

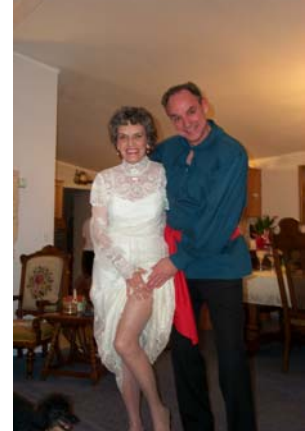


Once again it is time to send you a note from our house to yours, and it is with pleasure we do so.

It has been a sort of mixed-up year for us. We have had some joyous time and they, thankfully, have outweighed those times that were a bit cloudy.

In January we went to Denver too see Hal Holbrook in his portrayal of Mark Twain. We so enjoyed the program, but certainly couldn't say the same about the Buell Theatre building. It has been built since I lived in Denver, and methinks the architect would do better at a bull riding arena.

In February, Pace (Bob's younger brother who stood up with us when we were married) arrived to help us celebrate our 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary! We were happy to have Joey (who also stood up with us) and her hubby, Norm help enjoy the prime rib catered dinner here at our home.



And in March, Kim (Bob's other younger brother) and his wife, Marcia came to visit from Utah. We were so very happy to have them and had a delightful time during their stay. Then, on March 23 Bob and I loaded up the car and headed to New Orleans where we boarded the Delta Queen sternwheeler steamship for a wonderful cruise up the Mississippi to Memphis where we were greeted by DeeAnne (our niece) and her hubby Bill Armstrong. The next morning we boarded the Amtrak to return to New Orleans where we had left our car and we arrived back in Loveland April 8 with many fine memories of a glorious trip.

May found us driving to the Country Dinner Playhouse in Denver to see the Mills Brothers; and, in July we returned to see the Ink Spots. What memories we had from the songs they sang.

In June we were so excited to have a visit from Jean and Burt Meyers from Williamsburg, Virginia. Even though it was a short visit, we so enjoyed seeing them. Jean and I attended St. Mary's Academy those many years ago! And, in July DeeAnne and Bill paid us an overnight visit while en route to Wyoming to visit Bill's Dad.

July 21 to November was time sort of written out of our "fun" time. Once again I was diagnosed with cancer (left breast this time — it was the right breast 5 yrs ago), so days were filled with many tests of all kinds, surgery on Aug. 15, followed by the usual 39 radiation treatments. We have a lovely new Cancer Center connected to the McKee Medical Center, so it was easy for me (Bob generally went with me) to walk the 3-mile round-trip each morning at 8 a.m. Things are progressing well; I'm just looking for my

old stamina. If anyone sees it, send it to me! My get-up-and-go takes off in the afternoons, and I don't seem to be able to find it until the next morning.



Bob's birthday is in October, and many of his relatives in Utah have birthdays in September and October. So, they congregate such as only a big family can do to celebrate all the birthdays on one date. Bob drove to Salt Lake City for the celebration. I couldn't go so Bob only stayed 3 days.

We have been enjoying the attractions that have been at our local old Rialto Theater. Our Loveland live theater group presents great shows. We have seen "Mornings at 7:00", "Love Letters", "God's Favorite", and "The Fourth Wall", all of which have been interesting plots and well acted by those appearing.

We had a grand Thanksgiving – we celebrated the day before, as Mark had to work on Thanksgiving Day. Bob baked a fantastic turkey (23 pounds!) and Mark, Joey and Norm, and Colleen enjoyed the feast with us. We kept Colleen overnight as driving at night (back to Boulder) after dark is very difficult for her.



And now we are in throes of preparing for the Christmas season—actually looking forward to the many packages to be wrapped and mailed or put under the tree. The scent of cedar incense permeates the air and our lovely little electric fireplace glows merrily. We do send our love and best wishes so you all that can enjoy the peace this holiday presages, and may the New Year of 2004 be the most bountiful for you of all the years that are past.

*Ramona + Bob*



For those of you interested, here are a couple of Internet links: [www.snyderville.net](http://www.snyderville.net) (for our personal information and activities), [www.rialtototheaterguild.org](http://www.rialtototheaterguild.org) (about the local 'old' theater).