

Isiah 9:6-7....

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice
and righteousness from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

2024—The Years Best Quotes....

"DAD, YOU MADE IT MY WORST DAY EVER!"
Ashton's rebuke of his Dad Bryan for making him
take a family picture...

"TYLER! SHUT THE F#@% UP!"
At The Christmas Gift Grabbag, mild mannered
Jordan loudly drops the F-Bomb warning Tyler he
best not steal her gift.

"IN YOUR DREAMS YOU CAN!"
Thor's response to Bryan claiming that he could
make a better Cheese Toasty than Grandma.

"WHAT IS GOING ON HERE ?!?"
Baby Cal's exclamation anytime something
unexpected happens.

**"I WISH GRANDMA WOKE UP WITH NO
PAJAMAS!"**
Rick's observation when we discovered Cal had
removed his pajamas sometime overnight in his
crib...

"RICK, RICK! IT SAYS TO CALL AN ATTENDANT!"
Kathy slowly realizing she hit a Straight Flush on
the Slots at Mandalay Bay for a \$4,000 Jackpot!

"HUH... YOU THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA?"
Kathy's query when Rick phones her to tell her he is outside playing
directly in the eye of Hurricane Milton.

"START ME UP!"
Mick Jagger belts out the first words to kickoff the 5 Stones
concerts we saw in 2024. Phoenix, Vegas, Chicago (2), and LA!

Merry Christmas

2024



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS ACROSS 7 COUNTRIES ON 3 CONTINENTS....

THE JOY... FINALLY, FINALLY, WE HAVE A GIRL BORN TO THIS FAMILY! AFTER 4 SONS AND 3 GRANDSONS, KATHY HAD ALMOST GIVEN UP HOPE. BUT DAUGHTER-IN-LAW JORDAN AND OUR BEN CAME TO THE RESCUE AND PRODUCED THE 1ST GIRL BORN TO OUR FAMILY IN 39 YEARS!

FOALED ON AUGUST 28TH, SHE IS NAMED ADDISON KIKU JOHNSON AND IS GORGEOUS AND PERFECT IN EVERY WAY. EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT ADDIE LOOKS LIKE HER MOTHER (THANK GOODNESS)! DID I SAY SHE IS PERFECT?

THE FRIGHT... FOLLOWING HER REGULARLY SCHEDULED MAMMOGRAM THIS SUMMER, KATHY LEARNED OF A POTENTIAL PROBLEM THAT WARRANTED A CLOSER LOOK. FURTHER INVESTIGATION REVEALED SHE HAD VERY, VERY EARLY STAGE BREAST CANCER.

SINCE IT WAS CAUGHT EARLY, SHE UNDERWENT A LUMPECTOMY ON TWO SITES. POST SURGERY ANALYSIS HAS SHOWN THAT THE SURGERY WAS ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL AND SHE IS IN THE CLEAR.

SHE TAKES MEDICATION TO MAKE RECURRENCE MORE REMOTE—BUT WE ARE VERY, VERY THANKFUL THAT THE PRINCESS IS FINE! GOD AT WORK IN OUR KATHY!

THE GRANDKIDS... THOR, BRYAN & SABRINA'S OLDEST, TURNED A WHOPPING 9 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR AND IS IN THE 4TH GRADE. A MATH PRODIGY, BY HAND HE CALCULATED TO 1 TERRABYTE ON A COUPLE SHEETS OF PAPER WITH GRANDPA CHECKING HIS WORK BY CALCULATOR ALONG THE WAY! AND IT WAS PERFECT!

ASHTON, NOW 5, STARTED FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN WHERE HE IS JUST BLOSSOMING. HIS REPORTS FROM TEACHER ARE GLOWING—BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE—THIS ONE IS THE RASCAL IN THE GRANDKIDS CAMP. LIKE MANY A TALENTED JOHNSON—HE CAN RIP ONE OFF ON COMMAND, AND IS HAPPY TO DO SO ON REQUEST.

BABY CALVIN, 2, IS NOW BIG BROTHER CALVIN, WHAT WITH BABY SISTER ADDISON AMONGST US. THIS BOY IS THE LIFE OF THE PARTY AS HE SINGS, DANCES AND CREATES MAYHEM IN HIS WAKE WHEREVER HE GOES. LOVES BOOKS & IS THE BEST FRUIT EATER. ESPECIALLY BLUEBERRIES. EVERYONE WANTS TO BE WITH BABY CAL!

THE RETIREMENT... AFTER 48 YEARS WITH THE SAME EMPLOYER, PRINCESS KATHY FINALLY RETIRED FROM VAN DRIEL'S MEDICAL SUPPLY THIS FALL. WE LAID ON A SURPRISE RETIREMENT BASH FOR HER—COMPLETE WITH A SASH, CORSAGE AND AN ENGRAVED GOLD PEN!

THE BOYS AND THEIR BABES... A BALDING, AGING BRYAN, 38, CHANGED JOBS NOW WORKING FOR A MAJOR DOWNTOWN BANK AS THEIR SR VP OF INCIDENT MANAGEMENT. WIFE SABRINA, ADVOCATES FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING MEDICAL HARDSHIPS. SHE ASKED TO TAKE A PICTURE OF US BOTH FOR THEIR COMPANY NEWSLETTER WHERE IT WAS TO LOOK LIKE SHE WAS HELPING AN ELDERLY DIMWITTED CLIENT (ME) TRYING TO WORK ON HIS COMPUTER. HOW INSULTING!

BEN & JORDAN, STILL TEACH IN THE SCHAUMBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT. WITH ADDIE'S BIRTH THEY ARE UTILIZING THEIR MATERNITY & PATERNITY LEAVES TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR FUTURE BEAUTY QUEEN. THIS YEAR THEY WERE BUSY REMODELING THEIR CAROL STREAM HOME ADDING A LOVELY FINISHED BASEMENT.

BRETTIE BOY COMMANDS THE DAIRY CASE AT TONY'S FINER FOODS HERE IN ARLINGTON HTS. HE, BRAD & I JETTED OUT TO HOLLYWOOD THIS SUMMER TO SEE THE STONES, CURLY & SHEMP HOWARD'S GRAVES, AN ANGELS GAME, AND A VIP TOUR AT PARAMOUNT PICTURES! WE EVEN SAT ON FORREST GUMP'S BENCH! AND HE LOVES THOSE NEPHEWS AND HIS NIECE!

BRADLEY STILL IS THE BEST PHYSICAL THERAPY DOCTOR IN THE FAMILY AT NORTHWEST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. LOVELY WIFE TINA STILL IS A STELLAR SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHER IN SCHAUMBURG. THOUGH A BUSY COUPLE, THEY DANCED AT CONCERTS, WATCHED BRAD'S ALMA MATER NIU BEAT THE TAR OUT OF NOTRE DAME, AND HIT FLORIDA TWICE AS THEY NIPPED OUT TO THE MAGIC KINGDOM FOR A SHORT MINI HOLIDAY! AND YES, TINA HAD HER EARS ON THE WHOLE TIME!

THE HURRICANES... RICK RODE OUT BOTH HURRICANES HELENE & MILTON DOWN SIESTA KEY THIS PAST OCTOBER. WEATHERED HELENE IN THE CONDO, BUT BUGGED OUT TO MY SISTERS HOME FOR MILTON—WHICH WAS A DIRECT HIT TO SIESTA KEY. WHILE MILTON RAGED, THE EYE OF THE HURRICANE PASSED DIRECTLY OVER US. DEAD CALM FOR A FEW MINUTES DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THE HURRICANE! SURREAL!

THE GENERAL CHARLEY PUB... THE LODGE GARAGE IN ANTIOCH HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO AN ENGLISH PUB HONOURING THE LATE, GREAT CHAMPION. WITH THE WALLS ADORNED WITH MASSIVE ACTION FATHEADS OF OUR HERO, ALL MY TREASURES FROM THE ARLINGTON PARK AUCTIONS ARE ON FULL DISPLAY. YOU MUST COME SEE IT!

THE HORSES... TALKIN' TIPSY, OUR FILLY, HAD ANOTHER STELLAR YEAR RUNNING 8 TIMES—BEING IN THE MONEY IN 6, INCLUDING 3 WINS. NOVGOROD THE GREAT AND EUCLID AVENUE THANKFULLY WERE BOTH CLAIMED—AS NEITHER OF THEM COULD OUTRUN KATHY ANYMORE.

AND 2025?... HERE'S THE PLANS IN ORDER....
#1 THE ROLLING STONES TOUR EUROPE! (THAT MEANS LONDON, BABY!)
#2 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!
#3 RUMPLING THAT GRANDAUGHTER!

Wishing You Faith, Health, Peace, & Love... A Blessed Christmas To All & A Happy, Happy New Year 2025!


Merry Christmas

All Our Love,

***Rick, Kathy, Bryan, Sabrina, Thor,
Ashton, Ben, Jordan, Calvin, Addison,
Reese, Brett, Brad, Tina, Talkin' Topsy,
Sean, Emily, &
The Late Great Champion
General Charley***



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