



Greetings of the Season Christmas, 2013



*At this holiday season, we remember and honor those who are no longer with us
and cherish those who are.*

Jim & Shirley, Braden & Ashleigh, Shaunelle & Derek

Wish you happiness, friendship, love and laughter

Wow!!! It seems like we just celebrated last Christmas. As always, 2013 has been another busy and spectacular year filled with weddings, family and friend's birthdays, barbecues, parties, reunions, concerts, sporting events, hikes in gorgeous areas of the country, Friday movie nights, Zoo Lights, The Circus, Disney on Ice, museums, many long weekend and extended road trips.

Jim and I spent long weekends in Phoenix, Arizona with special friends; Southwest Colorado, Deadwood, South Dakota and Beaver Creek with friends from work; Breckenridge and Walden with friends from the Viper Club and Tennessee with family for niece, Christina's wedding.

A longer road trip was spent touring New Mexico, which included Carlsbad Caverns, Inn of the Mountain Gods, Cloudcroft, White Sands, Santa Fe and Albuquerque with about 50 of our favorite friends from the Viper Club.

***BRADEN & ASHLEIGH** climbed Mt. Bierstadt on their one year wedding anniversary on July 14th and hope to climb many more 14,000 foot peaks in Colorado. They also have tickets to CU Football games and we love being able to drive to the games with them. They enjoy going to some events with the Viper Club and off-roading in the old Jeep Liberty with Letty, their Chocolate Lab / Border Collie mix puppy and 11 year old Pekinese, Sophie. Letty is doing quite well at puppy training. It's hard to tell who is actually getting trained, though. Ashleigh is working at Pinnacle Mortgage as a Processor Assistant and is doing very well. Braden is again working at Staples while finishing up his Business Marketing degree at the University of Colorado at Denver. His internship with Chrysler last summer was a great experience for him. He met lots of wonderful people and had fun playing on the Chrysler Softball Team. He was able to use several marketing strategies that he has learned and hopes to have the opportunity to work for Chrysler full-time after graduation. Braden and Ashleigh both loved having weekends off this summer and were able to get some projects done around the house. They look forward to having weekends off in the future.*

***SHAUNELLE & DEREK** - August 3rd, 2013, a day that will always be remembered. After 4 years of patiently waiting, Derek proposed on a very snowy, magical day in February and they were married on a beautiful and very magical day in August. The wedding took place at the United Methodist Church in Englewood, where Grandma and Grandpa Nicholls had belonged for over 60 years and where Jim and Shirley were married. The wedding reception, at a beautiful restaurant in Conifer, was better than they could have ever imagined, according to Shaunelle and Derek. They traveled to the Riviera Maya Mexico for their honeymoon, where they toured the Mayan Ruin, Coba, climbed to the top of a pyramid,*

Zip-lined through the jungle and repelled into a Cenote. Shaunelle is working at Pinnacle Mortgage with Jim and Ashleigh and Derek works at a concrete repair company. They lost Callie, their Golden Retriever, to cancer but still have a lot of love from little 5 year old Yorkie mix, Bella, their 2 year old male Tabby kitty, Devon, and their almost 1 year old female Egyptian Mau kitty, Clary. They moved into a new, 3rd floor apartment with vaulted ceilings, a large balcony and beautiful view of Marston lake.

JIM has now been with Pinnacle Mortgage Group for fifteen years as Senior Loan Officer & Reverse Mortgage Specialist. Pricing is still reasonable and now is a good time to purchase or refinance. He has been very involved with the Jefferson County Open Space Foundation, as chairman of the governance committee. The Foundation is currently changing from a private to a public entity. After almost 30 years, he is still a member of the Jeffco Sertoma Club and we enjoy having members of the Club at our house for their annual picnic / game day every year. He enjoys spending time at the High Country Republican Club meetings and in Boulder at the University of Colorado football games. The Viper Club of America has collapsed recently, due to big egos, poor decisions and lack of transparency. They seem to have forgotten that it is just a car club. Jim has been heavily involved in the founding of the new Viper Owner's Association, of which our Club is now a member. He is still President of the Colorado / Utah / Wyoming Viper Club and we have certainly developed some very lasting relationships through the Club. This year, again, has been very busy and he hasn't had much time to work on our 35 acres cutting and hauling trees. He loves working out in the woods with all of the deer, elk, fox, and other critters. Jim's dad is doing well at an assisted living facility close to Jim's brother Tom's work in Jackson, Tennessee.

SHIRLEY - After six years of being appointed to the Jefferson County Planning Commission, I didn't re-apply, realizing that I had a wedding to help plan and a house to get back in order. Lots of hours have been freed up each week to work a few extra hours, have fun with family and friends and get some long awaited projects done. I've now been working in Downtown Denver at Ensign U. S. Drilling, as Supervisor over Field Recruitment, for 3 ½ years. I feel like I have the best of both worlds, being in the hustle and bustle of the big city during the week and going home to total peace, quiet and incredible scenery at night and on weekends. I'm still President of Conifer Area Council, after 12 years, and it is truly amazing what a few very dedicated volunteers can accomplish. As Events Coordinator for the CO / UT / WY Viper Club, I probably have the most fun since we are lucky enough to travel to some spectacular places and have a lot of fun with amazing friends. I walk, hike and exercise as much as possible and am still trying to get caught back up with those photo albums. In fact, I'm working on special albums for Jim and me, Braden and Ashleigh, and Shaunelle and Derek. These albums will include 28 years of Holiday Letters plus 4 pages of the "best of the best" pictures from each year. I'm having so much fun putting these together – the memories are incredible!

That's a quick glance at 2013 for us. We can't wait to hear from you and to get your cards and letters!

Celebrate Each Day!

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