

Carbaugh Family News

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What a busy two years! And 2020 has certainly been a year we all will never forget. This newsletter will bring our family and friends up to date since our last newsletter in 2018. So let's begin with...

2019

Sam finished work at Wright Patterson AFB and moved from his Dayton apartment to our new-old home in Michigan we bought in 2017. It's hard to believe he has worked at Wright-Patt for nearly 14 years; his last 3 years of military service, 6 years as a business development manager with a major Defense Contractor, and 2 years as a support contractor and then 3 years as a consultant working on base. That chapter is closed.

Sam & Lisa had their 60th birthdays in 2019. Lisa was first and Sam made secret plans to give her a special birthday party. Her sisters traveled from Chicago and Norfolk. Her brother came from Lansing. With help from the boys, a party room was reserved at a downtown Grand Rapids restaurant. All she knew was that we were going to have dinner with the boys' families. That special dinner was scheduled for Saturday because the kids' work did not permit a dinner on her birthday which was a Thursday. So on her birthday, Sam took her out for drinks and a quiet dinner downtown. Unfortunately, Lisa collapsed after the meal and was admitted to the hospital for 2 days. She had a severe drop in potassium. This happened five years earlier but it was very scary. The party room was canceled but she was released from the hospital in time for a great BBQ dinner at Sam & Kristin's place. Needless to say, when it was time for Sam's birthday later in the year—we kept it very low key. Delivered pizza and beer.



The sad part of 2019 was the passing of our 12 year old Bernese Mountain Dog, Abby. Our long hair Calico cat, Kalie also passed away late in the year. We loved her very much. We did gain another Grand-dog. Sam, Kristin & Oliver adopted an adult standard poodle named Ladd. He's a very smart and regal dog.



In the summer of 2019, Sam began converting an attached garage/storage room to be a private SPA room. A big project to keep him busy in his retirement—and he didn't get around to the annual newsletter. Little did we know how much we'd appreciate the new room in ...

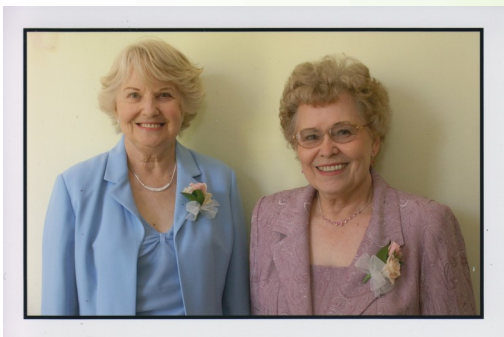


2020

COVID-19 shut down Michigan about the time Sam finished the SPA room which has our two person hot tub, our expanded Sauna, a walk in shower all in a large bright room with heated tile floors. We enjoy relaxing in the room a few times a week. Still waiting to see snow falling out the window.



Our immediate family has not contracted COVID. The boys have been able to work from home. Lisa continues to work at the CPA office but with a limited staff and visitors.



Annette

Betty

Lisa's mom, Betty passed away in July at 94. Sam's mom, Annette passed away in October at 88. Both had full lives and we miss them dearly.

We celebrated our 40th Wedding Anniversary by attending the church where we were married. With COVID 19, there wasn't a big event but we enjoyed the memory of that special day back in 1980.



2020 wasn't a full lock down quarantine for us. We spent time at the family cottage. Sam continued to fly our Piper Warrior mostly to Dayton OH where he continues to volunteer at the Wright B Flyer non-profit. He has also made flights to Fayetteville NC to see his mom and to Norfolk VA to visit Lisa's sister's family.

We all hope 2021 will be a better year.



*Sam
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Lisa*