

Christmas 2022

Merry Christmas from Colorado! For us it has been a year of Sad and Happy events. We hope it has been good year for you and your families. We wish you all happy holidays and a great new year.

As always, we will fill this letter with news about our family happenings during the year. In summary: sadly, Faith's mom Gertrude passed away in June; Chrystal's mom Carol passed away in February; and my aunt Helen Barnett passed away in July. On a happier note, our Grandson Duncan (James and Kimbra's oldest) got married in October; and we managed a few fun outings with Faith's brother Rod and his wife Cindy. Oh yeah, we also took on another project at the house.

We have been busy with a front yard landscaping project that has transformed our entrance to the house. What started with wanting to save on our outdoor water use turned into a new paved walkway from the drive to the house, moved the pole fence into the yard a few feet, cut back on some grass, rocked a good portion of the yard and used landscaping bricks to extend two new areas. Did this all with the help of neighbor Kent and Grandson Nate. Oh forgot, two trees that had to be removed.



We held a celebration of life ceremony for Gertrude here in Colorado before we traveled to Idaho for her funeral. She was doing so well until she contracted an infection in late May. She lived past 100 ½ years of age and was always an inspiration to the whole family. She was part of our household in Castle Rock for 19 years and we sure miss her.

We were able to take two trips to Idaho one was for a service for Gertrude at the Twin Falls cemetery where she was interred with Carlyle. It was just what Mom wanted, family and friends bidding her farewell on her journey to be reunited with the family waiting for her. We spent several extra days with Rod & Cindy and did some trail riding in the mountains close to their home as part of this first trip.



Our second trip to Island Park with Rod and Cindy. Was so much fun, took so many trials every morning with our side-by-sides. Went into West Yellowstone one day for shopping and lunch. We stayed in the condo that Rod and Cindy have there. Helped us to spend time together and be outdoors, we enjoyed it so much.



Duncan and Alexis met a few years ago while participating in community theater, they had a beautiful



wedding which was appropriately set in a movie theater. The whole family came together, and everything was great. Siblings and Cousins made up most of the Wedding Party. James and Kimbra hosted a family dinner before the wedding, and they also hosted the reception after the ceremony.

Merry Christmas,

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