



Merry Christmas 2006!

The holiday season has come so quickly this year -- a sign of the times, I guess, when we keep so busy that we hardly notice our days. Looking back, we've certainly had a busy year! Seven vacation trips, although all but one were within California and Arizona. The one exception was to Rocky Point Mexico, where we spent a luxurious week with friends Pam, Paul, Laura & Gary right on the beach, watching the Ocean in all it's moods. We've also had visits from most of our children and grandchildren this year, all of whom we enjoy so much!

When we are home, Dick keeps busy golfing and, in the spring, caring for his bluebird trails. Barbara keeps busy with her painting and web site maintenance. This year she finished a 5 picture winery series and a picture of Dick fishing in Oregon. (Well, to be honest it is a stretch to recognize Dick in the picture.) As always, pictures are on the website, and "willeyweb.com" points to all of Barbara's current web-work. This year, there are two new sites -- one, "Windows to America" for friend John Ayres, who has created a considerable work describing what you may see on airline routes around the country. The other, for friend Jeff Modic, describes the activities of the Navy's "AIRPAC Squadron" program for youth. Both are definitely worth checking out.

Barbara was also kept busy this year acting as Secretary for our Lompoc Valley Art Association, making lots of new artist friends in the process. Of course, we also continue to engage in fun activities centered on wine and food. - This year we especially enjoyed a couple of Jazz concerts, two mystery parties and a tour through our local artichoke farm with friends. We also enjoyed a beautiful wedding of our friends Becky & Brad that took place in Miguelito Park this spring.

Perhaps one of the more significant events of the year was the loss of both of our beloved cats Clyde and Shadow. However, we soon had new additions to our family -- Samson, a beautiful and loving ten month old black & grey tabby, and Delilah (of course we had to name her Delilah after Samson joined the family) a very sweet and petite year-old grey and white female we acquired to keep Samson company.

Wishing everyone a great holiday season and a beautiful New Year!

With Love, Dick and Barbara Willey