

There's a song in the air and the halls are decked ... and I may get "decked" if I don't get this pictorial up-date inscribed and off to the printers!!

It's 40 years now you've been together ... so sang our 1988 kids and grandkids at an incredible surprise Anniversary party in August. Having all the family together plus many dear relatives and friends to help us celebrate, was mind-boggling, to say the least! A beautiful book of memories was put together for us - and a near-perfect replica of our wedding cake was served. The pictures shown here are from this special occasion. Our children and grandchildren are such a blessing to us. Thank you, Lord! He also attended a Carey (Dottie's mother's family) Reunion and Carl's 45th High School Reunion in October. Carl's traveling gave him little time to use the boat this year.



The happy couple

DORON (our company) celebrated its 15th Anniversary just this month. It too was a delightful evening of dinner, music, brief speeches and awards - and we were able to renew many friendships. The toughest part of this year was the loss of our nephew, Richard Russell Stearns, barely 38 years old, to cancer. Retirement for us is still pending.

-with the grandkids!



Our grown-up kids



Our ever-growing family.

Remembering each of you is such a special part of Christmas .. and we long to hear from you as well. May the Lord bless you with peace, joy, love and beautiful memories.

He loves you!

Dottie and Carl

Christmas 1988