17 (DvJM).
Marcou Family group portrait, party for 60th Valentine Anniversary of David & Rose Marcou, Onalaska Care Center, Onalaska, WI, 2-14-15 (Photo by Joy Marcou).
Our parents with 60th Valentine anniversary currency cards created for them by daughter Lynn Marcou, Onalaska Care Center, Onalaska, WI, 2-14-15 (DvJM).
Eva Schloss & VU Brain Trust Mary Cottrell, Darryl Clott, & Rick Kyte, VU Holocaust Survivors Series, VU, LAX, 3-25-15 (DvJM). “Holocaust by Bullets” author Fr. Patrick Bedoski© w/ driver Marc Kott & aide Eva Schaller, VU, LAX, 3-23-17 (DvJM).
Exotic attendees, Drexel U. Engineers Graduation, DU, Philadelphia, PA, 6-13-17 (DvJM).
Cardinal Raymond Burke closeup by his Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine’s main altar & icon, 7-26-17 (DvJM).
Community Meal couple by large painting of Jesus in the Garden, Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, LaX, ca. 2007 (DvJM).
Addie gives her Uncle Mike (NYC) actor Marcou a Christmas gift of her painting of NYC, ca. Dec. 2013 (DvJM).
Roger L. Chase & foster-brother Jon, Prospect St., LaX, ca. Oct. 2014 (DvJM).
Elle McGarry Flyin holding poster for DvJM’s best Irish play; “Song of Joy—Or the Old Reliables”, LaX, Summer 2008 (Photo by Playwright DvJM).
Stephen & son Sebastian Marcou, Prospect St. yard, LaX, ca. 2008 (DvJM).
David A. Marcus Jr., David A. Marcou Sr., & Rose C. Muskat Marcou, St. James Church, LaX, ca. 1977 (DvJM).

Yi Family of Seoul, Korea & Virginia, Vienna, VA, April 2000 (DvJM).

Matt A. Marcou, Uncle Tom & Aunt Joy Marcou, near White Horse fences, DC, April 2000 (DvJM).

Living Muskat Siblings (L-R): Rose, Kathy, Ray, St. Monica, Zita, & Larry: Joe Muskat posed earlier), LaX, ca. 2005 (DvJM).

Danny & dad Rocky Skifton coloring at UM (DvJM), ca. 7-10-06 (DvJM).

Elie Wiesel & VU Brain Trust (L-R: Rick Kyte, EW, Hans Clott, Darryle Clott, Rick Artman, & Marv Clott), VU, LaX, 9-26-66 (DvJM).


Featured speaker Danica Patrick by US Fag, Nat. Press Club, DC, 2-21-12 (DvJM).

NFL Hall of Fame Bart Starr w/ wife Cherry Starr, Courtyard Marriott, LaX, Boy Scouts Group Press Conference, 3-12-14 (DvJM for WHS).

Rev. Bob Cook w/ brother Kevin Cook (R-DDS), & Kevin’s daughter-in-law from Thailand, LaX, March 2013 (DvJM).

See Hessel and John Regnere, presenters for VU Holocaust Survivors’ Series, LaX, ca. 2014 (DvJM).

Dorothy Lenard, VU Professor, LaX, ca. 2014 (DvJM). Holocaust Survivor/guest speaker Cipora Katz® w/ her Mary Clott, VU, ca. 3-20-14 (DvJM).

Boy having fun at Danielle Trussoni book-signing, Central HS, LaX, 3-13-10 (DvJM). 2-time British Press Association Awardee Brian Deer, a UW-L Distinguished Lecturer & previously a Visiting Prof. at U/Michigan, UW-L, Oct. 2012 (DvJM).

Malcolm O’Hagan having fun on elevator, DC, April 2011 (DvJM). Mr. O’Hagan has gone on to found American Writers Museum in Chicago, 1st in nation.

Street Sense vendor, East Market, DC, April 2010 (DvJM), photo portrait of this vendor was also published online by Street Sense). Judith Cohen holding our contract up for my camera; she is the Visual Archives Director for the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, DC, April 2010 (DvJM).

Anita T. Doering & staff pose for photo portrait by DvJM (me) w/ the then-Chief State Archivist holding top archives award the LPLA won in 2010 (DvJM).


PBS NewsHour correspondent Margaret Warner in office, Arlington, VA HQ Studio, 4-7-11 (DvJM). (L-R) 4 friends -- Gwena, Emme, Katie, & Grace, Riverside Park, LaX, 8-25-17 (DvJM). Blonde in boots makes her entrance, Buzzard Billy’s Pub & Restaurant, LaX, 8-25-17 (DvJM).

Why not more editors/actors like Ed Asner? VU, LaX, 3-25-16 (DvJM). Ignacio & Argentina Petersen, LaX, Early 2016 (DvJM).

Theresa Friedman, a true helper,ca. 2014 (DvJM). Dave in wheelchair who nicknamed DvJM (me)”Dave of the Deep Pockets” b/c I dug thru pocket-debris to give him change, Philadelphia, 6-12-17 (DvJM).


Kyuus, a world traveler going to Nerb to his fiance, 6-15-17 (DvJM).

Anne Petersen, new DU grad, Michael Wiser’s step-mom, Drexel U. graduation, Philadelphia, PA, 6-13-17 (DvJM).

Roberta Stevens in triplec, then-LaX NAACP Pres., LPL ca. 2008 (DvJM). Matthew David Hellerud shows his drawing to Great-Grandma Rose Marcou, LaX, 4-13-08 (DvJM).

Joe Muskat poses w/ out pocket knife, St. Teresa of Calcutta, a Nobel Peace Laureate, Anyang, SKor, 1-27-85(DvJM).
SA 46 BW Interior Pictures:
Mother Teresa
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Hands folded in prayer
What is she holding
With such a tender care
Is it for a forgotten soul
Of some one that’s unknown
Or a memory of a child
She met now fully grown
Saying prayers for peace on earth
No more wars hatred born
Is it hope for things unseen
And blessing for flowers this earth adorn
In Her Holy folded hands I see
She’s praying for LOVE
Gently holding
Prayers to send to the Holy Family above

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