



Merry Christmas 2015!!!



We hope this finds you well and enjoying this marvelous 2015 Christmas season. Our Atlanta families send you wishes for the best Christmas season, a Happy New Year, and a healthy and pleasant 2016.

2015 was a good year for us. After curtailing travel in 2014 due to the arrival of two new grandbabies (making a total of 7), Jan and I spent three months on the road in our camper. We covered a few states that we haven't seen in a while – particularly Wyoming (last seen by Jan in 1978 during our return trip from California in our orange hippie van with 8 month old James and 10 year old John). The 2015 Wyoming trip was our headline trip. We spent a month on the road and had plenty of time to visit sights in Wyoming, southern Montana, South Dakota, and Iowa in a leisurely manner. The other two major trips (winter and fall) both took us to the Keys with stops along the way in Sarasota / Bradenton (to visit Jutras and Cobb family members), Florida's southeastern coast (we really enjoyed Delray Beach in March), and Disney's Wide World of Sports (to watch granddaughter Abby compete with her high school team in a cross country meet in October.)

Jan's health continues to hold steady, although we did have to adjust our travel pace in Wyoming due to altitude induced breathing issues. We celebrated her milestone 70th birthday this year with the kids and grandkids at Fort Yargo, a nearby Georgia state park, compliments of the children. It was a grand affair that left us all thankful that we can easily get together for major family events.

The children continue to do well. All are still in Atlanta, affording lots of opportunities for grandkid fixes throughout the year.

John and Sharon are in Lilburn. John continues his commercial real estate career and is seeing very good results this year. Sharon keeps the family running like a well-oiled machine. She teaches part time at Abby's high school (Parkview in Gwinnett County), and does a great job of anticipating family needs and being prepared. Her project of the spring was managing the details of sending Chace off to college. Chace is now a freshman at the University of Georgia in nearby Athens. Abby is a sophomore at Parkview. She's a two year letterwoman on the school's cross country team and still has time to maintain her status as a scholar athlete.

James and Gretchen have had a “quiet” year (said tongue in cheek) in Decatur. The law firm that James and Mike Caplan formed in 2014 (Caplan Cobb LLP) continues to thrive. They have added resources to support their increasing case load and this fall moved into larger office space in Midtown Atlanta. Gretchen must be fertilizing the boys regularly, given their growth patterns. Seriously, they are all developing into very nice young men. Ian (7) is the leader of the pack and an avid reader. Andrew (5) has moved out from under Ian's wing, is becoming his own man, and is having a positive influence on his buddy Oliver (3). Oliver is the family's action character, forever on the move, but thoughtful and kind. And Everett (1) is, well, Everett. What else can you do when you have three bigger brothers intent on running your life.

Julie and Dan are discovering what it is like sharing their lives in Atlanta's Grant Park neighborhood with a “little Julie”. Izzy is a happy little charmer that makes us smile. Julie continued this year as the Senior Community Manager for the residential side of Gables' Emory Point property. She is in the final stages of rolling out Phase II of the property and by all reports has done an excellent job at Gables in addition to shifting gears and doing an excellent job with Izzy after she gets home. Dan has again had a good year at CentricsIT. He and Julie enjoyed a bonus trip to the west coast in early 2015 due to his 2014 efforts and he reports that he is on pace to again enjoy a bonus trip based on his 2015 performance.

We are truly blessed.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!!

Bill & Janet

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