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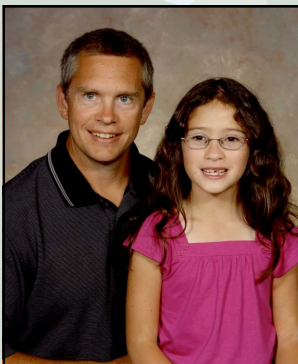
Although we have not kept up with Christmas letters the last few years, we think of each of you often, and send you warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas. The past few years have brought some changes to our lives. Rollie now works part time for PESI in Eau Claire doing web development (they do seminars in mental health). He loves it, and enjoys having extra time to do many volunteers duties with VFW, our church, and other community activities. It's been 2 years since Rollie's surgery, and he continues to be cancer free. We count our blessings every day. I retired from our hospital just a year ago, signed up for social security, have a part time job in a local real estate office, learning something new every day, and recently started taking piano lessons. We both have spent hundreds of hours working on our house — from refinishing much of the wood on the first floor, finishing part of the basement, and working on the yard. This past year, we purchased a nice lot outside of town, and hope to sell the "big old house" and build a smaller retirement home. Unfortunately, we have not chosen the best time to sell a home.

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Wendy and Jim have one busy family and are living in Maineville, Ohio. Jim continues working from home with his company, Heinz and Associates. Wendy is a very involved mom, and works some for Jim. Both do a lot of volunteer work with their church and the kids activities, and they are committed to staying fit and healthy. Emily (12) is growing up fast, continues to excel at gymnastics (level 8), and is at the top of her class academically. Kevin and Andrew (11) are good students, participate in nearly every sport (soccer, baseball, basketball, football, volleyball) and recently joined the chess club. Katie (7) also started gymnastics (level 4), exudes confidence, and loves first grade. We think she's going to be the one to challenge her parents the most. They all attend St. Margaret of York Catholic School. Our youngest grandchild is Alex (4), and he is definitely a joy. For a little boy who has been through so much, he is the happiest little guy around. He attends a Christian Pre-School.



Front row: Emily, Alex, Wendy, Katie
Back row: Andrew, Jim, Kevin



Barry and Mackenzie

Barry still lives in Colorado Springs and continues his work as an engineer with Boeing working on GPS. He enjoys his volleyball and pool leagues, skiing, biking, golf, and does sky diving. However, I told him I didn't want to know when he jumps out of airplanes. Mackenzie (9) is a bright little girl and attends The Imagine Classical Academy. She is also a gymnast, but Karate is her passion and she has excelled rapidly.

We've had some great times together including a wonderful vacation to Orlando. Wendy, Jim and family spent a week in Colorado visiting Barry and Mackenzie, and Barry and Mackenzie have visited Ohio several times, too. We look forward to their 2-week summer visit here in Osseo, and the alternating Thanksgiving and Christmas visits. This year we will all be together here in Osseo. We can't wait!!

Rollie and Joyce

