

A BELATED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MESSAGE YEAR 2015

2015 has been an eventful year for Chuck and I. Some of the year has been very happy and some has been very sad. On December 6, 2014, Chuck was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. In January, he started his rounds of chemo. In February, we traveled to Wichita, Kansas with the purpose of buying a house so we could be closer to doctors (I was driving him to Santa Fe, NM 350 miles round trip - twice weekly for his chemo treatments and spending many nights in that city) and to be close to our family. We bought a house and returned to Raton for more chemo trips. I began searching for a Van Line to move us to Wichita and started packing and taking care of all the business dealings as well as getting the house ready to sell and putting it on the market. With the help of some of the boys and grandchildren traveling to New Mexico and hauling various articles back to Wichita was a blessing. I was also blessed with friends who helped me pack and did other things that were very helpful.

On May 6, 2015 we made our last trip home from Raton, New Mexico to Wichita, Kansas. Chuck was able to be in our new home for a week and two days before he had to be admitted to hospital where he died on May 26, 2015. His funeral was held on June 2, 2015.

The house in Wichita became very lively from the minute Chuck and I moved in and it continues to be. It has been swarming with grand's, g-grand's, sons, daughters-in-law and other family members and friends. Some as far away as Minnesota, New York, Georgia, Michigan, Chicago and Corpus Christie, Texas, just to name a few. I do miss my family and friends in New Mexico and think of them often.

In June, we had our first annual Bacon Reunion. It was a great success and the numbers were high in attendance. It seems I was appointed with another person to plan the 2016 reunion (without notice of the appointment). Don't remember the other person's name. Lol.

I keep very busy with various things and most of all with my home church where I was given emotional support while I was in seminary and then, where I was Ordained. My life is different without Chuck, but I am making a place for myself. The holidays have been reasonably difficult for me without him - and the boys and their families without their dad and grandpa. However, my motto is: "You can't keep a good woman down." I refuse to let it happen. I am up and going as much as my health permits. I do have to tell you that I bought me a new car. A red Dodge Charger. My dream car.

I was at Joe's and Christina's home with family members on Christmas Eve. It was very enjoyable. Christina and Joe cooked a delicious meal. After we stuffed ourselves, we all attended church together. After church we stuffed ourselves again

with all kinds of deserts and opened our presents. I will be at their house again for New Year's Eve. Most of my other boys and their families, when they could arrange their time, were here during the Christmas holidays. I have really been blessed.

I spent some time in the hospital in December and more time recovering at home. It set me back a lot right here at Christmas. Consequently, I am late getting this message written and getting packages in the mail and Christmas cards. I am still working on it and will get it done eventually.

So much has happened in 2015, I can't begin to write it all down. So, here are my wishes for you. I hope you had a blessed Merry Christmas and will have a healthy and prosperous New Year in 2016. Keep in touch and I will do the same.

My new address: 7615 W Shadow Lakes St, Wichita, Kansas 67205
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Best Wishes to all,

Juanita, Grandma, Aunt Juanita, Aunt Nini, Aunt Nita and all my other names people call me.