

2008 has been an eventful year for Bob & I, some happy and some very sad.

On the sad side, we lost my brother Joe on August 22 after 25 days in Intensive Care fighting a serious infection. Another sad event was in my mom's life. She has had Alzheimer's for several years but this year had to be moved to a skilled nursing facility because of a stroke that left her unable to walk. My dad is able to visit her every day but misses her being at home with him. These events have had a major effect on all of us.



On the happy side we have been blessed with 2 new beautiful granddaughters. Keira Abigail born to Meg & Brian on June 14 and Elle Marie the child of Josh & Elizabeth (born on July 25th).



As with most retirees, we have been affected by the financial markets collapse. So far we haven't had to make changes. Bob is happy he started receiving his pension this year!

Josh and Brian are still doing well with their Subways (19 & 5) and Dave is working harder than ever at Bank of America. Elizabeth is back to work as a prosecutor and Meg is back teaching middle school (she became a fully credentialed teacher this year). I've been happily looking after Keira for the past few months (Liz's mom is doing the same for Elle). Kristina is a stay at home mom with Ally & Andrew with the usual school volunteering commitments. Ally is in first grade. Andrew and Dean start Kindergarten next year. Everyone is healthy and the kids are growing so fast!



Two of my brother's children live in Atlanta (Amy & Alvin) as well as my sisters daughter Ashley. Alvin & Ashley work with Josh and we enjoy having an extended family here in Atlanta. Alvin is marrying the lovely Allison Langfitt in Virginia on January 3rd and Ashley will marry Chris Morris (who also works with Josh) in New York on March 14. We are pretty involved with all the Atlanta side planning and activities. On August 15th of this year, my sister Janie married Paul Mangiamele (who we all love).

In August, Bob & I vacationed in Hawaii with Dave, Kris and the kids. We spent a lot of time at home in Amelia Island with our children, grandchildren, and other relatives (including my cousins Rich & Rosemary Kearns).



We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday and 2009.
Love Bob & Elaine

P.S. We'll be in Goshen & NYC Dec 19-23.

Contact info and other pictures are on our web site www.reisner.info .