



MAY GOD'S *Great Love*
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Merry Christmas from the Sermaks



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As we sit down to write this letter, we hope that everyone is doing well. We can't believe it's already Christmas time again. We've finally got our first measurable snow last week. We've been in the 60s during the day. It's hard to get in the Christmas spirit when it's this warm.

We've been very low key the first half of the year. We've been enjoying our time with Dan & Kylie and Emery. It's a joy to see her grow and develop a bubbly personality. She's always happy. It's funny to see her pull away from Tom when he tries to hold her.

Nikki moved out in the middle of December last year. Christmas cards were already done by then. She is living with two other roommates in North Denver. In February, she adopted a three legged cat named Tippy, and in May a dog named Bindi.

We've celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day in Castle Rock. We also did a car show there. Emery was just chilling in her stroller and looking around. At the end of the month, we've celebrated our cousin's Judy's 60th Birthday in Monument, CO. It was a 60's Theme Party. Family flew in for the celebration. It was wonderful seeing everyone. We had a groovy time!

On July 4th, we spent the afternoon with the Ward family. Tom & Lysa met George and his wife Carol back in Connecticut when the three of us (Tom, Lysa & George) worked at Norden Systems. We've been good friends for a long time and have been at their kids wedding. We've also watched their kids grow up, and now their kids are getting married. Wow, how time flies.

In August, Lysa celebrated her 60th Birthday. We had a catered party for her with family and friends. It was a real nice turnout. We've been in our house now for 25 years. Hard to believe.

In September, Lysa won tickets for the Denver zoo. We all went down as a family and saw the baby giraffe that was a couple months old. Also saw flamingo's walk around the zoo. Lysa's company, Alliant National, celebrated its 20th Anniversary. For the celebration, they had folks fly to Amelia Island in Jacksonville, FL. She stayed for one night at the Ritz Carlton then flew back to Denver. Talk about a quick and exhausting trip. It was fun and great seeing folks you work with. After Lysa got back, we've headed up to Estes Park, CO for our cousin Robin's wedding. It was such a beautiful weekend and the venue was gorgeous. We were also able to spend time with our cousins from Boston who we haven't seen in many years, Nusia, Barry, Beth, Clarence, Holden and Wolff. This was our first time meeting Clarence and the boys. We all had a great time.

In October, we flew to New Jersey for Tom's 50th High School Reunion in Metuchen, NJ. We spent the night with Tom's sister and brother in law, Barb & Steven. We also saw Allie and Becky and her family. Also met their dog Rosie. What a cutie. We met Tom's cousins Gary & Mary Jeanne and her husband John for lunch in Plainsboro, NJ. We also spent time with cousin Jim and his Mom, Aunt Laurene in Brick, NJ before heading to the hotel at the airport.

In November, Emery was christened. Nikki and Kylie's brother, Austin are the Godparents. It was a beautiful ceremony in a beautiful church. There were four other babies being christened there. The next day, we celebrated Emery's 1st Birthday. Family and friends were there. She didn't want to have anything to do with the cake. Even though Dan & Kylie had plastic under the high chair. Still can't believe she's already one year old.

As we close this year's letter, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. If you're ever in Colorado, give us a call. The bar is always open!

Love,

Tom, Lysa, Nikki, Dan, Kylie, Emery, Lucy, Oreo, Bindi & Tippy (Woof Woof & Meow)

