



November 24, 2017 – Temp 44, Sunny, Breezy. Beautiful day! I put up the Christmas decorations.

This week marks our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary! That is amazing! How quickly the time goes by. I guess it's true, "Time flies when your having fun." Looking forward to many more!



We lost our Aunt Nancy (Scafiti Family) & Aunt Mary Davis (Lanza Family) this year. Aunt Mary served in the WACs during WWII. I always would tell her she should write a book about her life and times during the war. She was buried with full military honors. They both will be missed.



Abree, with Donna.

We also had the marriage of our nephew Danny to Rhizlane, who is from Morocco. Everyone had a great time at the reception. Beautiful Bride.

Our children were here and the grand children. The kids, Abree, Caleb and Bryson had a great time. As did Olivia, who came with her father for a long week. We visited Pittsburgh where you can find the Bicycle Museum, Carnegie Art Museum, Natural History Museum, the Steepest Street in America, The Inclines, and much more. What fun we had. We also hiked the Cuyahoga National Park near Brecksville, OH.



Olivia

Donna & her daughter Melissa went to Costa Rica in March for a week and came back rested and raring to go. Then, Donna visited the Outer Banks with her family, 27 of them! They had a great time. She also had the chance to go to Atlanta for the Shaklee convention. I took a weekend to Springfield, MA, at the end of January to the largest model railroad show in the country. It takes two days to see everything. I am planning to return again this January.



Donna also is working as hard as ever at the Metrohealth medical office taking care of the many sick patients daily. She is not ready the slow down yet. You go girl! While back at the ranch, I was remodeling 2 apartments from Mar 1<sup>st</sup> thru July 31<sup>st</sup>. It was a lot of hard work, but they turned out super nice. Since then I have completed several woodworking projects for a couple of clients and now I am volunteering at the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland one day a week until the end of the year. They have a railroad display about the railroads of Northeastern Ohio. It is very enjoyable.

Memories of the Past: I was 12 or thirteen and I was lucky enough to receive a microscope for Christmas. I can remember it was purchased from an electronics store in downtown Akron, OH; of course it was called a Radio and Television store, as they were the only ones in town to sell electronic parts and scientific equipment. I think it was named Olson's. I spent many hours making slides and viewing insects, liquids, plants and flowers with that microscope. I still have that microscope, it works just as good as when it was new. It is the only gift that I have from that time, other than the Lionel trains of course!



To you, our family, our friends, with love, respect and admiration, we wish you a wonderful holiday season, and a happy, healthy, New Year! So, until next year...we wish you and yours the very best life can offer.

Ben & Donna