

# Christmas 2023

Dear Family and Friends,

You are all in our thoughts and prayers this holiday season. We send you our love and friendship.

Jance, Autumn, and their family are all doing great. All five grand-kids are growing and experiencing life! McKenna (26) is settling in to married life and enjoying her job in HR. Caden (24) is getting married December 16 to Kara Sorenson. Josh (21) is continuing his career in entertainment and planning on going back to college this fall. Conner (19) is at Cosumnes River College for his associate degree and then to CSU Long Beach, CA. Hunter (17) is a high school senior and was selected for the All State Concert Band this year. Last but not least Oscar, their little dog, adds a great deal of love to their family.

Grant and Sarah are living their dream of living abroad. Their family moved to Hamilton, New Zealand in June. Grant is pursuing his Masters degree at the University of Waiakato, and Sarah is working at a job she loves. They are exploring New Zealand at every opportunity and really love it there. They are busy trying to keep up with their two boys, Lex (16) and Ian (13), who have gotten quite a bit taller. Both are still enjoying on-line school. Ian is doing well with school, but prefers screen time! Lex has become confident riding the intercity bus system in Hamilton, and both boys like to play Dungeons and Dragons.

Brad and Jess have been busy with their boys and traveling a little. They have a family trip planned to Morocco this December. Both are working full-time and raising great sons! Luke (15) is in high school, and still loves to read and to build complex Lego sets. Miles (12) is very active, and enjoys soccer and video games ... especially flight simulators. Their dog, Koda, who is a good, smart, and well trained dog keeps them active.

We are so grateful that our sons and daughters-in-law are such great parents. We can't praise them enough for all the love, hard work and thought they put into raising our grandchildren

John is still working, golfing, and cheering on his favorite sports teams. He has been able to attend four Steelers games this year with his sister Jane and continues to remain hopeful about the season.

My health is good and I'm able to do almost all the things again that I love! Spending time with family and loved ones, quilting, and currently trying my hand at helping an Amaryllis bloom. This is a tradition of my mother that all seven of my siblings and I are trying to carry on.

We send our love and very best wishes to each one of you this holiday season. Like we always say ... we are VERY fortunate, and the Christmas season is a great time to express gratitude for our wonderful families and friends. We'd love to hear from all of you!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!**

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