



Wishing you Peace, Love, and Happiness in
2023

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Joans Bob,

Thought I'd pen a quick note (if my ink holds out) since I've been rather bad about that the last couple of years...Like everyone, time just seems to fly by. 2022 started with us spending two weeks in St. Croix with friends and we had a wonderful time! We've been there twice and find it to very relaxing and laid back...LOTS of great beaches and very easy to navigate.

I celebrated my 60th birthday in the Ozarks and Scott organized a surprise visit from the kids, which was a lot of fun! He even baked me a 3-layer cake--who knew?? We made a return trip to the Biltmore (Vanderbilt Estate) in Asheville, NC with my mom Edie, and Alex. It's been on my mom's 'bucket list', so we decided to surprise her and take her during the Christmas festivities. It was beautiful and she absolutely loved it! If you've ever considered it, it's well worth the trip. (Esp. in spring/summer when the many, many acres of gardens are blooming)

Grant graduated from Iowa State University this month with a degree in Materials Engineering. He'll start his job in January at Gerdau steel mill near Muscatine, Iowa. He had an internship last summer and enjoyed it. His job is quality control in the lab where he tests samples for the composition of various alloys (or that's how I interpret it, LOL.) Alex continues working in the publication field as a content/production coordinator for DSM magazine (Des Moines). She's also working on the advertising and sales side for another part of the company. She loves her job and lives in West Des Moines.

I continue to work at the local hospital with a variety of responsibilities and job titles. Safety Coordinator is the most recent addition. For some reason, Scott is encouraging me to retire sooner vs. later. ☺ Hmm, he may be on to something; I guess only time will tell.

We're so happy to hear from you and thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to think of us.

I'm so happy were FB friends - felt like I talk to you 'regularly' by keeping up w/ you & the kids. Haven't been to Denver since last saw you, but KC is only 3° away.

Joan

