

## Christmas 2009

### The Mooney Family



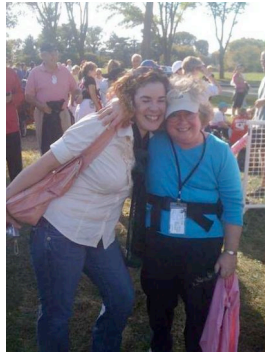
Merry Christmas to all. It has been an interesting year in many ways. One of the major highlights was our trip to Disney World in early August, the first for Will and Cheyanne. Tara and Mark flew in to meet us for five great days at the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and Animal Kingdom. Although it was midsummer, the weather was good and the crowds were fairly small.

Will and Cheyanne have continued to grow and progress and get involved in too many activities. Will is now in 4th grade and an active Webelos cub scout. He played baseball again this year and has joined the St. Francis band to continue his interest in drumming. Cheyanne is in 3rd grade and busy with her brownie troop and ballet lessons. She also made her First Communion this year.



Joan has closed her law practice and is currently spending her time at home, partly to have more time with the children. She is exploring some other options for the future, such as joining her sister Judy's rug weaving business! She also continues as a leader of the RCIA program at St. John's, and in several other ministry roles. In October Joan participated in a 3-day, 60 mile walk for breast cancer in Washington DC. She was glad to be welcomed by Jim and Tara at the finish line!

Jim is in his 31st year teaching computer science at WVU, and may be considering retirement options in the next few years. He remains active as an advisor for Alpha Phi Omega, and has become the pack chef for Will's cub scout pack. He continues to sing with the choir at St. John's, and is participating in the prison ministry.



Our daughters are all progressing in their own ways. Tara continues to enjoy an active life and great success at her law firm in Nashville, sharing life with her husband Mark and their dogs, Jake and Dudley. Tressa is halfway through her nursing degree program at WVU, somehow balancing this with raising her daughters Asia (12) and Lydia (6). Alishia is working again at the WVU Mountainlair (student center) and sharing her life with her daughter Gabby (now 4-1/2) and her boyfriend Jason. Finally, Asonda has returned to Akron with her boyfriend Rob and hopes to soon become General Manager of the Papa John's where she is working. It is our plan and fervent hope that all of them will be able to join us for Christmas this year.

We continue to work on improvements to Ti Na Coille, our house in the woods. There is still a long way to go. The landscape has been the greatest challenge, but Joan is determined to complete many of the projects, including a series of garden beds, in the next year. We can report that our new address is finally official: 381 Meadow Lane, Bruceton Mills WV 26525.

We wish you all the blessings of this holy season, and we hope to see many of you in the coming year.

Jim, Joan, Will and Cheyanne

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