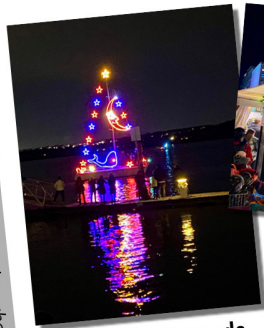


# CHRISTMAS LETTER 2025 AND THINGS THAT HAPPENED SINCE THE LAST ONE...

Not pictured: Everyone else who enriched our lives this year. We love you all!



Holiday boat parade  
Alexandria, VA



Winter market  
Washington, DC

Christmas Eve  
Church Service



Mike undergoing  
immersion therapy  
for treating his LEGO  
addiction. (Failed.)



Back to Julie's happy place  
for two weeks in February,  
Sanibel, FL. Sun, fun, and  
shelling. And seeing Mike's  
cousins from Minneapolis.



Breaking News! Julie retired in April!  
Steve, Karissa, and Jennifer were  
sad to see her go.

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Now retired, Julie went home for a  
week in June to see her family in Illinois.



In April, we celebrated  
the life of Mike's dear  
cousin Eve in Santa  
Barbara, CA.



Drove through Death Valley in April. Was Julie's first time.



Plus a visit to  
Vegas the night  
before.

How hot is Death Valley?			
	average	maximum	record maximum
January	65° F (18° C)	89° F (32° C)	97° F (36° C)
February	72° F (22° C)	102° F (39° C)	111° F (44° C)
March	80° F (27° C)	122° F (50° C)	128° F (53° C)
	98° F (37° C)	134° F (57° C)	127° F (53° C)



With two (!) visits to Thousand Oaks,  
CA, to spend time with more cousins.



Pam and Jim also came to Raleigh this  
year and stayed with Mike and Julie!

Hidden under that baggy shirt is someone who's  
60 pounds lighter than last year. He feels great.



Other things: Holiday hydrant in Raleigh; Trans-Siberian Orchestra Concert in December; Mike in Morehead City with his high-school peeps; air show at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base; albino deer in our backyard; Mike at the ready along Route 66; Gracie on a leash (really); Mike at the podium at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, CA; Julie building a LEGO Halloween set; Downtown Minneapolis... North Carolina; one of the many fire calls that Mike photographed this year.

