

Merry Christmas



We wish you all blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Young Jim, Mikie, Barry

This past year we have experienced great times with family and friends and some sad times, also with family and friends.

In late November, we spent a short time with family in Breck, where Jim got a little skiing time with John.



Young Tammy

Chris, Courtney, and Knox joined the family for a fulfilling Christmas experience. Having the family together is always uplifting.

January started with Tammy spending two nights in the hospital. Both Tammy and Jim were under the weather for a good part of the month. Thanks to Morgan for developing a schedule for our meds late into the night (after a 12-hour shift at the ER) and to John and Sonya for helping us.



Knox's Birthday Cake



Tammy, Kaye, Bob Valentine's Day, Palm Springs

In February, we managed a wonderful trip to Palm Springs for a visit with Bob and Kaye-even got to help supervise installation of a heating/air conditioning unit on their roof. On our return leg we spent a very pleasant afternoon in Scottsdale with Rick and Ann. Thanks to both couples for putting up with us. The trek provided an excellent opportunity to try out Tammy's Mercedes. I think it passed the test. Later, we said goodbye to Ted McChesney, Rae Hartley's brother - we are missing you Ted.



Krue's dedication - Boiling Springs

The highlight of March was a trip to Boiling Springs to visit Chris, Courtney, Knox and...Krue, newest addition to the

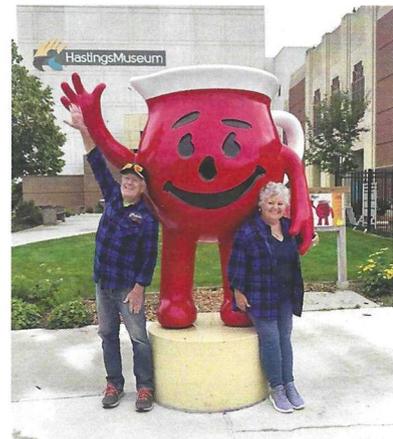


family! Thank you Chris and Courtney for letting us into your life to spend time with your family!

In April we were honored to attend the wedding of Dylan and Danielle, part of the Hartley clan who have been a big part of our life since 12/31/1967. We also had to say goodbye to four longtime friends: Sue, a friend from our time in Okinawa, Peter, a mentor for Tammy, Larry Fred, an ex-neighbor and good friend; and Jerry Konst, close friend to John and good friend of ours. May they all rest in peace.

May included the wedding of Colin and Kate (Colin is part of the Randle clan, long-time friends of the Rheinheimers). To top off the month, Chris, Court, Knox and Krue visited again for Courtney's bachelorette party. Unfortunately, we lost Tammy's cousin Pat. She will be sorely missed.

In June, we enjoyed a Viper trip to Hastings, NE. It was a great time with friends: sightseeing, museum exploring, watching racing, and some track time. Later in the month, Jim had Mohs surgery on his forehead with some skin moved from his neck to his forehead. It is now almost completely healed.



Jim and Tammy - Hastings

July found us on a road trip. The main reason, to participate in Chris and Courtney's wedding in Myrtle Beach, SC. The beach environment really added to the moment. Jim was honored to walk Courtney down the aisle to Chris. What a great celebration that night overlooking the Atlantic. Welcome Chris officially in to our family. On the way to and from the wedding, we enjoyed a 5300-mile road trip. We got to visit with cousins Sonny and Dottie in Collinsville, IL, long time friends Don and Pat in Aken, SC, cousins Kurt and Gail in Roanoke, VA, cousin Lynda in Martinsburg, WV, cousins John and Katie, Patsy, Stephen and Sharon, Stephenie,



Krue, Court, Know, Chris - Myrtle Beach, SC



Jack and Debbie in Catonsville, MD. Thanks so much to John and Katie for the party! From there we visited with cousin Robert in the ICU in NJ; ex neighbor, 100 year old Lois in Gladstone, Mi, long time friend Barb in Apple Valley, MN; long time friends Bob and Kaye in Bennington, NE. Wow, what a rewarding trip. Thank you all for welcoming us!



Justin, Morgan, Jim, Tammy - Vail, CO

In August, we were blessed with Justin and Morgan's wedding in Vail, CO, and the reception in Breckenridge. What an inspirational location for both. They now can enjoy the company of each other in the same house as opposed to a cross-country relationship. It was wonderful having the entire family together to celebrate. Welcome Morgan officially into our family.



Jim, Tammy, Tamara, James - Elizabeth, CO

September found us celebrating another family wedding. James and Tamara were married in Elizabeth, CO, another beautiful venue. We enjoyed participating in them firming up their long relationship. Welcome Tamara into our family.



It was very moving to mix with members of all the different family groups at all three of these wedding celebrations.

In September, we also participated as family and friends in the annual Light the Night Walk, in honor of Tracy, Toni and Roy. We feel blessed to be a part of this every year. Feel free to join us if you wish. Thank you Natalie for coordinating this. Also, a great friend was lost when Robert passed. He is now at rest with Susan.



October found Tammy joining Becca in Boiling Springs to take care of Knox and Krue so Chis and Courtney could enjoy their honeymoon in Jamaica. On the way home, Tammy stopped in Mobile, AL with longtime Army friend Judy, for a wonderful visit with Emily, also a longtime friend from our days on Okinawa. Upon her return home, Tammy had Mohs surgery and is recuperating nicely. Later in the month, we drove to Omaha to celebrate Bob's 80th birthday. We also got to have lunch with Becca before the long drive home.



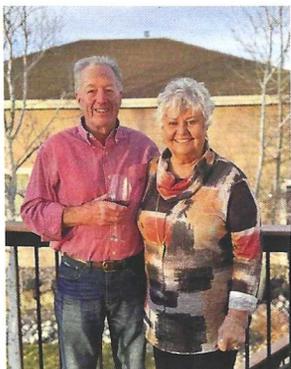
Mike, Jake, Becca

So far, November has been pretty uneventful. Even with our focus on weddings, we have not forgotten our other family members Mike, Becca, Jake, Kyle and Nat were all very involved in all three family weddings. Becca is on track to graduate from Creighton in May, 2025- yea Becca, we are so proud of you. Jake has taken a short respite from Spartan and is helping his dad. Mike stays very busy at his company, Nelson Interiors. Kyle and Natalie are engrossed in their jobs, staying in shape, and traveling. Oh, and by the way, they are expecting a new member in their family in June! We are so excited for another great grandchild!!



Knox, Nat, Kyle

During the year, Tammy kept busy with swimming, coffee with long time church gals, monthly luncheons with 1963 South High friends, bargain hunting... Jim started replacing our deck (may be a lifetime project). As usual, works on maintaining our 80 acres and trying to keep our vehicles running. Together, we still enjoy our Viper and RV clubs. And Mines football games. We try to make the most of our blessings.



Jim and Tammy

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