



Angels of all sizes hover around the Nativity nestled in the brick oven beside the fireplace in our living room.

Jacobs Family News

2000 Edition

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, it is time to say hello to you, our family and friends. We have had several people comment to us, they had missed our annual missive in 1999. As we were fortunate to visit with many of you either in person, by telephone, or through personal correspondence, I didn't publish one. Didn't want to "wear out our welcome!" So, here we are, back again in your mailbox.

I find my thoughts wandering to many people, places, and times. While the miles and busy 21st century lifestyles separate us, please know you are in our thoughts.

Milestones and Notes from 1999

While Dan's knee improved after surgery in '98, his back continued to bother him. The neurosurgeon recommended Dan retire. He was approved for Social Security disability in March '99. Living on a retirement income has required some adjustments.

Wayne hit the big 4-0 on February 19th. While no big party, we had a great family evening at a local restaurant. Just like his Dad he loves a good steak! In June we had a grand time entertaining 40+ people on *Tina Day*, celebrating her 21st birthday (2/14) and high school graduation. In August we hosted a smaller gathering of Dan's relatives for a Barse family reunion. A wonderful day of stories, photos, and memories.

On February 4th we were finally able to lay cousin Alan to rest at his family's plot in Attleboro with a small graveside service. Dan's Aunt Priscilla Eldredge passed away in March. In July we were stunned by the loss of my Dad's cousin, Fran Anton, who had been here for Tina Day several weeks earlier. We lost my Aunt Gloria Demakis in November. I am glad Dan and I had been to visit her in September.

The holidays were nice and we weren't sick!!! Thanksgiving was at Wayne's; Christmas Eve dinner here; New Year's Day Wayne's and Danny's families here!



Our Family - August 1999

Left to Right: Debbie & Danny with their 3 - Josh, Krystal & Kelly; Laura & Wayne with Vicki (missing Kit on her first overnight camp!); Tina, Dan & Debbie.



Christmas Eve 1999

Granddaughters Vicki and Kit model their gifts of *American Girl* sleepwear by the tree in our family room as Jasper enjoys a rawhide cane of gigantic proportions!

2000 - A Quiet Year of Changes

Dan was hospitalized with pneumonia & emphysema in June for 10 days. It was a long hard road to a recovery that even now finds him tiring quickly. Filling his time has not been a problem. Loves the computer, especially the Internet. Has gotten back into stamp collecting - chats and trades online now. Putters on household projects too. Continues to be active in the Am Legion (although their Bingo closed in April) and KWVA. Traveled to CT for a *USS Valley Forge* reunion; Boston for another military reunion; also a couple of stamp shows and meetings.

Tina, 22, has a full schedule - works Sat. & Sun mornings at Papa Gino's Pizza; Mon-Wed-Fri attends a special needs adult program 9-3; Thurs a therapist visits and later in the day she goes with a lovely woman to work on independent living skills like cooking, shopping, laundry etc.. Friday night is recreation program and may attend an ARC activity or 2 during the month.

Adele, 19, remains on her own. We are so proud of her graduation from Barnstable High School in June and attending Lasell College. She is always in our prayers, as are all our children - Kelvin, 40, in the Navy, stationed in Hawaii; Adam, 30, continuing to work in accounting and financial management in Florida; Danny, 36, and his family on Cape; and Wayne, 41, and his family also close by.

My health has remained the same. I do find myself reminding me more and more of Mom - reaching for glasses (my arms have shortened) and dozing off in my recliner while watching TV. With Dan home, we've done a few projects around the house. I enjoy crafts, the computer, and collecting.

*Wherever you are
please know we are thinking of you
and
sending our warmest wishes
to you and yours
for a wonderful holiday season.*



Season's Greetings!