

## **Hugh and Becky wish you a wonderful Christmas holiday.**

What a year this has been! Many new things have brought us happiness, some sadness, but we have each other to share it all.

A year ago we bought our new home. Then we quickly headed east to introduce each other to our families. During that trip, Dec. 27 to be precise, we celebrated our commitment to each other at Becky's parent's church (see lower left picture). Hugh's sister, an ordained minister, presided over the ceremony jointly with the local minister. Heading further east we visited Hugh's dad and wife in northern New Hampshire, where they really know how to deliver a white Christmas!

We returned home to our old homes to pack, pack, pack, move, unpack, unpack, unpack, clean, paint, clean, paint (old homes) .... Lots of work but worth it for our new home. Getting our other houses rented to good families is an added blessing.

Hugh's mom, sister, and her family visited in June. During the visit Mom fell. She was hospitalized and in rehabilitation quite a while, then to a nursing home back in Michigan. A second fall accelerated the decline in her overall condition. Hugh was with her just before she died on November 20.

Becky's parents were here in October, which is a great time of year to visit this area. We're glad Mom and Dad could enjoy our home and the natural beauty of this area including few days in Yosemite. They helped us "socialize" our new cat, Gamma, who has turned into a little darling (pretty much a "daddy's girl"). Snowflake, the black 14 year old 'Alpha' cat, has accepted her into his "kingdom".

We've had our share of travels, as always. Hugh went to Europe for business several times, but Becky declined to join him in Finland in February. Imagine that. This summer we visited Becky's brother in Virginia, and then relaxed with friends on the North Carolina coast. In September we toured and sailed in French Polynesia. The Rangiroa atoll was a great place to relax, dive, see dolphins, and drive little "Fun cars" (see other pictures). We joined nine other friends and sailed two boats around Bora Bora and other close by islands. Becky was first there in 1985 and was surprised by the build-up. But it didn't affect the turquoise blue water, warm breezes, or soothing sunsets. This holiday season we will drive to Arizona to see Becky's sister and her family. Then we will visit the gorgeous sights of southwestern states on the way home.

We are always happy to hear from friends and family. If you are in our area we have plenty of room for guests. Keep in touch.

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