

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE SPICER YOUNGS

Our parents and siblings have said, “just wait until you get older, time flies by even faster” Well, that is so true! Even though we are still both working, it is hard to keep track of what day it is.

January: Doris' boss entered retirement stage, handing off the baton to his son. They are learning what does and doesn't work in the office. We shoveled an ice rink on the lake. It was used more by the young family next door than by us. They cleared a small area too and made a big snow fort. We participated in the Brainerd Jaycees Fishing Tournament. It was a virtual event this year using the Fish Donkey app. We fished near the west boat landing on Nest Lake. We caught 31 perch and 2 small walleye. Ice fishing just isn't the same as boat fishing.

February: We used inheritance money from Doris' parents to remodel the bathrooms and replace flooring. Finally, no carpet in the kitchen and bathrooms. Doris only waited 18 years to get a different shower.

March: Randy turned 60, He says everything hurts. Though shots were not as bad as anticipated.

April: Emmett and Terah celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary, Tasha and Brandon their 10th. We got new shingles and gutters due to the hail damage from 2020. It only took a crew of several people half a day to do the house, garage and shed. Thank goodness for home owners insurance.

May: We visited Lehnars and spent time outside watching the girls play on their outdoor playground. We visited Randy's mom and got to hug her for the first time in a 1½ years. In the middle of May, we met Emmett and Terah in Alexandria. While playing mini golf, Doris got a hole in one on the first hole, Randy got one on the sixteenth. We missed out on our trip to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary last year. Fortunately, Cass Lake Lodge applied our deposit to this year. We caught several large perch. Randy caught a bridge with a light pole. (ask if you want the full story) On our return trip we stopped where Emmett works, on his birthday. We helped work on a portico at Randy's niece's house.

June: We went to a Stingers game with Randy's coworkers. We were able to spend time with all our family in Vadnais Heights as we celebrated Annika's birthday a little early. Another day was spent working on the portico.



July: Annika turned 5 years old. Emmett and Terah came to Spicer for the 4th. Friends of theirs joined us for a pontoon ride and dinner that Saturday. That night we watched the fireworks while out for a late night cruise. Emmett and Terah's brother came later in the month. After boat rides and swimming we had the pleasure of being entertained with some beautiful piano playing. At the end of the month, we had a 98th birthday celebration for Randy's mom. On this day, there was an announcement that Emmett and Terah are expecting a baby at the end of February 2022.

August: Randy went to International Falls for a “work” trip. He also attended Dakota Fest in South Dakota. Randy says it was hot, the pictures only show a temperature of 114 degrees. Doris went to Owatonna to visit her sister, brother-in-law and nephew. When she returned, Randy was still out of town, and she got a ride in

the neighbors Red Line convertible. We got to celebrate Natalie's 3rd birthday with Lehnerns. The last week of August, Randy went to North Dakota for another work trade show.

September: It was the one year anniversary of Doris' dad's death. Many great memories were shared. Randy had the dreaded colonoscopy but it all went fine. On the 25th we got to have another family gathering at Lehnerns with all eight of us together. We cherish family times!!!



October: Doris had talked Randy into going fishing on the first of October. At the start of the day Randy was leading for Fisher Person of the year. After an hour or so Doris claimed the title. After a few minutes Randy caught a fish of the same size. Doris was content to share the title but openly admitted she would have liked to win. Doris even suggested they stop fishing and have it be a TIE. How nice that would be. Well, Randy kept trolling. Not even ten minutes later, he caught a Northern 2 inches bigger than the tie fish. He boasted all the way back to the dock. We went to watch one of Randy's brothers dinner shows with many of the Youngs. Grandma and all of her children got together for a photo. We shared many laughs that day. On the seventeenth, all boats were out of the water and covered. It's a sad day when that happens. Pumpkin carving was a fun event at Lehnerns on October 30th. We had a variety of characters.

November: We met Emmett and Terah and watched them use the wand at Target to register baby items for their wish list. A coworker of Emmett's made him blankets with yarn that Grandma Carlson had given Emmett many years ago before her passing. A very sentimental gift indeed. The Friday after Thanksgiving we did cookie decorating at Randy's mom's house. There were many creative designs. On Saturday, we did a virtual Thanksgiving with all eight of us. We have so much to be thankful for!



December: So far, it has been a mild winter with very little snow. That is fine with us at our age. We like watching the neighbor kids play in the snow.

We enjoy hearing from all of you and wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Hugs and Love, Randy and Doris

