



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our house to yours!

Steve was orphaned in 2018. Steve's father Harry passed away January 19th. (See www.dossin.info/HarryDossin.) We can be thankful that he was ready to go and that he went in his sleep. The last couple of years had been pretty tough. Mom held on for another ten and a half months without him. She passed away on December 7th. (See www.dossin.info/BetsyDossin.) We rejoice in the knowledge that we will see them again when we get to heaven. Their faith in our Savior Jesus was such an example to all those around them. They were absolutely certain of their eternal destiny.

Before their promotion to the church triumphant, both continued to receive excellent care at the home of Steve's sister Susan. We thank her for all the work she put into keeping them both comfortable and safe.

We appreciate our church, St Paul Lutheran. The people at the church were such a blessing in helping with the arrangements when Mom and Dad passed, and they had already been caring for Mom and Dad with prayers, cards, and visits until their final days. We also greatly appreciate the support given us in the grieving process.

We continue to enjoy the church seniors group which sponsors monthly luncheons and table games, as well as occasional bus trips and outings to cultural events. Also we are greatly blessed by our home Bible study group. Recently, we have joined the Life Team at St Paul as well.

Steve has enjoyed his teaching assignments at Tarrant County College. He had two sections in the spring, but his Fall semester classes did not make. There have been some substitute teaching opportunities this fall. He is scheduled to teach a couple of sections of Statistics in the Spring of 2019.

In March 2018 we were blessed by a visit from Nita's brother and sister-in-law. We had fun showing them some sights in Tarrant and Parker counties. They were able to see Betsy one last time.



While our family lost a couple of people, that numerical loss was more than offset by our Pennsylvania nephew Luke getting married to Alyssa and picking up three daughters in the package deal. We scheduled a driving vacation to be at that beautiful wedding in Philadelphia during Memorial Day weekend. We were also able to meet our youngest great niece, Julia, for the first time.



On that trip, we traveled about four thousand miles in 27 days, and are still working to edit and organize the two thousand pictures. We went east until we got to the ocean, went up the coast to Philadelphia for the wedding, saw relatives in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and then headed home. Museum visits included an art museum in Tuscaloosa, the Kennesaw Mountain battlefield, a Civil War train museum near the battlefield, a history museum in Atlanta, a Navy museum in Charleston, two museums in Kitty Hawk, a DuPont gunpowder factory in Delaware, aviation sites in Dayton, a replica of Noah's Ark in Kentucky, and a music museum in Memphis. We also enjoyed a river boat ride on the Mississippi.



We are thankful that we've been able to stay in touch with friends in the Dallas area, usually when we're over that direction to visit Peggy. Peggy has been moved to a "Special Needs" unit. This is a locked unit, but we are permitted to take her for (wheelchair) rides around the facility. Please pray that Peggy will be able to receive the dental care she has been needing for some time now.

We tried Pickle Ball this year. It was fun, but it seemed to adversely affect Steve's fibromyalgia, so that did not continue very long.

Steve did get several craftsmanship projects finished. This included house improvements, ministry work, and landscape activity. The project Nita found most interesting was a rack made out of PVC and chicken wire to organize kindling size firewood by size and age.



God bless you,
Steve and Nita

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