



## Merry Christmas to everyone!

What a joyous and happy year this has been! As I told you in last year's letter, Bob and I were married on February 9 in California at the Mission San Juan Bautista. As the Mission



is over 200 years old, we decided to dress as might become a bride and groom of that period. We were so happy many of our friends came, although Mark couldn't make it to give me away! Pace, Bob's brother stood up with us as did Joey Michaels, my friend of many long years at St. Joseph Hospital. A lovely wedding dinner followed and the next day Bob and I drove to San Francisco to see another of my classmates from St. Mary's Academy, Judge Ollie

Marie-Victoire. On our way home, we made stops at Tonto National Monument and at the VLA.(Very Large Array)—Radio Telescope. Got home on 2/21.

The next few months were spent getting Bob settled in his "new" home, while he built his office in the back yard. It is amazing how much he got into that space! Of course, he has LOTS of computer "stuff", necessary in his business. During this time, we went to Ft. Collins to see the Lipizzane Stallions; also saw several productions at our little theater here—the "Nuncrackers", "Arsenic and Old Lace", the Air Force Band, the Scots-Irish Festival, the Don Cossack Russian Dancers, and the Christmas choral. We also went to see the Blue Angels show when it came to town! Really great!

In May, Bob found a "steal" in a 33' Class A motor home and bought it. While it is an older model, it is in perfect shape and really nice. We found a campground up the Poudre Canyon in the mountains (about 1 ½ hr. drive from home) and rented a space near the Poudre River on a yearly basis and the RV is permanently set up and we can sneak away when life in the "city" gets hectic!

On June 7 both of Rosemary's daughters came and we had the interment of her ashes in the family burial plot in Longmont. It was a lovely ceremony.

On June 22 we had a 1942 St Mary's Academy class reunion at Kay Cavanaugh's home. There were 11 of our class who attended, and Kay had a lovely catered luncheon. In spite of the years that have passed, we were all able to recognize one another!!!

In July Bob, Mark and I went to California to attend the Pageant of the Masters. That is one outstanding show! And in August we went to the Sculpture in the Park, which is held here in Loveland. Sculptors from all over the country come to this, bringing magnificent pieces of artwork with them for the show. Also went to the Fairgrounds for the annual corn-shucking contest. Lots of fun!

In September Bob and I went to Abiqui, New Mexico to an Elderhostel—the program was on photography and trains. Even rode the old narrow gauge train! Shortly after returning home, Bob made



two trips to San Diego in October, either hauling a trailer or driving a big truck, to empty out the storage units of furniture, etc., from the home he and Rosemary had had. Now it is all stored here in Loveland!!!!

In November we drove to Alto, New Mexico (near Ruidoso) for a week at a time-share. As Mark had a few days off, he drove down to spend 2 days with us. Neither he nor Bob had been to the Carlsbad Caverns, so that absorbed one full day. Last time I was at Carlsbad was in '37, so I could see many changes! We had a nice time, though, and also visited Lincoln to see historical things about Billy the Kid and Smokey the Bear (who is buried there).

And now we have been having fun decorating the house and getting ready for Christmas! What a lovely life we are experiencing together and we look forward to (hopefully) many more years to come!

We both send our warmest greetings to you and hope that your holidays will be as merry as ours!

Love,

*Ramona + Bob*



Christmas 2002 – Ramona, Bob & Inky

