

Christmas 2008

While Jim and I didn't do much to change our daily routine personally, 2008 was one of those years where change happens around you – whether you voted for it or not.

The biggest change for me was the death of my Mom on May 2 in Tucson. Mom had a heart attack in March and was doing great after surgery when she had a stroke the day after her birthday. The nice thing was that practically all her friends called her on her birthday. For those who came to one of the services in Arizona or Indiana, thank you!! It was wonderful to see all our friends from all over the country. People emailed, wrote, and called, all with stories about Mom - some we knew and a lot we had never heard before. If you didn't know my mom – man, you missed out.... ☺ Between Dad, me and Mark, she put up with a LOT. I don't usually ask for anything in these annual letters – but if you could keep us all in your prayers this holiday season, it would be much appreciated. It just continues to be tough.

Another 2008 change was in our place of worship. I had grown weary of the disorganization of the start-up church we were attending and we began to search for a new church home. In October, we joined Gateway Presbyterian Church on the West side of Colorado Springs. We sing in the choir and it is very enjoyable.

And then there is the election.... I spent most of the fall basically stalking the Obama family as they campaigned in Southern Colorado. I was able to attend two rallies in Pueblo that drew 15,000 people each, and was standing on the risers behind the podium waving my little sign when Michelle Obama came in September. Although I always vote, I have never invested myself so heavily in a campaign before, walking the precinct, attending caucuses and doing phone banks. Yes We Did! At least Jim's guy finished in the top two.....

Last year, Jim started his custom golf-club making business, ACCUFIT GOLF STUDIO, LTD., and it is slowly building. He works out of the Colorado Springs Country Club and is starting to see some business from that. He is also the Golf Club Tech at Dick's Sporting Goods 2-3 days a week. I will start my 19th year at Corrections in January.

We were able to see both the NCAA basketball and hockey tournaments in Colorado this year and I attended the National Genealogical Society annual conference in Kansas City in May between memorial services. Jim went to the PGA show in Orlando in January.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

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