

Dear Family and Friends,

We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year. We hope that during this special season you are spending time with those you love.

It's hard to believe we are spending our ninth Christmas here in Woodstock; it's gone by so quickly. We love our town, its people, our church activities, and the good friends we've known and met since moving here.

As we have in the past years, we visited our time shares in Florida again this past February. We had hoped to have friends and our daughter Julie share some Florida sunshine with us but plans went array so we spent some special time together. On our way south the end of January, we stayed two days in Wilmington, NC visiting with Julie and with Julie's friend Megan Fakoury. Julie's apartment in Wilmington was too small for us to settle into while there, and Megan graciously invited us to stay in her townhouse. We then spent a week at the Royal Floridian Resort in Ormond Beach, a cool week as we remember. It was then further south to the Sheraton PGA Resort in Port St. Lucie, and there we enjoyed a week of relaxation and sightseeing. It was then onto the Sheraton Vistana Resort in Orlando for another week of rest and fun. Leaving Florida, we stopped at the Sea Crest Surf and Racquet Club in Hilton Head, SC for a week of sightseeing, some golf, and again, very little warm weather. Our daughter Julie spent most of the week with us which we thoroughly enjoyed.

In May, we visited our timeshare at the Sands Beach Club in Myrtle Beach. We have owned this resort week for over twenty years but usually reserve it for our kids to use. Since neither could use it this year, we decided to visit it ourselves and see what changes it had gone through; we were pleasantly surprised how well it looked. The two bedroom unit is on the tenth floor and looks down on the beach below.

Dave started out the spring with his back acting up again. Janet finally talked him into going to a chiropractor; someone Dave never seemed too interested in meeting. After learning that two of their close friends had been helped by one, Dave began a series of visits which changed his perspective of chiropractors. As the summer slipped into fall, his back problems lessened and his pains became a memory. During this time, it had become apparent to Dave that his eyesight was failing and after visiting the ophthalmologist, it was discovered that his cataracts were ripe for surgery. The right eye, being the worse, was done first and a week later, the left eye was corrected. The surgery went well and since then, he sees the world in a much better light. Janet has now reached her eleventh year anniversary in her recovery from Ovarian and Endometrial Cancer; we thank God for His blessings.

Our son Rick and his fiancée Kelly Cerio were married in July in Culpeper, VA. The wedding was a wonderful celebration of their love for each other. Kelly's parents, John and Kathy, live in Culpeper and since the Cerio family is large, Culpeper was a good central area for all the invited to travel and stay. Pictures of the wedding celebration can be found on Rick and Kelly's Shutterfly website. You can view the photos by visiting <http://www.thefairbankfamily.shutterfly.com>

In the latter part of September, after Dave had spent the hot summer working on the golf course, we decided to take a week off and travel to the Presidential Villas Resort in Surfside Beach, SC. This time we asked friends, Terry and Ruth O'Neil, to spend the week with us. They live here in Woodstock and we all enjoyed the week of R&R together. Daughter Julie even came and spent a day with us during the latter part of the week.

Just prior to this Christmas, Julie moved yet again but this time she bought a home in Wilmington, NC. She had been previously living in a very small apartment over a garage in another section of Wilmington. She spent a lot of time looking and when she found and purchased the home, she decided to do quite a bit of upgrading before moving in. We haven't seen the home as yet but we plan on stopping for a brief visit on our way to Florida in February of 2010.

We look forward to each day together and with Christ's blessings, we will live our lives one day at a time giving thanks for all our blessings, family, and good friends.

We feel great joy to write this letter to you, and we pray that this Christmas will be a very special time for you and your family. May God bless you in this Christmas season and throughout the New Year, and may He be everything that you wish, for your family and your friends.