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Mary Daubenspeck, the author of our cover article, died in March of 2001. This lighthouse—Nauset Beach Light on Cape Cod—was a beacon for her during her life, as it has been for her family since her death. See page 32 for a feature adapted from Daubenspeck’s diary—an account that is by turns wry and uplifting, insightful and heart-rending.