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Hi,

As the summer flies by I'm staying busy working at my dairy farm (added a small beef herd after fencing in the high pasture) and here on Lackawack Hill, where Nicole and her boyfriend Matt are putting in a vineyard in the back field. That won't be ready for a while but it looks like we'll have plenty of apples to press this fall for hard and sweet cider. Mom has had a tough time lately and we're trying to deal with that as best as possible, Lorraine can expand on that.

Love to all, Ken

Greetings to All!

August 19, 2017

Being the youngest cousin, I only saw St. Michael's for the first time at Aunt Rosemary's beautiful Mass. All I can say is Wow! Now I can see why leaving Brooklyn was with such sadness of heart. It brought me up close and personal to the roots of our great family. I'll send a big "thank you" to heaven for Grandma and Grandpa May! How lucky we are to have such an awesome heritage!

I'll do a quick synopsis of what's going on up here on Lackawack:

John is working hard as Maintenance Supervisor/Building Manager at Frost Valley YMCA camp. He likes his job and the people he works with so it makes the long hours bearable during the summer camp season.

Arianna has been full-time at New Hope for the past 6 months. She works with the severely mentally and physically disabled, most of which are even non-verbal. Praise God, she enjoys helping people so it's a good fit. She was even invited to take a class in administering medications, so she continues to grow in her job.

Kaylin is a rising senior in HS! As she's interested in veterinary medicine and Agricultural studies, she's narrowed her college choices to Suny Cobleskill, a very small school on the north side of the Catskills, and Cornell in Ithaca. Both are agricultural schools, but that's where their similarities end! I guess it'll come down to which school she can attend for FREE or almost free!!! Vet school is killer expensive so undergrad needs to be cheap! This summer Kaylin has been lifeguarding at the town pool and of course mothering her flock of chickens! Tennis season will be kicking into full gear on Monday!

Matthew, Mark and Luke will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade which in our school is the start of HS. Matthew and Mark will be playing soccer in the fall while Luke wants to try his hand at Cross Country. This is their first time in Modified sports which means practices or meets every day. Time-management will be their first big change this year!

Kaylin, Matthew, Mark and Luke just came home today from a week-long VERY CATHOLIC camp called Camp Veritas. Besides the regular camp activities, they also enjoyed Mass, the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration and the ability for Confession EVERY DAY! The camp had a good dose of "religious" present all week as well. I've never in my life seen so many kids – hundreds of them – on fire like this! There was an awesome band and the kids were dancing, clapping and singing along like they were at a rock concert! They have more kids that want to come to camp than they accommodate so if anyone is interested in volunteering next year, look them up! Prepare to be amazed!

Now there's sad news. Mom is really failing. She's got Alzheimer's really bad and half the time is so confused. Her body is slowing up at about the same rate as her mind so at least I'm not worried about her trying to get out of the house, only falling when she tries to get up during the night. I have to say, I'm really learning about redemptive suffering and patience! It's very hard on the whole family but the kids have to understand that this is a part of life. That said; please pray for both mom and the rest of us!

God bless and keep the good news coming!

*Love, Senaie, John, Arianna, Kaylin, Matthew, Mark & Luke*

9/13/17

Greetings from Long Island on the cusp of autumn. Weather has been kind this past summer and into the fall. Hope it holds! The summer went FAST.

Dreher news: Ian landed a job with Tiffany's (THE Tiffany's) in their Parsippany, NJ customs office. So he now resides in Morristown - not too far from Matt. He's pleased with this company and is studying now for the national Customs Brokerage Test. He's putting in a lot of prep time because he wants to pass the first time and is fighting the odds - less than 15% pass! Test is in late October.

Matt has taken a new job with Starz (cable TV network). He'll be leading a data analytics team and is looking forward to the challenge. He will be traveling to Denver and L.A. pretty regularly. Carolyn continues in HR at Harper Collins. Claire (3+) has started "pre-school" and tries her "Miss Bossy Pants" routine on us. We usually go along with her elaborate play scenarios - why not? All fun! She loved her summer pool visits and now is back to ballet on Saturday mornings. Nate (17 months) has moved up a level at daycare and seems to have transitioned well. He is still a bruiser, but at least now we chase him more than pick him up. He has the most delightful hearty laugh.

Kate remains employed in Mexico. She's made a trip to India and the Philippines this summer. She's had some visitors and Emily Lynch will be going down this month. We prefer to have her come up here since she can see Matt's kids as well as us. SKYPE is our good friend.

George and I visit the grandkids most weekends - that way we avoided the weekday chaos of Penn Station in the "summer of hell". No big trips lately. I have applied for Social Security!!! Full benefits of course at age 66! George will probably wait until he's 70. I still have no plans to retire, but it's nice to contemplate on a tough work day. We had a good summer crop of tomatoes and cucumbers. Too bad it's such a short harvest season. I highly recommend yellow tomatoes both cherry and regular size. In November, George will go back to indoor track coaching.

Always enlightening to read the RR. Keeping Aunt Claire and the Christensen clan especially in our prayers on their tough journey. Wishing all a storm-free autumn and winter. Thanksgiving blessings too!

Barbara, George et al  
9-25-17

Happy FALL to all (or so they say - 90° here to start)

We continue to count our blessings as we get to see our children and grandchildren often. As with Alan, our Karen who worked for Hallowick managing a store for 16 yrs was told her store would close 5/31 and they said - stay till the end and we will give you 2 weeks severance. Through the stress of looking for work though, she did get to enjoy the summer with her boys and get to go to Cooperstown to watch her 12 yr old Justin play in Dreams Field. She finally found a job and started 2 weeks ago.

Otherwise we are all doing well. Grandkids have all adjusted well into the new school year and we continue to spoil our littlest, August 14 mo, 3 or 4 days a week. All is well in FL also though we are all looking forward to the end of hurricane season. Love to All  
Ronnie

9/29/17

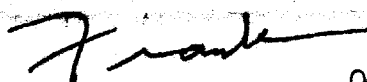
Hi from Milwaukee---

At this writing I've just received my VERY EXPENSIVE tickets for the Brewers' playoff games. Now I have to see whether I'll be using any of 'em. By the time this is read we'll know whether the team sneaked into the post-season with a winning final weekend (and a little help from other teams).

Either way, the more important matter is that the YANKEES have already qualified! But of course I don't have tickets for their games...

Baseball aside, Milwaukee is starting its slide into the annual bleakness known as winter. But first comes what usually is a lovely October! For me it'll be filled with the usual stuff: Swimming at Marquette (super-good rates for an alumnus); tutoring at an adult literacy center; and a trip to visit friends in DC, then up to Long Island and the other family spots. With another stay at Christmastime, of course!

Just livin' the Beertown dream... Have a terrific holiday season, everyone!



October 5, 2017

Dear Family,

Sorry, Frank!

Now that we are months beyond Mom's passing, all of the 'business' of her death and the trust she had set up for **Monica** has been completed. My concern about Monica's loss of a 'companion' to talk to on a daily basis has been allayed, as in spite of making the effort to call her periodically, "just to talk," she rarely shows any interest in holding a conversation. So we have reverted to calling each other primarily when we need to, and occasional visits to deliver contraband, and to fix things she breaks.

The sad state of affairs with Medicaid in Virginia has resulted in a significant backlog in reviewing and paying claims for covered expenditures. Only recently have years old claims for eyeglasses and the last set of power chair batteries been processed. In the meantime, the replacement batteries died prematurely (but, of course, just beyond the supplier's warranty period). So, rather than deal with the process, I simply purchased the new batteries and installed them myself. Monica is happily cruising around again (and crashing into stuff in her room).

Recently, Monica has been suffering from pains in her lower abdomen, which she is convinced is a recurrence of a twisted colon that she experienced years ago. She has undergone a number of diagnostic tests, and we have an appointment with the doctor 11 days from now (he obviously doesn't think the condition requires urgent action).

**Danie** made the determination that it was time to move her dad (89 in Nov.) from independent living to assisted living. The process was, of course, a painful one, that Poppi fought in his unusual way. At one point, in an effort to keep Danie from getting into his room, he "barricaded" the door with his rollator, which Danie easily pushed out of the way as she opened the door. Once she entered, she awoke her sleeping dad and was greeted with "How did you get in here?" He reluctantly accepted that the move was inevitable, and the move was completed, but that doesn't prevent him from complaining continuously.

**Claudine & Laughton** are doing well. During the months of April and May, efforts were ramped up to prepare their house for sale. Danie & I pitched in to do some repairs, painting and moving excess stuff to storage. They declared the house ready to show at the end of May. They met with a realtor on a Saturday, had pictures taken on Monday, the listing was put up on MLS on Tuesday night, and by the start of business on Wednesday morning, there were already two people who wanted to see the house that day. By the end of the day, three people had actually toured the house, and four more appointments were made. On Thursday, they had two offers, and ten showings set up. The offer from the first person to view the house turned out to be the best. The buyer, having been pre-qualified for the mortgage was anxious to move in. The deal was sealed, and a closing date was set. The next step was to find a townhome that they would ultimately move into. They put a contract on a new townhome about three miles from us. The unit is scheduled to be completed in the December-January time frame. So, in the meantime, they moved into a small one-bedroom apartment nearby to wait out the construction.

**Chris & Kristy** are also doing well. In what turned out to be a blessing in disguise, Chris was laid off in May, after his company lost a big client account. The layoff occurred one week before Kristy's father was admitted to the hospital after being found unresponsive. Chris was able to be with Kristy during her father's brief hospitalization, subsequent death and funeral. Within two weeks of being laid off, Chris had seven interviews, and subsequently, three offers; all of which were for more money than he had earned previously. The job he liked the most also came in with the best offer, and he is now employed

again, and working out of his home. They took some time off to visit with Kristy's family outside of Charleston, SC during eclipse, and experienced "totality."

**Me:** I continue to run the monthly breakfast for retirees from the Nuclear Engineering Department at Dominion. The list of retirees has grown to 65 people and average attendance has grown to 25-30 people. Additionally, I was so impressed by the conduct of the visitation and funeral Mass for Mom, and the reception and buffet that was laid out for us after, that I am now helping with the Funeral Ministry at St. Michael's. I also helped out on the church's annual rummage sale, as well as multiple projects with the K of C.

I continue to nibble away at projects around the house, however, the accumulation of more 'junk' from Poppi's move has set us back yet again.

Sadly, we had to put down Sophie Belle, our 14 year old Shih Tzu. She had become blind, and was not handling that well. Additionally, she developed kidney problems and the beginnings of doggie dementia.

**Getaways:** We made our planned 12-day Southern Caribbean Cruise in March (Surely, our visits to certain Caribbean islands in the past 2 years was responsible for the direct hits they suffered from multiple hurricanes last month). Less than a week after returning from the cruise, we took road trip to Gatlinburg / Pigeon Forge to attend the Mountain Quiltfest and to view the damage from the massive wildfire that consumed much of the area last November. On the way back, we stopped by to visit with Ronnie & Augie. In May, we took a six-day road trip to attend the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our grammar school (Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School, *now Academy*). This year was also my Class of '67's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The celebration included a mass at the church, a tour of the school (I remember everything being a lot bigger in the school) and a reception at Russo's on the Bay. Unfortunately, only five of my classmates made it to the shindig. During that road trip, we stopped to visit Alan and his family, Ed & Janet Ebert, and Maria.

At the end of July, we took another 9-day road trip to the Thousand Island area, with stops at Coming (glass museum), Watkins Glen and Lake George along the route. We also stopped by to see Aunt Claire, Lorraine and her crew, Ken and Steve & June, who were 'visiting'.

In September, we took yet another road trip to Paducah, KY, to attend a quilt show and the American Quilting Society Museum, which included stops in Nashville (we attended the Grand Olde Opry on the night the telethon for hurricane relief was broadcast; partially from the Opry), and along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Following that, in November, we have a 5-day cruise to Mexico out of Galveston, TX, with Ed & Janet Ebert. We'll arrive in Galveston several days before the cruise, and go to San Antonio after the cruise for some sightseeing.

How did I ever have time to work?

Eric & Danie

12/5

Dear Family,

I'm so sorry, thought I had responded but found this letter in my work bag. Been too busy with work, family, house projects, and assorted other things. June and I are well. June now in her 23<sup>rd</sup> year of teaching and we begin to discuss retirement dates within a few years. I'm doing well at Montefiore but dealing with everyday stress.

All the kids are good and Nicole and her boyfriend Matthew planted a vineyard over the summer. Billy is in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of grad school in Stony Brook. Megan finishes at Queens College in another 2 weeks and Tim is a Junior at Univ. of Buffalo.

Happy Holidays to All!!

Love,  
Steve, June + Kids

12/11/2017

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Merry Christmastime to all!

I wanted to start my part of the letter by saying how happy we were (Bill, Michelle & I) to get up to Lackawack Hill for a visit early in the summer. Aunt Claire was having an especially good day, & we enjoyed a wonderful visit with her and all the Kleins. We even caught Ken, & Steve's daughter Nicole (& her boyfriend) up in the field working on the vineyard project. We're glad that we saw Aunt Claire before the worsening of her condition, and we will pray for all the Christensens and Kleins as they deal with this challenge. (The Helen Clines family - especially Barbara - can certainly empathize!)

Our own big change for the year is that Bill retired at the end of September, after 40 years at Grumman/Northrop Grumman. After spending hours and hours wading through the morass of medical, social security and legal issues regarding himself, me and also Michelle that were engendered by his retirement, he is now catching up on some big household projects. He and I are looking forward to his "retirement trip" - a tour of Italy that we have booked for next May!

Kristen has now moved from 6th grade to 7th grade math at her middle school in Westchester County, & she took a trip to Greece (with a stop in Turkey) this summer. (Her traveling companion was Cynthia Dagenais - daughter of Frances Hennessey's daughter Anne; the two girls were friends at Marist College & then stayed in touch.) Michelle is doing pretty well, especially due to the one-on-one attention she gets to help her become more independent & socialize better. (We just pray that there will NOT be major cuts in her program due to the current political situation.) Danny is still down in Melbourne, Florida, and has moved laterally into the "cyber security" branch of his company. His living situation has changed a bit in that his 20-year old cousin Bryan (on Bill's side) moved in with him for the year while he takes classes in Orlando. We flew down to visit for a few days in October.

I myself am still doing a little tutoring, & I've also taken diocesan classes & been commissioned a Eucharistic minister. They needed someone as a "regular" at the nursing home nearby, so every Friday I go to the 9AM Mass and then go to distribute communion & visit with my "newfound" friends. It doesn't escape me that a few more years or a slight drop in my health, and I'll be right there in the beds with them!!

Love to all! - Bernadette, Bill & gang

Dear All, 12/21/17

With Christmas right around the corner let us remember to Praise + adore the Infant Savior who came for us! We are well and enjoying our Advent here and looking forward to another litter of German Shep. pups - due Jan 3rd. Have a wonderful Christmas - God Bless, Theresa + Joannie

1/21/18

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DEAR ALL -

IT'S BEEN A FRENZIED FEW MONTHS, BOTH AT HOME & AT WORK. NEW ANCHORS & MANAGEMENT HERE AT CBS --- AND WE'RE ABOUT TO MOVE OUT OF OUR STUDIO SO IT CAN BE RENOVATED.

I JUST GOT BACK FROM DRIVING TERENCE TO NOTRE DAME, WHERE HE IS FINISHING UP HIS PHILOSOPHY DEGREE. IT IS TRULY AMAZING HOW MUCH CHEAPER EVERYTHING IS IN THE MIDWEST. TERRY'S 1 BED ROOM APARTMENT, WITH WARMER & DRYER, COSTS THE SAME AS A MONTHLY PARKING SPOT IN MANHATTAN.

KIRA IS ABOUT TO GRADUATE FROM THE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS AND HOPEFULLY WILL START HER CAREER AS AN ANIMATOR. SHE IS WORKING HARD ON HER SENIOR PROJECT --- TO DEBUT IN MAY.

JOSEPH IS LIVING ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE & WORKING IN SALES FOR ORACLE. ABOUT THE ONLY TIME WE ALL GET TOGETHER IS AT THE HOLIDAYS OR A GRATEFUL DEAD SHOW.

MARY-B IS TEACHING IN SYOSSET AND THIS YEAR ADDED SIGN LANGUAGE TO HER REPERTOIRE. WITH ANY LUCK, WE MAY

BE ABLE TO RETIRE IN A FEW YEARS

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL -  
JOE CLINES

GROUND HOG DAY!

Dear Family,

I'm still chronically single, but too busy to notice - running 5 day/week farm visits every 3rd weekend, my 12 yr old business, & volunteer activities consume my time. Always amazed how you guys can do it all with families of your own. I pray for all of us during every run.

Web Design - networking functions, installed https on 50+ websites, mobile apps. Volunteer - Nun Run (I got to literally 'run' it this year too), K of C, correspondent for my USMAA college class, running club board member.

Farm - barn siding - as the 25+ year long renovation of the barn continues, it reminds me how the great cathedrals of Europe took up to 100 yrs to build!

Also gardening, brush clearing, lumber milling, firewood splitting, walking Wiglaf. Mom is starting Hospice. Lorraine has been doing superb job as her caregiver and her whole family chips in to help. I get to bring Mom to Pan Mass each Sunday I'm up there. Have a super 2018 everybody!  
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Love,  
Ray

Hi everyone -

3/19/18

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A few anxious moments lead up to Jenna & Eddy's beautiful beach wedding. 10 days before Kendall broke her wrist - they didn't know if she would need surgery (in which case the Hawaiian Honeymoon trip would of been cancelled. Luckily (Thank you blessed mother + St Theresa) a hard cast & reset worked.

Next it was Eddy's job opportunity. He's been waiting for was posted - problem was the interviews were to take place while he was away. Now they'll do a "phone interview" not the best of circumstances. Then we hear Caden came down with a virus - oh dear, every day was another crisis. I called Ronnie so often & she always calmed me down. As she said the worst is happening before & the wedding will be fine. Hell she was right because the weather was perfect. Everything @ the ceremony was wonderful & the beautiful restaurant for the reception was absolutely delicious. So it all worked out. I'm now enjoying Ronnie + Angie + Ralph's sister & brother-in-law for a week here & I will miss all the excitement. Sorry I kept the letter so long but I just wanted to comment on the wedding. I finally had some interesting news. Love to all, Sadeline & Ralph.



Dear Family

April 8, 2018

It's been good to "catch up" with everyone by reading this letter. Not much change here since I last wrote, we continue to ease our way into retirement life. We have spent a lot of time figuring out the intricacies of Joe's severance package, and with the severance period ending, moving on to his pension and retiree benefits. Joe does volunteering, mostly for Meals-On-Wheels. I join him most of the time and do our regular route alone sometimes. I like delivering to the clients; I'm not so fond of delivering to houses on busy streets or narrow streets without driveways. Right now, we are juggling volunteering with trips to Baltimore (two hours away) to help with Joe's mom. Her health has been declining and she had a fall followed by an illness in January that left her couchbound. She is slowly improving. Joe has been going down there most weeks to help out and give his aunt (who lives with his mom) a break. Unfortunately, he had to cancel some weeks in March due to the FOUR Nor'easters that many of us in the northeast experienced. We also had snow on Easter night and might see some flakes this week! It's been so cold here we might as well be in Milwaukee.

All of my kids were here at our home during Holy Week. We also hosted Emily's cat, and Emily's boyfriend joined us for the Easter weekend. I was hoping to recreate a school break week from their childhood with togetherness and family time. Instead we relived a hectic week from their teenage years. Everyone was busy with their own things, and there was a lot of "hi and bye". Brian was working a lot and was never home. Emily spent most of her time reconnecting with high school friends, and Colin left for a couple of days to visit a research lab in Bethesda MD. You may remember that Colin is finishing up a degree in Chemistry at Northwestern. He applied for a sort of internship that the NIH offers called the Post-Bac IRTA, the bac being short for Baccalaureate and the R standing for research. It is meant to give people with a bachelor's degree experience in biomedical research before they go on for an advanced degree. He was lucky enough to find a spot in a lab which can use his expertise and teach him new skills in return. So, if all goes well he will graduate in June and then work in this lab for a year or two. Emily also has a change in her future. She is transferring into an Intensive Care Unit at Mass General, leaving her current unit (Phillips House). This change will provide her with new skills as well. Stay tuned for updates on how they (and we) adjust to these next chapters in life.

Love to all.



A blessed Easter Season to all!

Much has changed since our last installment in June 17. Mom's death seems like a distant memory, but a living memory for us. She joins that choir of family members who have gone before us, and who continue to watch over us.

**Will** had signed a contract on a townhouse last year. Well, that deal was not approved by the board. The same scenario played out at another coop. But the third time was a charm, and we are knee-deep in painting and upgrading a beautiful unit at *Colonial Towne House* a few blocks south of us. We have little time to do the work, so it is taking forever. But the rooms are mostly painted, and we're hoping to get someone to paint the split level stairs. I don't want to do ladders and such. Will & Alysha are looking at furniture and all the other stuff that will fill the place up. While Will seems to be doing well at his work, they have laid off a few workers. At a small company, that hurts. But he has a network built up from events he has attended. We hope for the best, but these days you have to be prepared for the worst. Alysha continues her studies at U of Albany. We don't see much of her with the distance, but she is definitely considered the sixth member of the family.

**Gillian** continues to teach at Sacred Heart (PreK 3), study at CNR, and attend events as an affiliate of the Sisters of Charity. She so loves "her kids" and tells us stories about each of them. And the coursework at CNR seems to be helpful and engaging, so not the drag many programs are.

**Shannon** did get the internship she wanted last summer, working at *Magnificat* in Yonkers. She impressed them so much that, having finished her college a half-year early, they hired her full time in January. While it is definitely entry-level work, they seem to notice her work ethic and focus, so they have given her other responsibilities. They have very generous benefits, so she will be off my plan shortly. She's graduate next month with all her friends.

**Deanne** is at her annual finish line, with First Communions and Confirmation in the next few weeks, and then the end of Religious Education for the year. That means we don't see much of her these days. The change of pastors has proven to be less dramatic than we thought it might be, so all continues pretty much the same. She's still doing nearly everything she did before, though there is planning for getting others involved so that not everything depends on D, and others could cover her if and when she ever takes a day off.

I've made no secret about wanting to get out of DB. While I was trying to figure out what I could do (I can't fully retire yet), DB decided to let me go. So, beginning August, I received severance, retiree benefits, and I more seriously reached out to the Archdiocese about a position we had spoken of for about a year. Well, as of December 1, I am now working at St Mary - Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Mount Vernon as a business manager. The dangerous part of the job is that there is no job description or set of responsibilities. The diocese brokered the deal, but the pastor hired me and I work for him. This area of Mt Vernon is depressed, so the parish struggles, but it is lively! The active St Mary site (small Church, Rectory and office, Parish Hall) is in the middle of a block, so restricted on parking and breathing room. The Mount Carmel site (closed Church, empty Rectory, dilapidated House, rented Convent) is a weight dropped on the shoulders of the St Mary parish 3 years ago. Since I've been here, there have been several floods in the rectory and Church, and both boilers have died. I am trying to get the rectory up and running with the view of renting it out, but there is SO much work to be done! The torrential rains yesterday brought free-flowing water through the bricks in the front of the rectory, and a few inches of water into the Church Hall from an unknown source. The Church was magnificent in its heyday, but its day has come and gone. The previous administration did no maintenance. I'm just trying to keep it intact until we can figure out what we can do with it. It may ultimately be demolished, which would be very sad. So, I spend about half my time in the closed buildings shivering, shoveling, sweeping, and meeting with contractors. The rest of the time, I am trying to juggle bills with insufficient funds. And always, always, try to reduce costs. I'll let you know next round how successful I am.

I speak regularly with Eric and, to a degree, with Monica. Monica has definitely changed since Mom's death and her own surgery. Originally thought to be an effect of the anesthesia, now we're wondering if this is the new normal. She's just not as sharp as she once was, and complains of pains. Her lack of mobility (she has not been able to sit in her motorized wheelchair for some time) seems to be a key to her problems, but the nursing home staff believe she cannot handle it. This is all very concerning.

We're trying to figure out summer activities with our mixed schedules. We all do need a break from our hectic lives!

with love,  
Alan, Deanne, Will, Gillian & Shannon

(2-360) May 3, 2018

Dear Family,

After a long snowy winter here in N.J., I do welcome the Spring even though today is 90°. With half my children residing in Florida a more there is something to think about. Not much to say here as I still work part-time, my annual show is almost upon me, along with social events, activities etc. Jason was recently promoted to Lieutenant at the Fort Myers Police and my oldest granddaughter Victoria will begin College in the fall. So time marching on or what? So sad the news of our dear Tanta failing. Many prayers needed for her and Lorraine + fam. My 2 sons Marc + Robert visit me often and keep a keen eye on me. They are still in Trivium in NYC and are doing very well - they are thinking of taking me to Europe this year. - That would be interesting! Last Sept took that Alaskan Cruise with my friend - quite a trip! Hoping maybe to retire next year like all you young cousins, really miss being with the grandkids - Facetime JUST DON'T CUT IT!

God Bless You all -

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Marcia