

the GRAHAM *family*

Executive Summary

A year closer to getting old. Summer cruise with family to Alaska. Lost Harry, our tripod hero. An epic celebration of reaching a significant milestone. Quick trip to San Diego for a reunion with friends and classmates. Golf, Church, fostering Golden Retrievers, friends and family are the rest of the story.

Details

Travel this year was relatively quiet. While there are still a few places we want to go, the agony of airline travel is a major deterrent. We still move well so as the memory of the cramped seat fades, we'll get going again.

In June we mustered the two daughters, with husbands, along with Peg's sister and her husband to do the Alaska Cruise. We had done it before but it's a good trip and that's where daughter Kathleen wanted to go to celebrate her 30th anniversary. The food was the usual cruise fare and I complained but you can see by the picture I did not abstain

Otherwise a quiet summer. Grandson Jackson came for an extended visit as he considered the transition from dependent to independent life. As Harry became less and less able to manage the trip outside for his necessary business, it was nice to have someone who could carry him in and out.

In September, Dave and Judy asked us to visit for a quiet, low key celebration of my 80th. The masquerade covered a magnificent surprise party planned and executed by Kathleen. Son Scott made the trip back from Jakarta; sister Betty was there along with grandkids, nephews, nieces and friends.. Hard on a guy with a pacemaker but the tech held up and I survived the surprise.

In November, Harry reached the point where his eyes pleaded for mercy. He could not get to his feet even for food. When he refused to take food by hand, we had to make that very painful decision. Many tears. Roscoe, who is approaching 10, is currently an only dog. He is doing fine so far.

Our health held up this year. We both still have original parts. I still have the bionic implant called a pacemaker. Doing fine. Golf (I shot my age on my birthday), Church, video games and fostering Golden Retrievers Rescues keeps us busy enough. Peg has been the managing secretary of Heron Ridge Estates forever and is still the president of our Sunday School class..

We have the duty social house. Everyone we know has downsized so we host the Army-Navy game and Sunday School class socials. Even the Stephen Ministers have our Christmas party here. Lots of room.



Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year



Family

Scott, wife Tika and daughters Kayla and Kelly are still in Jakarta. Kayla is 14 going on 35 while Kelly, with purple hair will soon be 10. Pam and Mike are in Mechanicsburg, Pa. with Colton and Ashlyn. Colton graduated from high school last year and Ashlyn is 11. Kathleen and Steve are in Alexandria with an empty nest. Megan is in her second year at Clemson.

Kathleen's boys Steven, Matthew and Tyler are all working on their own in Seattle, Nashville and Charlottesville.

Extended family

Betty, Bob's sister, is in Delano MN. We still travel with Judy and Dave who are anchored in Vienna, VA. Peg's brother, Doug, and his wife Delores are in Alabama

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