

## When there is no MobileMe...

I am not a legacy Apple user, just an older Mac user. I bought my first computer, a Macintosh IIci, when I was 50, bought my Mom an all-in-one Performa when she was 81 and I have been playing with iLife since it was iTools. Although I did lose my original .mac web pages in the transition to MobileMe [I still need to rebuild them], I embraced iWeb and MobileMe wholeheartedly since it better integrated me with my fun photos and connected me with my family. I have several Mac friends around the globe that I still share my thoughts with [remember dotmac.info?].

Apple helped me create a distinctive web presence [<http://web.mac.com/magnant>] and I never minded paying for their excellent support. I always felt that the people who didn't subscribe to MobileMe were really missing out. I can appreciate that the advance of technology does cause changes to be necessary but I always thought of Apple as leading the way while bringing their faithful along with them.

I now have an iPhone and an iPad and I think they're great. If Apple moves into China's cell phone market next with the iPhone and soon doubles its revenues, I say 'Hooray for Apple; you deserve it.' I personally didn't have a cell phone for the first 66 years of my life but I am on my second iPhone now... *only because that amazing device put my Mac, my books, my contacts, my galleries and my 80-plus webpages into my pocket.*

I paid for Apple to bring my wife and kids along, and my grandkids as well, which I now share with everyone over the Internet, along with many of the things that I've written, created or discovered during the last 40 years. I truly believe that this integration of the Macintosh community has been a major contributor to Apple's reputation, development and its stunning success. Apple has always seemed to understand that up until now.

If new Apple directions are going to disrupt the connectivity we have and abandon the legacy that we continue to build upon, I for one will be very upset and I will feel a significant loss. I share my thoughts with you relating to the future because I have found no joy anywhere yet. It's obvious that there are a lot of people who feel as I do and that should influence what Apple offers; I would certainly hope so. Please share these thoughts with others, visit my Apple-grown webpages to better understand why I feel the way that I do. Thank you for listening... and let your voices be heard!

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