



A NEW YEAR 1998 GREETING MARILYN & GUY

December 1997

Happy Holidays from all
of us in Pittsburgh!

Our grandchildren continue their active ways. Sixth-grader **Jessica (11 1/2)** continues with her flute, and is on her school basketball team. Fourth-grader **Ashley (9)** continues to study her African drumming, and is her Mom's best helper with sister **Chelea (4)**, who is certain she knows more than anyone else, especially her parents and sisters! As you'll read below, they now live in Athens, GA. Fifth-grader **Kimberlee (11)** has been working hard to learn the flute this year, and **Kaitlyn (6)** has found that she enjoys kindergarten very much; both are in gymnastics. **Kevin (3 3/4)** and Kaitlyn are best friends, and both enjoy playing 'tools' in Poppy's workshop from time-to-time. **Kaitlyn** continues to cope well with her juvenile diabetes; she is very much involved with her dolls and toy horses. Youngest grandchild **Hanna (2)** is the delight of her cousins, and in turn delights in being with them--Scott built her an outdoor playhouse this year, which should be a focal area for play for years to come.



We (**Marilyn & Guy**) celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary on January 26th by going Nemaocolin Woodlands (a resort in the nearby mountains) for a few days (and nights). We also enjoyed a trip to far-away Toronto in May, taking advantage of the theater offerings, along with the restaurant scene. We saw the *Phantom of the Opera* (again!), along with *Al Jolson*. Marilyn has now seen the *Phantom* 243 times (more-or-less), but this was the first time for *Jolson*, which we thought was great (with a lot of familiar music). Marilyn visited Susan and her family in their new home in Athens, GA, just after they moved in, and we both drove down, along with Marilyn's mother, for a visit in August. The three of us also drove to Hyden, KY, to see Sandra's graduation as a certified Nurse-Midwife. These trips were made in a car we purchased this year, after Marilyn decided to test the air-bags in her car, by arranging to demolish its front end. She has now recovered from the abra-

sions caused by the air-bag, and the various aches from her unexpectedly sudden stop. Guy made a trip to Denmark this year, on business, but with some time to see a new (for him!) place.

Carmon & Susan have moved to Athens, GA, where Carmon is the Director of the Laramor School of Art of the University of Georgia. They (well, they and the bank) bought a home just outside Athens, in a development about 3 years old--their former home in Morgantown sold after a reasonably short time. Their new home is spacious and well-designed for family living, with a wooded lot, with minimal maintenance requirements; a small stream runs along the back of the property. The building has three floors above grade at its back, and two above grade at its front. It features a three-room "Mother-in-Law" apartment on the ground floor, with private entrance at the rear. All three of the children have adapted well to the move--the older children have made friends in the neighborhood, and all are do-

ing well in their new schools. **Carmon** appears to enjoy his new responsibilities, which include oversight for about 1000 undergraduate art majors. **Susan** has been working hard to get their new home into a livable form, including the unpleasant task of shopping for a new dining room set, etc.!

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Sandra put on a 'blitz' this fall to complete the work for certification as nurse-midwife from the Frontier School of Midwifery. She got in just under the wire to be among the 144 in the graduation ceremonies of her school—all of it viewed by her family! She accelerated her efforts after she was able to complete the 40 deliveries required by the program, and will take her national board exams in Washington, DC, early in 1998, after which she can begin to practice. She can earn a Masters Degree by completing a bit more course work. Her effort was slowed by her pregnancy, with a delivery expected in January. **Neil** has had to juggle his time between his private investiga-

tor business and domestic duties as Sandra worked on her studies, and was incapacitated in the early part of her pregnancy.

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Cheryl & Scott hosted two family birthday parties at poolside at their home this summer: Mary Montooth's 90th birthday, and daughter **Hanna's** 2nd birthday—Mary and Hanna enjoyed both parties, along with everyone else! Scott used his carpentry skills to build an elaborate playhouse for Hanna this fall; Cheryl is planning the decorations, to be installed this spring, as soon as Scott finishes the interior. Hanna doesn't need the final touches to enjoy "her house", which is the center piece of their Christmas card this year.

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Marilyn's number-one activity continues being **Nana** to her seven grandchildren. She has served as an Elder of her Church this year, and has continued to be responsible for floral arrangements in the sanctuary, flowerbed design and care, and special seasonal decorations. In addition, she

leads two weekly groups: a women's prayer group and a discussion group. She is looking forward to a group tour in Israel in January.

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The family of Marilyn's mother **Mary** gathered in Pittsburgh for a **Montooth MiniReunion** to celebrate her **90th** birthday this year. Mary's children and their spouses, along with her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her nephew Jim Hipkins and his wife Char accumulated to a total of 21 people. Mary has recovered from a fall that resulted in a hip fracture, leaving her a bit less mobile, but still able to get along quite well. She has enjoyed going to the Pittsburgh Symphony with Marilyn & Guy, among other concerts. Guy's mother **Wilma** enjoyed a visit to Pittsburgh over Thanksgiving, along with a visit with Marilyn and Guy to Susan's family over the Christmas holiday season; Mary enjoyed Christmas in Pittsburgh with the rest of the Pittsburgh clan.



Finally, here's wishing you a

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