

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

2022

Merry Christmas from the Spicer Youngs.

Headlines of the year:

- Proud parents Terah and Emmett welcomed Evelyn Rae into the world. She took her time getting here, but has been a joy ever since.
- We remember those who passed.
 - Joe Mueller, brother-in-law
 - Dale Carlson, twin brother, brother-in-law

As you can see, we had joy and sadness this year. We typically are summer people; though the storms of May altered our “normal” year.

Winter: We started off the year doing a little more ice fishing. A Northern States Supply/DeWalt Tournament, no fish but Randy won a couple nice door prizes (tools). We traveled to the Head of the Lakes in Osakis, MN and fished for 4 hours. In a 5-minute span, Randy caught a 15” bass then almost right after, Doris got a 17” bass. Randy went to Iowa for a Fins & Feather Ice fishing event. Randy worked at the New Ulm Farm show while Doris visited a friend and they went to a basketball game. March 15th Evelyn Rae Young was born. March birthday gathering for Randy, his sister and brother took place at Pub 42. Traveled to Pillager and met Terah & Emmett’s daughter Evelyn.

Spring: There were terrible storms, 8.8 inches of rain in 24 hours. We lost power, had water in basement, ripped out carpet, retaining wall by garage fell, lake water level was 15 inches over the dock. Water went up the yard beyond the fire pit. It is not raining when this photo was taken. It is the wind lifting the lake water.



4 generation photo; Emmett 30, Evelyn, Evelyn 99, Randy 61



Since we had just about touched everything in the basement, we purged. Five carloads to Goodwill and a massive garage sale. (We have made a small dent in downsizing) Our storm-initiated projects consumed us, shortening our summer. We took a day trip to Lehner’s. Emmett, Terah, & Evelyn visited us in Spicer for Emmett’s 30th birthday. We attended several graduation parties and one retirement party. Randy traveled to Canada with several other Youngs to go fishing.

Summer: We celebrated Annika's 6th birthday party at Lehner's. After the carpet had been removed in May, it was noticed the cement needed repair. It was repaired and then coated with acrylic paint. Smell was so strong we stayed in a hotel the first night. We had 6 fans exhausting air and 2 blowing air into the basement for over a week. The retaining wall was completed. We were going to hire it out but after contacting 12 contractors we only got one bid. OMG, the cost was astronomical, so we did it ourselves



with the help of a few college age young men for about 30 hours. Many more hours were put in by Randy & Doris. Randy commented he hadn't worked that hard physically in 15 years. Each 60lb block was moved 3 times, loading, unloading & setting into place. This was real sweat equity. Visited Pillager Young's and continued on to Bemidji to see Randy's brother in the play On Golden Pond. Many family members gathered for Grandma Evie's 99th birthday party. Doris went to Owatonna to visit family and go to the Steele County Fair. Randy went to Dakotafest in Watertown, SD. We attended our sister-in-law's father's funeral. We had a family picture day at Lehner's. We took a day trip to Pillager Young's.



Fall: The Murphy family next door to us added a daughter. October 5th, Joe passed away. We went to Owatonna for the funeral. Boats had to come out of the water. Doris is crowned fisher person of the year. We visited Lehner's for pumpkin carving. Doris went to Owatonna to celebrate her sister's birthday. November 17th, Doris' twin brother Dale passed away. Visited Pillager Young's for Thanksgiving. Friday was cookie decorating at Grandma Evie's, from there we went to Lehner's. November 29th Dale's funeral took place in Elk River, MN.



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

Hugs and Love, Randy and Doris