



Christmas 2023

Hoping you have a Merry Christmas and Wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year!!

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May the blessings that surround the birth of the Christ Child be with you and your family .Join us as we pray for peace on earth.

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This is our 56th annual Christmas letter. We almost skipped it this year but, alas, old traditions are hard to give up. Although our “official” home address is in Texas, the above address is where we’ll be receiving our mail until spring. We are growing more and more to think of Cape Cod as home, thanks to the generosity of our daughter Gwyneth and her husband who continue to let us make their little additional cottage feel like our own. We’ve joined a small church on the Cape that is becoming a part of the fabric of our lives. We also have become regulars at the local senior center where Phil takes ukelele classes and Barb goes on weekly hikes with the seniors. The official move has been delayed mainly by the dearth of access to doctors on the Cape.

Both of us faced health issues. Barb is celebrating her new left hip which joined her 20-year-old right hip. She spent only 12 hours in the hospital, start to finish! Our daughter Gwyneth helped out for a week after Barb’s Texas surgery. Barb was hiking on the trails in Sun City less than two weeks after the operation, pain free. Phil’s Parkinsonism (similar to Parkinson’s Disease) continues to challenge both of us but he resolutely walks on the low-trafficked roads near our houses both in Texas and in Massachusetts.

Both granddaughters currently live nearby. Camille moved into her first apartment close to Boston while she is applying to grad schools from coast to coast and in between. Her younger sister Chloe lives in Eastham, having finished her certification course as a paramedic. Visiting with our 7-year-old twin grandsons, Leo and Miles, is more complicated since Susannah and Luis live in Alameda, California. Phil and Barb ventured out to visit them at Easter. Barb went again in June for the boys’ graduation from kindergarten, and again for a quick solo trip in December to see Miles perform in a play and Leo play in a soccer game.

Praying for Peace and Love, *Phil and Barb*

Buteras clockwise from top: Barb,Rob,Camille,Phil,
Gwyneth(photographer),Dylan (Chloe’s friend),Chloe
Thanksgiving 2023



Riveras: top: Susannah, Luis
bottom: Miles, Leo
After Miles in *Elf Jr*





Month by Month We Saw Beautiful Views



01 Coast Guard Beach Cape Cod



02 Ice on Cape Cod Bay



03 Bluebonnets Georgetown Texas



04 Redwoods Oakland California



05 Party Rock Blue Ridge GA



06 Sunset Cape Cod Bay



07 Fort Hill Eastham MA



08 Sun City Georgetown Texas



09 Former home Georgetown TX



10 Sun City Texas Neighborhood



11 Country View Wauseon OH



12 Former Cabin Blue Ridge GA

