



Peace on Earth

2013 Doiron Family Christmas Letter

Here's the 23rd edition of our family tradition of chronicling the news of the year. News, big and small, that we want to recall is poetically penned and saved here.

It's added to a family binder, which we enjoy re-reading from time to time... Snap shots, simple reminders of moments of our lives immortalized in a rhyme.

Our boys are all grown, still living at home and we love having them here. John's fiancé, Caitlin (and her cat, "Momma") live with us which also brings us cheer. It's hard to believe that we (Dave and Joan) have been married now for over 30 years.

And soon our son John will start his new life as his own wedding day nears. April 4, 2014 is when Caitlin and John will start their journey as man and wife. Tom will be their Best Man and joins us in wishing both of them a happy life.

Joan and Dave continue with all of their activities. They both enjoy community service. Singing, Special Olympics, etc. for Joan, and Dave's work at St. Mark's brings him bliss.

We now have our own animal version of "Upstairs Downstairs" going on in our home. "Kitty" lives upstairs and "Momma" is downstairs 'cause we can't trust them together alone.

Lots of upgrades to our place this year: foundation, drywall, electric and plumbing. Plus landscaping work and a generator should ensure that there will be no new storms coming.

Our niece, Jamie Doiron, got married in 2013. Jamie Lang is now her new name. A beautiful and adventurous honeymoon trip to Iceland is her newest claim to fame. Dave's brother, Jim, has been battling cancer and his wife has also had health issues. They are both in our hearts and we pray that the coming year brings them brighter hues.

Two of Joan's sisters had operations. They both had to go under the knife. It was Ellen's eye and Becky's back... here's to better vision and a pain free back for life.

Joan's 92 year old mother fell this past summer breaking her wrist and pelvic bone. After a painful rehab she recovered. Now if she could only learn to use her new phone!
(Funny story about the phone. We'll have to tell it to you sometime.)

There's a lot that has happened in the world this year both scary and happy, it's true. Catastrophic weather, political turmoil and the Red Sox winning the pennant to name a few.

We won't take the time to recap the news. That's what history books are for. Instead, we offer this bit of advice, though we wish we could offer you more.

We wish you love, good health and a feeling of self worth for you and your family this year. In your heart may you store all the snapshots of everyone and everything that you hold dear.

Merry Christmas!

Dave, Joan, Tom, John & Caitlin
"Kitty" and "Momma"