

# Marler Christmas Newsletter



I swear I just did this, but I guess another 12 months have somehow slipped by. Can you believe we are 25 years into this century? Bottom Line Up Front: all of us are healthy, happy and blessed.

As we closed out 2023, we had a Marler Family Christmas in Oklahoma. Four generations from Minnesota, Colorado, Oregon, Kansas and Texas travelled to Enid to enjoy each other's company.



When we got back home, we found that we had a water leak in Keegan's wall (again). Luckily the plumbers were able to find the leak (6 inches from where the last leak was) and stopped the water works. Luckily, the repair blended in perfectly.

Keegan turned 25 years old in March and we were so blessed to celebrate with her on her special day.



On April 8<sup>th</sup>, we got to experience our first total solar eclipse from our back yard. Luckily our house was directly in the path of totality and so we were able to marvel at this phenomena while relaxing in our lounge chairs. Hopefully we will be around for the next, close, total eclipse which will be in Oklahoma on August 12, 2045.



Later that month Kristy and Jeff went to the Cowtown Rodeo (oldest, weekly professional Rodeo in the nation) in Fort Worth. This was Kristy's first rodeo ever. She enjoyed every bit but she had a hard time adjusting to the smell.

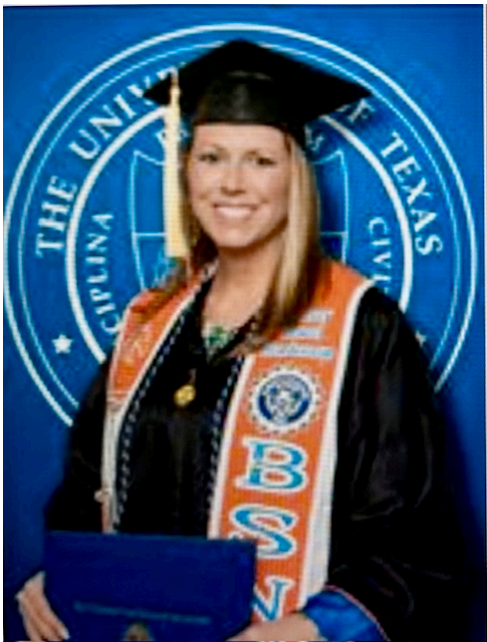
Jeff planned something different to celebrate Kristy's 58th birthday in April. And what could be more interesting than indoor skydiving? Jeff has some experience from his time in the Air Force but Kristy had never done this. She was a natural. We got to fly for about 30 minutes each, broken down in two-minute flights. By the end of the day Kristy was grinning ear to ear. Unfortunately, we were both a little sore the next day, but what a memory.



On May 1st, Jeff had dental surgery to implant a bone graft to replace degenerated bone behind his lower molars where his wisdom teeth were removed when he was 20. A week later our friend and babysitter Lindsey Henderson graduated from the University of Texas Arlington's (UTA) Nursing program. Kristy's bestie, Jennifer and her daughter Jaycee, our previous sitter, celebrated Lindsey's graduation.







On May 18th, Kristy and Jeff attended our first Professional Baseball game, which was the Texas Rangers versus the California Angels. Jeff explained all the nuances of the game to Kristy. Even though Jeff brought his glove, no foul balls came our way.



Little did we know that we would be back to Ranger Stadium so soon. Singer Chris Stapleton came to Arlington on May 25th and Jeff was able to get great tickets, so we put on our western wear and headed back to the stadium.



In July, we celebrated Braden's 27th birthday with a Sonic the Hedgehog movie. Braden wore his Sonic jersey and he ate his weight in popcorn and Skittles. Braden reminds us daily that Sonic 3 comes out on December 20th.



Summertime in Texas is a very hot time of year. Keegan avoided the Texas summer temperatures by staying in the air conditioning with her beloved iPad and headphones.



In August, Kristy travelled south for a girls' weekend with her girlfriends from Germany, Denise and Jennifer, visiting the Alamo and the Riverwalk in San Antonio. One of their favorite activities was tubing down a river.



At the end of August one of Kristy's high school friends, Suzee and husband Bernard Bisch, came to Texas for a visit. We were able to go to dinner and catch up on life.



Unfortunately, there was some bad news this year. On September 2nd, Jeff's Uncle Paul passed away at the age of 92. Paul is buried with other family in Lamont, Oklahoma and Jeff was able to attend the graveside funeral.



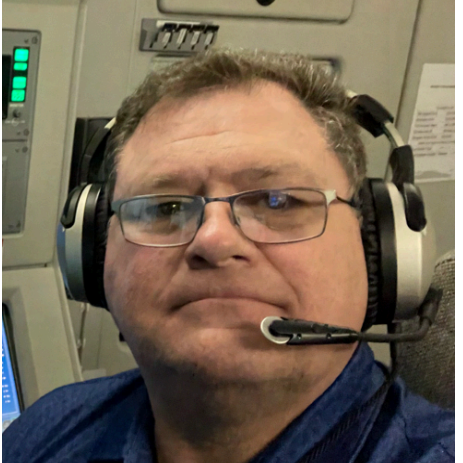
In October, the whole family went to Colorado. Kristy's dearest friend's son, Tyler, was getting married. The ceremony was in a beautiful venue in Boulder and Kristy was able to support Tina during this special occasion.



After the ceremony, we spent several more days in Colorado visiting Kristy's parents (Jim and Mary), sister (Kerri), and brother-in-law (Jonathan). We celebrated Jeff's 58th birthday with a dinner out. Unfortunately, Kristy was exposed to COVID so our visit was shortened and we planned an early return to Texas. Luckily, we didn't get sick from the exposure.



In November, Jeff had another dental surgery (soft foods for 2 weeks) that caused us to postpone our traditional turkey dinner. We will have it on Christmas instead.



This fall has been very busy for Jeff at work and Kristy was very busy decorating our home for Christmas. It looks beautiful.

As always, we pray that GOD bless you and keep you healthy and safe for the coming year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

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