

Merry Christmas

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This was a transitional year for us, as we lost the last of our parents, but were blessed with another grandchild, and yet another on the way! Roy passed away on Christmas day last year, and Slim passed in March. It was kind of a shock to realize that we each are now the eldest members of our respective families!

New years was spent in Walla Walla, WA at my sister's home following dad's funeral. It was a time to re-connect with family and friends from our "home" town. Lots of cold and snow to make us appreciate Texas!

Our grandchildren (and their parents, of course!) continue to be our greatest joy. Little Allie turned 3 in August, and is a very busy kid. She has her own trampoline now, and we make the 2-hour drive often to Allen, TX. She got her first airplane ride this year with Papa! I suppose we will be making even more trips next year, as Allie will be welcoming a little sister in March!



Sean Michael Dolan came into the world August 19th, and is big on smiling and giggling now. He lives with his parents, Mike and Heather, in Savannah, TN, where Mike has opened a private hand surgery practice. We have been to visit several times, and really enjoy their lake home in the rolling hills along Pickwick Lake.

We did a fair amount of traveling again this year. March found us on a mission trip again to the UMCOR facility in Louisiana to help make disaster kits. April was the annual pilgrimage to Sun-n-Fun in Florida, which is the first big fly-in of the year. In May we were back again in Tacoma for a memorial celebration for Slim. June was busy with Mike & Heather moving to TN, Mike graduating from his Hand Surgery Fellowship program in Dallas, and Bill finally getting to use his birthday present of attending the NASCAR driving school at Texas Motor Speedway. 10 laps in the Coors Silver Bullet was a blast!



July included the 2nd annual Eslick family reunion in Spokane, and a trip to the Oshkosh Fly-In via motorhome. We took our first real cruise with good friends in October, leaving Galveston for Progreso and Cozumel. It took two



days for the house to quit moving after we returned! That was followed quickly by a USAF reunion in Ohio and a flight to TN.

The whole family gathered at Tara & Eric's house for Thanksgiving, and it was great watching Allie bond with cousin Sean. We slept "in the street" in our motorhome, as Eric's parents were also there. Great time!

May the blessing of God's Peace and Forgiveness be yours throughout this year.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14