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Dear Johnsons,

I thought Melvin would have liked this card.

I've been thinking a lot about your dad; in many ways he was like my own: an admirable man, one to look up to; one to emulate; one to look to for guidance, and certainly one to turn to in an emergency.

I once read that the loss of a parent is like watching an island sink down into the sea & disappear. It's something that we took for granted - it would always be there - until it suddenly & mysteri-



ously disappears... In your father's case (+ in mine) we watched over a relatively long period of time as that island sank below the waves,

VINCENT VAN GOGH (1853-1890)

Entrance to the Public Gardens in Arles 1888
Oil on canvas 28-1/2 x 35-3/4
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