

Dear Family and Friends,

At this time of year, we enjoy hearing from you with the latest news. This has been a year of change for us. We would like this letter to be a special tribute to our mothers. Barry's Mom, Phyllis, passed away May 22 at the age of 84. Eight days later, Anne's Mom, Carol Poole Borchelt, passed away on May 30 at the age of 92. They are greatly missed by the family. We really appreciated all of your emails, calls, notes of sympathy and donations made in their memories.



Barry was laid off the first of July. He was planning to give notice of his retire-



ment starting in September, but that turned out to be unnecessary. Sometimes a plan does come together, but not exactly under your control. We have spent time getting signed up for Medicare and Barry's social security.

In the middle of June, we appreciated the nice relaxing time camping at the Bear River in gold country with the Burnell family and their friends.



It was just the break we needed before Carol Borchelt's memorial service on June 25 with about 40 family and friends attending. In July, Betty Cant asked us to enjoy a few days at hers and the Burnell's cabin in the lovely woods near Arnold.

From there we drove to Yosemite on two separate days. The first day we went to Tuolumne Meadow on the far side of the park where there was still snow. The second day we did the valley floor and Glacier Point.

August brought a grand adventure! We rented a trailer to tow with our Mazda5 and cleaned out the rental storage unit holding Anne's Mom's things. The first stop was at Ed and Laura's house in Norco for a brief visit overnight. Next on to Tucson where we met, Anne's brother, Bill and Joella to deliver things that Bill wanted. We then went on to Austin to stop at Ted's house to drop off thing for him. Next we went to our condo in Florida to return some things that were moved to California with Carol. While in Venice, Father Jim held a private service for the burial of Carol's ashes, in the Memorial Garden at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. We dropped the trailer in Florida and continued with the Mazda5 packed with things to deliver to Jon in Atlanta. We enjoyed a visit with our friend Gene Mathes but of course had to do some obligatory repairs at the condo.

We spent a couple days with Jon. The next stop was Peoria, to visit with Barry's cousins Dave and Cheryl, and stop in the hospital to see my cousin Nancy. On to Chicago to have dinner with Anne's Aunt Barbie, cousins Becky and Don, her significant other, and cousin Don Terras. We gave Don Terras a small chest of drawers his father made. After dinner we drove to Barry's sisters place in Lake Mills, Wisconsin for a short visit and to pick up a chest of drawers from Barry's mom's side of the family. Back to Peoria where we stayed with cousins Susie and Gerry. We rented another trailer for some of Barry's mom's things. Then we were off to Atlanta again to deliver some furniture to Jon. We drove to Houston to reconnect and spend the night with Joe and Sally Wittmer. We went back to Austin again to empty the trailer at Ted's house. Back to Tucson for an overnight stop, then a loooong drive to San Jose the next day. We had nice visits all along the way. It is good to have "treasures" from both families delivered and appreciated. We extend our many thanks for all the wonderful hospitality from so many of you!

Statistics: 8773 miles in 22 days covering 12 states, 23.64 mpg (those trailers sure kill the mileage).

On September 1st, Barry started working half time with Enmetric Systems in Belmont. He has been doing design for them a couple years, but they recently got funding and need more of his time. He commutes on Tuesdays and Thursday and works from home a half day on Wednesdays.

After a brief hiatus, Anne is going back in January to volunteering at Santa Maria Urban Ministries, teaching pre-kindergarten to Hispanic children on Wednesdays from 10 to 12.

In September, we flew to Minneapolis for Barry's nephew Kurt's wedding to Monika.



We stayed with Anne's cousin, Bill and Lisa Poole. We had a wonderful visit with them and enjoyed a tour of the parks and lakes in Minneapolis.



We enjoyed a lovely family Thanksgiving with Anne's cousin Carol and Gerry Creemers' and family. December 19th, we fly to Atlanta to spend some time with Jon. We will drive with him to the condo in Venice to spend Christmas there.



Now that winter is here, we are entertained by the house finches, western goldfinches and the year round hummingbirds. Did we mention the 3-5 squirrels at times?

Best Wishes for a Blessed Holiday Season and New Year,

Anne + Barry

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