



Christmas 1997

Just look at the "Littlest Angel" atop our family tree! Dear, beautiful *Emma Elizabeth* was born to Susan and Don on July 25th. She can't help being a remarkable child, having been named *Emma* after Don's Grandma (Grossy) Wenzinger and *Elizabeth* for Susan's Grandma Kettyle. Grant, now 2 years old, is an awesome BIG BROTHER, already teaching Emmy about ice hockey, basketball, and all that "important stuff"! It's obvious they adore one another. Aunts, uncles, and cousins by the dozen appeared from all over the country to welcome this wee one. We had a great celebration and Grant took full advantage of all the playmates and loving attention it provided for him as well.

Our "Youth Brigade" continues to be a source of great delight. We see such promise in each one in spite of (because of?) their struggles along the way. It boggles the mind when we think of all these young people have achieved thus far. 1997 brought proms and graduations, awards and confirmations, etc., but best of all we appreciate the kind and thoughtful human beings they are becoming.

As for us, just sharing the everyday miracles of family and friends brings much meaning and joy to our lives. We do admit that in some ways we are beginning to feel our age and must agree with the comment of brother Russell on his birthday . . . "I can still do everything I've always done; it just takes longer and hurts more!"


Each of you is special to us, and we love you. Remember that our Creator loves us most and best. Mother Theresa said it well: "When you know how much God is in love with you, then you can only live your life radiating that love." So, GLOW!

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The Afterglow

The greetings and carols have ended. The glad celebrations have ceased.
With the angels ascended to heaven, the Wise Men returned to the East.
But the light that once shone on a manger still brightens the world from afar.
And listening hearts still hear angels, and Wise Men still follow a star.

Ellis Rowsey

Courtesy of Jody Smith

