



The Moore Family



Christmas 2005

We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

This time of year always makes one think of family and friends. We are very grateful for the association we have had with you over the years. We may not always show it but we truly treasure the gift that each and every one of you is in our lives. So, please accept our warm thoughts and best wishes for you and your families, especially during this Christmas season, but also throughout the whole year!

It doesn't seem possible that another year has really come and now nearly gone. We hope that 2005 was good to you and that 2006 will bring you much happiness, peace, love, and joy. (It is the Christmas season after all!) We miss being in touch with many of you. The rest of you know who you are. (Just kidding!)

We certainly found 2005 to be a good one. We were able to work on a couple of the goals that we shared with you last year by visiting another Presidential Library, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and by taking in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium, a first for all of us—even Joe. We reached a milestone when Katie officially received her driver's license and now begins preparing for the next phase in her life, college. She's planning to head down to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona after she graduates from high school this coming May. We experienced some transitions as Nancy moved to a new school this past summer and began her librarian duties there. You'll have to ask her about the blow-up doll she received at the staff Christmas party! We found some new joys, as Joe finally stepped up by purchasing a new car with all of the bells and whistles he's done without the past 20 years. He reminds us frequently how much he enjoys



Here we are this summer outside the Utica, New York Amtrak train station prior to leaving for our trip to New York City!

driving his new Volkswagen Jetta. He says he doesn't even mind Phoenix traffic as he cruises along in the "lap of luxury" listening to his commercial free music on his satellite radio. Now that's saying something! And, of course, some things stayed the same. Joe took in nearly as many Diamondback games in 2005 as in 2003 and 2004, and continues to wait patiently for more improvement in 2006. Opening day here in Arizona is April 11th as he reminds us frequently these days! Colin continues on his quest to become the best video game designer ever. We are really in awe of his perseverance as he dutifully spends nearly every waking moment perfecting his craft, or at least practicing for it, in front of the computer. Joe and Nancy look forward to the day when Colin strikes it rich and buys them the home of their dreams. Bill Gates watch out! Colin requests that you send him a big "shout out" if you are so inclined. (His cousins in Michigan will know what that means.)

One of the highlights of the year was our trip to New York City! Joe wanted to take in a Yankee game, of course, so we used the opportunity to do some sight seeing as well. Rather than drive down into the city and have to worry about finding a place to park, etc. Katie "encouraged" us to take the train from Joe's parents' house to the city. We thought it would be quite an adventure so we loaded up our back packs and hit the rails. We actually found it to be quite relaxing and

enjoyable. We emerged into the city right under Madison Square Garden and proceeded to walk to our hotel just off of Times Square. We spent part of the day we arrived walking around and exploring. It was neat to walk past Carnegie Hall, and venture into Central Park. We stopped by Rockefeller Center and caught the end of the taping for the Today Show, where James Taylor performed and stuck around to sign autographs. We even ventured onto the subway, which we took to the Yankee game and to South Ferry the next day. We cruised past the Statue of Liberty

and walked to Ground Zero. We only stayed in New York City for a couple of days but we have memories that will last a lifetime.

We also enjoyed the time we spent with our families in Michigan, where we visited with Nancy's brother Richard, sister-in-law Bernice, and their kids; and in New York, visiting with Joe's parents and his sisters.

We know that families and friends are special, and we think ours are especially so. So, as we say here in the southwest, "¡Le deseamos una Feliz Navidad y una Feliz Año Nuevo!" (i.e., "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!") May God bless you and yours throughout the coming year.



Nancy, Colin, and Katie in front of the Ground Zero site.



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