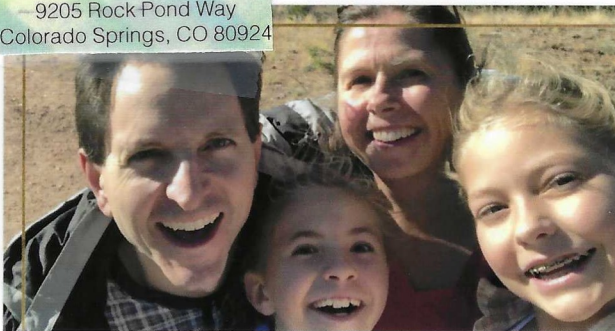




Love, The Cicero
Family 2022
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Paint. A four-letter word in our house by now. I would have had time to write a better letter if we hadn't used the cheapest paint. You see, we painted the inside of our house. We thought, hey, we're going to need two coats anyway, so why spend more? Well, two coats turned into three...36 gallons and three months later, we finally finished! The key takeaway is: either buy the next higher grade of paint, or just stick a crayon in some water and paint with that. Bonus: we didn't fall off the scaffolding even once.

2022, in which we celebrated our 20th anniversary, was filled with ups and downs. We knew it was wacky when we built snowmen on the first day of summer vacation.

Jen's dad passed away unexpectedly at the beginning of the summer. Although it has been a sad and difficult time, she is incredibly grateful for all the friends and family who have provided so much help and support afterwards. We miss him a lot!

After losing both grandpas within a year of each other, we're glad that both grandmas are still healthy and live close. We cherish the time we get to spend with them.

Aubrey is now going to School in the Woods! It's a special school just for 4th graders, literally in the woods. Getting in just requires winning the lottery...next stop Vegas? When she's not busy with school or her pet snake, she's working on breaking boards in karate. She had to stop doing gymnastics due to a shoulder problem, but that hasn't stopped her active nature!

Kaitlyn joined the Woodland Park Wind Symphony, so now mother (French horn) and daughter (trumpet) both bring brass joy to the world! They had a big moment this summer with their first paid concert (typical concerts are donations only). In addition, they performed for about a thousand people at the Symphony Above the Clouds on July 5th...wow! Kaitlyn has also had some terrific solo singing opportunities in her school choir as well as the Christmas tea at church.

John continues work as a Quality Engineer at Entegris. It's a great fit for him and it's nice to work at a company that actually makes a profit. He also bowls as often as possible, which still isn't often enough.

We took a wonderful trip to Florida this summer! Too hot for the gators to come out at Everglades, although we did see a few. The highlight of the trip was camping at Dry Tortugas National Park. Just us...about five other tents, an army of hermit crabs, no electricity, no running water, a Civil-War era fort that was never completed...and snorkeling with moon jellyfish. Oh, and if you start to feel some sprinkles, you have approximately 20 seconds to cover everything up—every few hours, these WILD squalls came through and drenched everything! It was SO much fun. What an adventure.

We love you, our family and friends. Let's make 2023 an excellent year! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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