

Christmas 2014

Dear Family and Friends,

Another year has quickly passed! My how the time seems to speed up as we age another year!

Ray and I are dealing with improved health issues. Ray continues to manage his Parkinson's by exercising and doctoring. He enjoys his I-Pad, TV., and our two schnauzers, Mocha Jo and Baby Boo. Jingle, the cat keeps the schnauzers on their toes! Sally completed chemo and radiation this year and is told that the cancer is "probably" gone. She is dealing with complications from her broken leg.

My mom, Virginia Larson, celebrated her 90th birthday in August. It was a great party with more than 100 in attendance. Then in September she fell and broke her hip in 4 places. After a successful surgery and three months in a rehab center, Mom has moved into the Missoula Manor, three blocks from where sister Sue works for the Missoula School District. Sister Sue and nephew, Mike, are daily advocates for mom, and I am grateful for all the work and time they have contributed to make Mom's move successful! Mom misses Thompson Falls and was unable to return to her apartment. Mom is very social, likes people, and appears to enjoy her new environment. If you are in Missoula, do visit mom. She is in room 503 of the Missoula Manor, 909 W. Central, Missoula, MT. Mom loves visitors and playing cards (pinochle and bridge).

In addition to our daughter, Mary, and son-in-law, Shawn, our JOY is the two granddaughters. Marina is 10 soon to turn 11 in January. Sydney turned 9 in November. Marina and Mary spent the summer in Colorado Springs at the Olympic skating rink where Marina skated up to 5 hours most days. Sydney was a jet setter and went to camp in Bozeman, played soccer, and stayed with Shawn. She took acting lessons in Colorado Springs. Both girls do very well in school. Marina loves to read, and Sydney loves to play "Mine Craft" on the computer.

Mary and Shawn continue to operate Integrated Audio Technologies. A great deal of their business is out of town so Shawn travels extensively. Mary runs the "Learn to Skate" program at the Bozeman ice rink. She has increased the number of skaters from 8 to 99 over the last three years. Everyone looks forward to the new ice rink that was begun this year. It will be another two years before it is finished. Ice time in Bozeman is limited with only one rink operating from 6:00 am to midnight.

Ray continues to attend his monthly book club and. He oversees "ham" tests every 3 months. Sally is involved with Council at church and is chair of the Women of Pilgrim. Women OF Pilgrim sponsored cooking classes and garden parties this year. She co-leads a book and support group at church. We are starting WHO DIES by Stephen Levine this season. Sally continues at Whitepine Counseling Services.

We wish each of you the best for 2015: health, happiness, and love.
Blessings to each of you.

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VIRGINIA'S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY