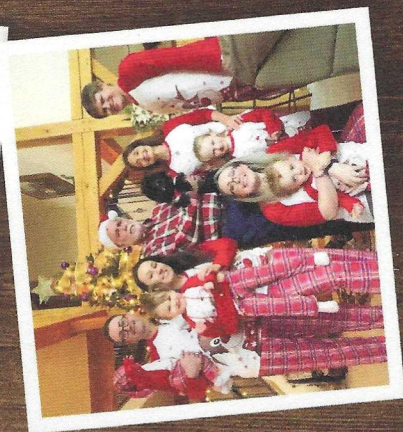
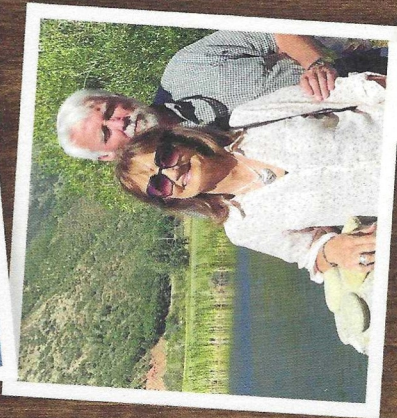
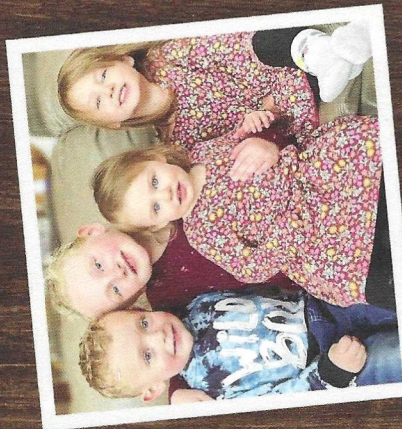


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*Jim & Shirley Johnson
and Family 2022*

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The best things in *Life* are the people we *Love*...

the *Places* we've been & the *Memories* we've shared along the way.

The people we love are *Family*, our circle of Strength and Love and

Friends, the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!!



2022

The Best Year Yet!!!



2022, a special year with our grandchildren. They light up our world with their beautiful smiles, unique personalities and zest for life. They are, of course the top picture on our Christmas card – Jaxon, Braleigh, Adaleigh and Charleigh. The bottom picture was taken last Christmas – I'm sure you'll not be surprised to know that Jim refused to wear his pajamas for the picture. As many of you know, when everyone else dresses up for Halloween, Jim goes as "Jim". At least we were able to get him in the picture, although not smiling!

For us, the holidays are always a time to stop, remember and honor those who are no longer with us and cherish those who are. It is time to remember the incredible things we've been privileged to do and to remember the people we've been so lucky to have done them with. Our country and the entire world are in such a state of chaos and turmoil, but we choose to dwell on the positives; our family, our friends and our health.

Working in our backyard & surrounding 35 acres has been therapeutic for both of us this year. We spent many hours on wildfire mitigation, landscaping, planting flowers, and went antique shopping for yard art. Learning the history of each piece was as much fun as picking it out. We've realized that our backyard is too special to keep to ourselves, so we hosted niece Charlee's wedding, daughter Shaunelle's Renewing of Vows, parties for the Viper Club, Sertoma, Conifer Area Council, many friends, family & neighbors. We've also celebrated birthdays, anniversaries and, on a sad note, celebrated some very special people's lives at funerals. And, we've spent awesome Saturdays watching CU Buffs football, the band & Ralphie, the buffalo mascot.

Jim is still President and I'm Event Coordinator for the Colorado/Montana/Utah/Wyoming Viper Club. The people we've met and the places our Viper has taken us – it's mind-blowing! Since 1995, old friends just keep getting closer and new friends bring new perspectives, ideas and energy! Our Viper has 121,500 miles on it, all from club events and all with these wonderful friends traveling across the U. S. and Canada. 2022 found us on a few 5 – 8 day road trips with them: one to New Mexico, The Land of Enchantment over Memorial Day Weekend; one to Ouray, Colorado and the "Switzerland of America" peaks for the 4th of July Weekend; our friend's spectacular and relaxing ranch near Meeker, Colorado over Labor Day Weekend and then to Branson, MO for several days in September. Jim's brother, Tom, and wife Amy and brother, Tim, and wife

Carol joined us there and we enjoyed an extended stay, which included a day with Jim's sister, Rene, and family, who now live in Springfield, MO. Back in Colorado, we also spent time in Colorado Springs getting ready for the National Viper Event that will take place in September of 2023. I'm Event Coordinator for the NVE 5 Event and could have never imagined how much work is involved. Our dedicated team of volunteers are working hard to make this the best National Viper Event ever! Day events with these amazing friends have included go-karting, a shooting range, brewery tours, scenic drives, castle tours, picnics, Halloween & Christmas parties, a Christmas Toy Run, car museums and some very fun & unique restaurants.

Other trips taken this year: We drove to Tucson, AZ in April for, nephew, Trey's wedding in April. We went to some of our favorite spots around Tucson while there and spent time with friends from the Phoenix area. I had broken my foot in March, and our friend also had a broken foot, so we hobbled around together. Then at the end of July we drove to Lubbock to take care of our three granddaughters, for a few days. I was out of my boot by then so was able to take them bike riding, roller blading and for rides in the wagon.

Jim: Still working for Movement Mortgage, Jim is riding the roller coaster of rising & falling prices and home loan rates. But he still enjoys talking to people of all ages to help them make the best life decisions when it comes to home loans. Call or email him if interested in purchasing or refinancing or if you simply have questions – 303-883-5336 or email him at jim.johnson@movement.com. He is still involved with his Sertoma Club and Leads Group. He loves looking for antiques and when asked why, he joked, "because they are about the only thing that is older than I am, at this point." He is enjoying life and riding ATVs with the grandkids.

Shirley: I tend to stay busy, no matter what is happening around me. As President of Conifer Area Council, I still facilitate quarterly Town Hall Meetings and other Community Meetings, while working on several community projects with amazing volunteers. I'm the Community Ambassador, working with our Fire Departments on Wildfire Mitigation, for neighborhoods close to us. And, being Event Coordinator for our local Viper Club and also the National Viper Event, life is never boring. I work just part time, mostly from home and I thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the Western Slope to see 10 of my cousins in August. Life is good!

Braden, Ashleigh, Braleigh, Charleigh & Adaleigh: They drove here from Lubbock over the holidays last year, then in March and again in October this year. While at business meetings, we took care of the girls. Braden is still After Sales Metro Manager of the Mopar Brand of Stellantis, working with 18 Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge Ram Dealerships in West Texas, while Ashleigh stays at home with the girls and homeschools Braleigh.

Shaunelle, Derek & Jaxon: They still call our cabin "home," just 15 minutes from us, and we see them often. Jaxon loves coming to Papa and Mimi's house and we love it too. They lost both Bella & Luke, their two dogs, in the last year, due to cancer and old age. So, Jaxon picked out his new dog and named her too. Zuma, their Olde English Bulldogge, & Jaxon are both very active & keep both Shaunelle & Derek on their toes.

Something wonderful happens at Christmastime. The world is made brighter by special moments of joy.

Thank-you for bringing those moments to us.

Jim & Shirley Johnson

Braden, Ashleigh, Braleigh, Charleigh & Adaleigh / Shaunelle, Derek & Jaxon

