

Christmas, 1987

Dear Friends and Relatives:

After writing a few Christmas cards, I realized I would never finish before Christmas unless I wrote a general letter and discontinued the "private" notes.

We are still looking for the long, lazy days that are supposed to accompany retirement! Instead we seem to be getting busier and busier. Maybe we're getting slower to respond to the usual hustle and bustle.

Sherlene and Dan and family have been transferred to New Jersey and so are trying to sell their home in White Plains. Just as they got it fixed up just the way they wanted it!

1987 saw the end of the Hall involvement in Mega Diamond Corp. The company was purchased by Smith International. David is still doing some consulting for them, however.

After quitting Mega, both David and Tracy Jr. struck out to develop their own businesses. We are looking for them to become either millionaires or Paupers. We admire their courage and ingenuity.

Liz and Marty in Los Altos, CA., have moved into a larger house and Liz has spent the last year or so redecorating the house. Marty is doing well at Hulett-Packard. Liz teaches music part time at a near-by private school. They like what she is doing and she is enjoying the experience. She is also involved in the music of the community and the church.

Charlotte and Bryan took off to Snohomish, Washington, and we agree after visiting them at Thanksgiving that it is a beautiful place. Bryan is a civil engineer.

Nancy is involved with Ida-Rose in a craft business in Payson, Utah. No, Ida-Rose isn't clever with crafts, but Nancy and five other ladies they are partners with are. Why Payson? Because Ida-Rose owns a little old house in Payson, that's why. We hope to break even next year. Nancy's husband, Doug, is still with the Bureau of Reclamation, and is still involved in skiing and other sports. If you ever get into trouble skiing at Park West, Doug would be the one to rescue you.

This has certainly been a year of change for the Halls. Barry and Virginia in Arlington not only took on a new larger Mortgage, but Barry broke with his old law firm and joined a new firm. He is doing very well, and Virginia is supervising the six kids, acting as Primary President and doing the interior decorating on their new, expanded home. It's amazing what she gets done.

We mourn with those of you who have lost loved ones during the past year.

We know that even with the knowledge the Gospel gives of us of life after death, separation is still difficult.

May the Lord bless you in the coming year and may your Christmas be a happy and memorable one.

Love,

*Tracy and Ida-Rose*