

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2019 & 2020!!!

Sorry for the long silence! 2019 had it's own challengesand then there was 2020!! Yikes!

We are all still fine, thank You Lord! Just getting older & starting to do that "talking about our surgeries" thing. Wow, now I really get Old Folks now! Cuz here we are! But, ok by us, cuz we're still here, still being watched over by God, still madly in love & have a wonderful family that we love dearly!! So many blessings! But we did have one sadness this year - Eddie's mom, Prisca (Tutu) went home to the Lord in April. But if there was ever anyone ready to go home to Jesus, it was mom. So now all 4 of our parents are rejoicing in heaven together.

Eddie & I both turned 70 in 2019 - Wow, jumped right out of Middle Age and into the "Golden Years" as I prefer to call it, not that other thing. 😊

So, we are both still working, me Credit Union (year #33) and Eddie with landscaping & lots of "et cetera's"! Had some strange health issues - Eddie had severe hand infections - one that he had to be hospitalized for in Honolulu for 6 days!

Oh and before that, our sweet doggie Capone (see pictures of puppies, the one on the right) cute, right? Well 130 pounds later, he caught me in his chain while



chasing a cat, slamming me into the ground & breaking both bones in my wrist - ugh!!! Had to be flown out later for surgery & now have a metal plate & 2 pins in my wrist.

Getting better now & yes, I CAN play the piano! Thank GOD!!

So, back to the 6 day hospitalization..... there I was with a broken wrist and 2 huge pit bulls and about, oh, 50 cats to take care of!!! So.... Enter Joey!! Yay! He saved the day! Fed all the critters & did everything else too - when Eddie came back, he was in bad shape too, so Joey stayed on. Which was great cuz Eddie had just gotten a Mini Excavator & had projects coming out his ears, so he & Joey spent every day digging up trees, putting in water lines, moving cars & other "memorabilia" around the property. He finally had to go home (but thanks for the loan of your hubby, Renee!) and we are doing quite well now. Oh, except Eddie had carpal tunnel surgery end of November - but he's doing well from that too. Yup, old folks & surgery!! It's just what's happening, right??

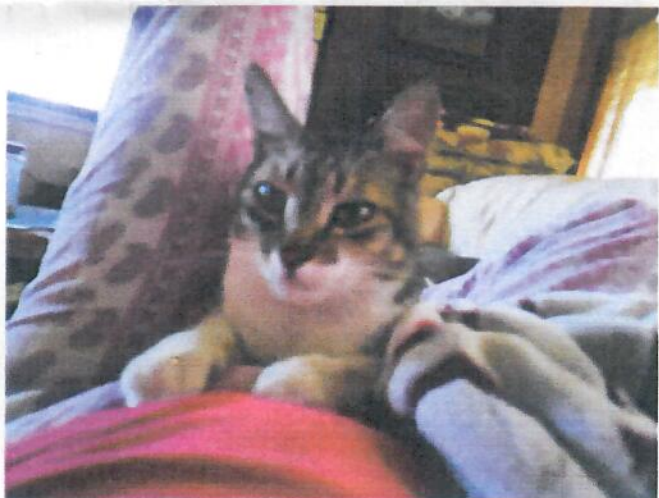
Heres Joey digging up the water line, etc..... it was a fun time.

Speaking of Joey, he's still doing landscaping & water features but now with more accent on building pools - seems like with all this Covid, folks are wanting to have pools in the back yard. Who'd a thunk there'd be a good side to Covid? It's a win/win - folks have fun in their pools & Joey gets the work! Renee is working at the Dept of Water Supply, so she's an Essential Worker & still has a job, thankfully! Koa has been working with his dad mostly & got to spend some time here with us while on a hunting trip with Joey & friends. Kaila started her first year at Seattle Pacific University studying nursing, but had to come home early due to Covid. She's been working online many, many hours a day from then on as has her sister, Tiana, who is a Junior at Seabury Hall. Ti did get to go back to the campus for a bit, but nothing's permanent these days. Still an awesome baker! For Thanksgiving, we all stayed home, but Joey called to say that the kids had been in the kitchen all day making Thanksgiving dinner for the parents. How sweet is that???



So..... now we are on to the critters.....2 large Pit Bulls, Simone and Capone - very sweet doggies when they're not chasing cats! Actually, Simone is so mellow, she lets about 7 kitties eat out of her bowl with her. Some of the little ones just purr & rub all over her - Maybe they think she's their mommy cuz their mommy is a real loser! Not nice at all! - and I haven't been able to catch her yet to get her spayed!!! Hence the new kitties!! Help!! So we stilll have the Furry Little Crew of kitties. I have to admit, feeding them at night is kinda therapy for me - they're all purry & happy & soft & sweet..... nice way to end the day!!

Oh, and can't forget Mitten! Our one and only house cat! He sleeps on our bed every night and is Eddie's buddy too. Here he is keeping me company while I recover from surgery.



So that's about it - These times have been so hard for many - but we just have to cling more closely to the Lord now and remember He said He will never leave us nor forsake us. No matter what it may look like, He is still there with us. Like with Shadrach, Mesach & Abed-nego in the fiery furnace, - God didn't save them FROM the fire, He didn't put the fire OUT, He stood BESIDE THEM IN the fire and made the fire not hurt them. I think that's where we are right now. Just have to remember He is ALWAYS there beside us!! God bless & keep you all safely in His hands!! Xoxo Eddie & Di & critters.