



Dear Family and Friends,

We send you our greetings. We look forward to hearing about your year. This year has been difficult for us but has also included many blessings. We enjoy eating out regularly and attending plays with Anne's mother, Carol Borchelt, who lives just five miles from us.



In December of 2005, Barry's Dad, Bert was diagnosed with terminal cancer. We went to Peoria for Christmas. In this picture, Anne, Barry, Phyllis, Ted and Jon are gathered around Bert. Barry flew to Peoria for three more visits before Bert passed away on March 1st. Bert had touched so many lives that about two hundred people signed the memory book at the service held at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

We saw the New Year in while doing repairs at our condo in Venice, Florida. Here we are having fun on the beach with Jimmy, Alyssa, Matthew, and Ana Paula Ackbar (who was our foreign student from Brazil when we lived in Ohio) and Nancy Embree. Ana Paula and family now live in the area. Nancy and her husband Keith have a place in Venice. It is fun to think about being near all of them and enjoying the beach when we retire!



In June, Jon joined us for a trip to Yosemite to celebrate Anne's 60th birthday. This a shot Barry took of upper and lower Yosemite Falls from Washburn Point. The flowers, falls and river were gorgeous due to all the winter rain.

Having fun at the Bear River with the Burnell family and friends.



We enjoyed the near-by Rose Garden and the Hakone Japanese Garden, while Barry's mother, Phyllis was here for a summer visit.





In September, Barry organized a Briggs' family reunion in Peoria with over fifty coming to some part of the festivities. Here are the Briggs cousins.

Barry & Anne sailing near the Golden Gate Bridge in co-worker Don Alden's boat.



We got a Mazda 5 which seats 6. It was just right for the Thanksgiving group travel. Now Barry can take the Saturn if it's cold!



Our family gathering for Thanksgiving-Barry, Charley & Carol Sayles, Carol, Gina, & Grant Cremers, Carol Borchelt, Anne, Laura, Jack & Ed Sayles, Mark, Joella & Bill Borchelt, Ted & Jon Briggs & Gerry Cremers. We were especially thankful that Carol Sayles, Anne's sister, (who is having chemo after breast cancer surgery) was able to come.

We send you our Best Wishes for a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year,

Anne + Barry



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