

December 16, 2008

Wow! What a year, a mixed bag as usual. We didn't write cards or letters last December after Curtis was hurt. To make a long story short, Curt worked for a tire company and was out on a run with another person. Lots of mistakes all around, Curt was run over by a tractor toe-to-head. We thank the Lord he survived. He had jaw surgery in May, and he still has nerve damage to his right leg. On the lighter side, Curtis made Sergeant in the guards and he has a new girlfriend, Kasey. Kasey will be moving back to Bismarck from Fargo to go to school, find work, and be closer to Curt. Kasey is the first girlfriend that actually wanted to meet all of us. She's great for him.

Bev started nursing school in Rochester. She is doing great so far in school and hopes to graduate in 2010. Bev still works for Mayo Clinic. On Saturday, Dec. 6, Bev adopted a dog named Jack. She hopes to come home for Christmas this year and bring Jack. It should be interesting with our cat Rebel.

David & Erin have had a busy year. David got an award for all his hard work on the state university emergency notification system. He did a lot of traveling and work to get the system up and running. Dave also put a new deck on their home. They are always trying to improve their home. Erin is very busy with her work at Jamestown College. She also plays the oboe and English horn at the plays or musical programs at the college. She puts in long and many hours of practice.

Julie has one more semester at Valley City State University, and will graduate in May. She has two part time jobs besides school and the kids. Steve changed jobs a couple months ago, and he also has two part time jobs. They have a very busy household with Tom and Brianna always on the go. Tom became a teenager and will be confirmed in May. Brianna stays busy with school, choir, and Awana. Sam is three, and is crazy for trains. Julie & Steve also got a new dog, a beagle, named Shiloh.

Well, I turned 60 this year and Jim & the kids made a big deal out of it. Jim and I also celebrated our 40th anniversary in June. We both had better health check-ups this year. I'm still a para-educator in special education class (jr. & sr. high) in Valley City. We had a great Labor Day weekend at Erin & her mom's cabin. We even tried kayaking. We enjoy spending time with the kids and grandkids.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and wonderful 2009!

Jim & Rose Klein, and family



Pictures: Top - Brianna, Rose & Jim in Aberdeen Bottom left - Rose, Brianna, and Shiloh at the lake. Bottom right - Dave and Jim on the kayaks.