





Christmas, 2023

A time to warmly remember those who touch our lives in so many special ways. . .

A time to tell those special people in our lives they are fondly remembered, cherished, and loved today and all year through!

It is also a time to remember and honor those who are no longer with us.

They are truly missed!

*Through the years, we realize more each day that "The best things in Life are the people we **LOVE**, the **PLACES** we've been and the **MEMORIES** we've shared with you along the way."*

***Our kids and grandkids**, of course, top the list of those we love and cherish. They are so very special to us, help to keep us young at heart, and mean the world to us! Our extended families and friends, all who feel like family, are such a huge part of what Christmas means to us. And, our Viper friends from all over the world feel like family too! How could we be so lucky?*

***World-wide Viper Nostalgia:** If you were anywhere near the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs. . . or Pikes Peak. . . or Royal Gorge. . . or Cripple Creek. . . or Flying W Ranch. . . or the Olympic Museum. . . or Pikes Peak International Raceway in early September, you may have seen about 335 Vipers and their 600 owners having an incredible time in our beautiful state. The weather was perfect, the sunsets were breathtaking and the excitement was extreme. There were Viper owners from all over the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Australia. Jim and I were Event Coordinators for this National Viper Event and could have never imagined how much work was involved, how rewarding it could be or how appreciated we would feel once completed. We had seven amazing Steering Committee members and seventy-five volunteers that vowed to make this the best National Viper Event ever. And many participants said just that, "It was the best National Viper Event ever, the best out of 17 national events in 28 years!" You may notice the huge smile on Jim's face on our Photo Card. We were on stage at the Grand Finale Dinner during a standing ovation. We were so happy that it was a huge success but also so happy the hard work was almost over.*

***Our regional Viper Club** also had 18 other events to keep us busy this year. From holiday parties, a wine tasting party, dinner theater, multi-caliber training, barbecues, museum & castle tours, a day in Vail, road trips to Durango and Meeker and Toy Runs to Children's Hospital. It has been a spectacular Viper year!*

***Other trips and fun times:** Jim & I spent a few days with great friends as we traveled through Texas, Arkansas & Oklahoma to see the spectacular fall colors the first part of November and hope to spend some time with friends in Arizona very soon. We've been caught up in the excitement of CU Buffaloes Football, as Coach Prime (Deion Sanders) took the Head Football Coach's position bringing fireworks back to Folsom Field, but*

unfortunately not enough to win that many games. We've had summer barbecues for Jim's Sertoma Club, my Conifer Area Council Board of Directors and Volunteers, and several friends and family members.

Jim loves when the grandkids visit. They go on ATV and UTV rides and hiking expeditions all around our property. I join them when I can. Each grandchild has their own rock out-cropping named after them. Jaxon is here often and always wants to "take a walk". He prefers hiking over riding on anything. I think he just wants to keep us in shape. Jim did lots of wildfire mitigation this year with Jaxon's help, of course – I was very busy with everything else, so didn't help as much as usual. Jim continues to stay busy as President of our Regional Viper Club, involvement with his Sertoma Club and Leads Group and he loves surfing the web for treasures, mostly antiques. He is now semi-retired, still working for Movement Mortgage, and ready to help clients make the best life decisions when it comes to home loans. Email him at jim.johnson@movement.com or call him at 303-883-5336 with questions or just to "catch up." He'd love to hear from you.

Shirley: I went to two different reunions this year: My Englewood High School Band Reunion in July – what great memories – and my Nicholls Family Reunion in August – also great memories with family. Conifer Area Council is still going strong and we've accomplished so much; from Building of Trails to Water Resources Study & Action to plans for a Stand-Alone Conifer Public Library to Historic Preservation to hosting Town Hall Meetings and Comprehensive Surveys. As President, I'm still really involved. I'm also involved in Wildfire Mitigation as Community Ambassador with the local fire departments, Event Director for our Regional Viper Club and a member of a Jeffco Advisory Group. I work just part time, mostly from my home office and go to as many exercise classes as possible. Reaching out to family and friends that are important to us is a huge goal for the rest of 2023 and 2024, so be expecting a call. If you haven't heard from me, please call me at 303-956-1122. I may not have your phone #.

Braden, Ashleigh, Braleigh, Charleigh & Adaleigh: They will be here for the holidays and were here for a few days in April, July, and September. We'll take any time we have with them since they are still living in Lubbock, TX. Braden is still After Sales Metro Manager of the Mopar Brand of Stellantis, working with 28 Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge Ram Dealerships in West Texas and Arkansas, while Ashleigh stays at home and home schools the girls. Braleigh is 8 and in 3rd grade, Charleigh is 4 and in Pre K and Adaleigh is 2 and taking it all in. The girls love bicycling, swimming, gymnastics, the Disney movie "Brave" and cousin, Jaxon.

Shaunelle, Derek & Jaxon: They are in love with mountain life, still living in the cabin in Conifer, only 2 minutes from Jaxon's school and 20 minutes from us. They take walks around the neighborhood with their fur friends, Zuma – Olde English Bulldogge, almost 2 years old and Sky – Frenchton, 50% French Bulldog & 50% Boston Terrier, almost 1 year old. Jaxon is thriving in full time Pre-K, loving his teachers and classmates. He also loves playing with his cousins when they come to visit. Shaunelle is Front Desk / Medical Records Associate at Evergreen Family Medical Center and Derek is still with Metasource as Post Closing Auditor.

**Wishing you all the magic and wonder of the season and
warm memories to cherish all year long!**

Jim & Shirley Johnson



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