

December 23, 2024



This year has brought us a mixture of joyful and sad events, so we're glad to mark its end and reflect on the high and low points. We also send you our best wishes and hope that 2024 has brought you more happiness than sorrow.

In the spring, I (Brian) couldn't wait to head out bicycling, so tackled parts of the Guelph to Goderich recreation trail over 3 days.

Louise experienced too much knee pain and missed out on biking, so opted for a replacement operation in December. She stayed in a nearby convalescent home for 2 weeks and came home in time for Christmas. Both of us are eager to resume biking and hiking in the spring.

We took 2 southern vacations last February and March. We spent a week in Punta Cana (Dominican Republic) at an all-inclusive resort, with lots of ocean and pool swimming. It was a lovely getaway.



*The "lazy river" circular pool at our Punta Cana resort.*

Then in March, we joined family friends in Orlando, Florida for more sunshine and swimming. I celebrated my birthday there with a memorable dinner out.



For our summer holiday, we drove to northern Ontario to visit a summer camp near Kirkland Lake where Louise worked when she was 20. The area is noted for gold and silver mining and beautiful, peaceful wilderness parks.



We also took a week-long road trip to Dayton and Toledo, Ohio in November to tour art galleries and the United States air-force museum.



Back at home, we've been giving support to Hannah, newly arrived from Nigeria and working hard to build a new life in Canada.

Most of our relatives live in Ontario so it makes for great visiting. We get together with Brian's nephew Allan whenever we're in Toronto.





Sadly, this seemed to be the year for funerals. Louise's mother Ann died in September, followed 6 weeks later by Ann's sister Grace. We also attended funerals for Brian's aunt, one of my cousins and other acquaintances.



*Louise's mother Ann.*



*Louise and brother Joe with photos of Ann, at her funeral.*



*Louise visited her aunt Grace just a few months before she died.*



*Relaxing in our back yard with Joe and Lynn.*



Let's hope for health, happiness, listening, patience and understanding in 2025. Keep in touch!

Brian and Louise Keith