

Advent 2021

*To our family and friends: Greetings!*

After 2020, we all were looking forward to a more normal 2021. We were vaccinated in February and March, and went on a family visiting spree in March and got to hug all the kids and grandkids. We had another full family gathering for the Memorial Day Weekend.

But the pandemic still prevented a lot. We made it to Michigan twice (taking the longer route, as Canada was closed) to see Jim's father, in late June for a 20 minute indoor visit and in late July for an hour-and-a-half outdoor visit (through his window we had a few more visits). On August 20th we learned that he had passed away at 99.5 years. Expected, but still unexpected.

The wet summer hit our garden in various ways, with some things dying from fungus or root rot while others thrived. Our onions seem to predict a hard winter. We finally decided on getting our driveway blacktopped, but that couldn't get done until mid September.

In early October MM found out it was time for cataract surgery. That is now done, and she can see without glasses for the first time in 60 years. It was just in time to celebrate with the whole family for Thanksgiving!

We haven't included much news from our children and grandchildren this time, so if you want to know what's going on with them, contact us or them directly. It's mostly the same old, but Kateri, Kathleen, and Leo have switched jobs, slightly.

Enjoy the rest of our our webpage! A picture is worth a thousand words, it's said.

*Jim & Mary Margaret and the extended Van Damme family*