

Merry Christmas to our family and friends

We have much to be thankful for this year.



In September we were blessed with the birth of a grandson. Brooks Woodrow Toomey was born on September 25, 2008 to our daughter Devon and her husband, Jeremy. He joins brother Heath who is now a very independent two and a half year old. Sadly for us the family moved in June to Omaha, Nebraska where they will stay for five years while Jeremy does his Orthopedic Surgery residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

We love being grandparents and are thankful our son Aden and his wife Kim are still close by in Lake Oswego. Their two daughters, Ellery and Sydney, are frequent visitors and consider Dennis to be their favorite toy!



Dennis continues to work three days a week as a spiritual counselor at Willamette Valley Hospice which leaves him time to enjoy camping and traveling as well. In February he bought a Megabuck lottery ticket and won \$2,012! The money was put aside for our RV trip to Omaha in September which worked out very well.



Stephany continues her hard work as a professional retiree. She spends a lot of time camping in our 2007 Lazy Daze RV and in October achieved her goal of camping in all of the Oregon State Park campgrounds. Here we are with Joshua, Aden, Colin, Ellery and Sydney helping to celebrate that event at Champoeg State Park.

Also in February, our son Colin started a new job as a Sales Order Coordinator at Associated Business Systems in Tigard. He continues to enjoy the life of a bachelor and even more so now with the addition of a new wide screen TV!



The rest of the family is healthy and well. Joshua continues working at Winco and also has a morning paper route where he says his left handed baseball pitching comes in handy hurling newspapers out the car window! Joanna and companion Joe are living in Eugene and working at a friend's herbal business.

Our best wishes to each of you for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2009. Remember to check our web site www.heathsmith.com for all our latest family news throughout the year.