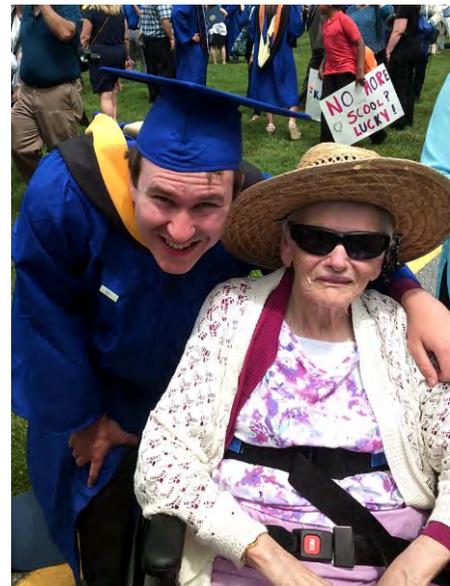


Christmas 2017

Dear friends,

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have had a blessed year, and hope you also have had times of joy as well.

Amy loves her teaching at Judson U outside Chicago, and little Melanur just turned one year old. Her first word is Dada which makes Fadi proud. Melanie moved from North Carolina to the Lebanon PA area and is a Consumer Safety Inspector for some chicken processing plants. Joe and Wei have had a big year; Joe now works for Capital One, they bought a house, Wei completed a master's degree, they are going to visit Wei's grandmother in China after Christmas, and Wei is expecting in late May. Andy also had a big year; he graduated in May from University of Delaware, and began working in St. Paul MN in June (a Veterans Service Representative) and bought a car. David is now a teenager, wanting to spend all his time with his friends, though also busy with Scouts, sports, robotics, and reading the Warriors series and Harry Potter. Daniel loves to ride his bike to the library to get his favorite books, such as The Diary of a Wimpy Kid, or Captain Underpants; we are happy he loves to read and know someday he will change his interests. Sahari and Mariah are very social,



and know the names of dozens of kids and dogs in the neighborhood. The four younger children are all in Claritas Classical Academy (a blended homeschool/school where Bob is teaching physics to eight 9th graders).





In August we enjoyed a trip to Chicago, where Bob had a conference and the rest of the family stayed with Amy and Fadi and played with Melanur. Then we visited Andy in St. Paul for almost a week, then went with our friends Bret and Mary Wightman to the Grand Tetons for a week. The Grand Tetons proved to be grand; we saw a mother moose nursing her calf and a baby bear sleeping in a tree while the mother scavenged for berries underneath. We also enjoyed day trips to Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, and the Badlands.



We had multiple visits with Bob's mother who had a stroke on New Year's Day, then some more minor strokes in March and April. Being wheelchair bound did not dampen Mom's spirits, and she enjoyed every moment with her family and friends. For our 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary, we took Mom and Aunt Rachel and Uncle Fred and Aunt Emmaline out for a very pleasant lunch. On November



14, Mom was put on hospice, and she loved seeing all the many family members who visited, until she slipped into a peaceful coma and died Nov 27. At the funeral service several people spoke about my mom's positive attitude and how she always helped others.

Our guest room desires visitors, so please stop by and see us!

Love, Bob, Peggy, David, Daniel, Sahari, Mariah Styer

