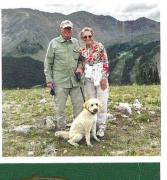
## MERRY













The Wieder Family 2024



We wish you many blessing in the New Year!



## **Merry Christmas 2024**

From the Wieders

Great big news!!! George and Kay both turned 80 this year!!!

Wieders: Doug continues to travel to California every other week and Kristen continues her commercial property management position. Sam (20) had a great first year at CU and continues to enjoy it. Coach Prime sure makes CU games fun to watch and attend!!! Jonny (16) will be a senior next year. He plays lots of baseball and works out at the gym. Nick just turned 14, is in his last year of middle school and also plays lots of baseball. The family took a very fun trip to Italy, the Amalfi Coast, Pompeii and Rome and traveled with Jonny and Nick to baseball tournaments near and far!

Andersons: Mark and Stacy are doing well as are Max (18) and Myles (15). Both boys play Lacrosse and Myles was on the golf team this year. In March the family flew to New York (enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Time Square), then off to visit some colleges in Pennsylvania. Over Fall Break, the Andersons also went to Italy; the Amalfi Coast, Pompeii and Rome (think I'm repeating myself). Max graduates in May and will be off to college. Myles will get his driver's license in April! Their sweet German Shorthair Pointer, Sadie, passed away suddenly when they returned from a trip to Washington DC in July. So hard!!! They now have a very cute Goldendoodle named Beau. He is adorable! Stacy and a friend enjoyed a bike trip in Provence, France.

George and Kay continue to walk a lot, helps to have a dog (Willie). In January, George's sister's husband, John Gritta, passed away. They had a wonderful celebration of life in April in Asheville, NC. He was an amazing man! Doug and Stacy were able to join us at the celebration. In March, George and I joined his Brother, Bill, and his wife, Katie, on a riverboat cruise, "Northern Europe to the Black Sea" (from Budapest to Bucharest). It was very educational. We've learned about much of Europe after WWII and the fall of the Iron Curtain. Didn't know much about the Eastern European countries. It was awful!!! I recommend you read, "I Must Betray You" by Ruta Sepetys. It takes place in Romania in 1989 and describes the horrible living conditions under Nicolae Ceausescu. We enjoyed several Model A tours, even got to drive our Model over the Royal Gorge and stop on the way back to take photos of the cars. September was busy for us. George's sister, Peg, and her neighbor, Flo, came to visit, Kay got her "Lady Drives and A" badge and is ready to drive the A all over (NOT) and Kay decided she should try to climb a 14er at the age of 80 and she did!!! We were supposed to fly to Australia on November 30th for a tour of Australia and New Zealand. However, George was has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Prostate Cancer. I wouldn't mention it here but we welcome your prayers. Mostly, we want to let all of you men to demand a PSA test after 70 (the test is not provided for men over 69 with many insurance companies).



The Wieders at a CU game



The Andersons at a CU game



Katie and Bill, Peg, George, Stacy, Doug and Kay in Asheville

## Merry Christmas, Dear Friends!

As we stop to count our blessings, There is one thing that rings true, We'll always be so grateful For the friends we've found in you!

Grateful for the special times
We've shared throughout the years,
Times that brought us closer,
Through our laughter and our tears.

Grateful just to have someone,
As kind and good as you,
To share our finest moments with
And share our sorrows too.

When we look back upon our lives, What's mattered most, it's true, Is we have been so lucky To find faithful friends like you!

George & Kay Wieder

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Wishing each of you, health, happiness and many blessings in 2025!

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