This year started out pretty rough for me. In case you're not aware, my sweet Margie passed away on January 12. Then our son, Tim, died on March 23. I miss both of them, but life must go on.

highlight of this year was the marriage of our grandson, Matthew Bowyer, to Meghann Walsh in June. The wedding celebration in Manchester, Vermont, was great fun.

I'm very happy with where I live. The staff is helpful whenever I need help, and I'm surrounded by good friends. I've had a helper since my most recent hospitalization, who now comes once a week to do my laundry, shop for groceries, and do all the little things that save me having to do them. I gave up my car, and Ellen is very helpful in taking me wherever I need to go.

I keep very busy. I am treasurer of the residents association, editor of the monthly residents newsletter, webmaster of the residents web site, a cast member of the Players who put on a monthly show for other residents, and I play the organ for the Sunday morning ecumenical service, which provides the opportunity for worship for residents who cannot get out to a church. Outside of the building, I am editor of the Bowyer-Lyness newsletter and webmaster of the Bowyer family web site.



All is well with my family. (See picture of Andy, Ellen, and me at left). Ellen has retired. Andy still works full time. My six grandchildren are all college graduates, and four of them have master's degrees. Four of the six are married, and the other two are engaged. I now have eight great-grandchildren, ranging in age from one to thirteen.

I look forward to this season of joy. Scott and Ellen, two of my grandsons and their wives, and three of my great-grandchildren, all live nearby, so I am able to see them quite often.

I hope the readers of this little letter have a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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