

My Highlights of 2000

Just after New Years Day I was surfing the net using my web cam when lo-and-behold I was paged by an on-looker from Indiana. This person, Ed Sherfick, had been to Seattle many times and we had a nice chat about this part of the country. It wasn't long after our Internet meeting that we started flying back-and-forth between Seattle and Indianapolis. Ed had considered living in Seattle and decided to move here. So the first week of June we packed up his car and set across country to Seattle. Along the way we stopped in Marshfield, WI to visit my cousin Cindy (Colbeth) Sternweis and her husband Russ. Cindy was expecting their first baby in just another month! A quick drive-thru of Roberts, WI, where I grew up and then a surprise attack (the only way I visit these guys) on Brett & Dawn Budrow - Dawn was also expecting!

A couple camping trips during the summer: At the ocean beach in Moclips, WA with 13 of Ed's - lots of fun! We also enjoyed a weekend along the river in the foothills of the Cascades with my sister Karen, Mike, and another couple. When my Aunt Sandy from Woodville, Wisconsin came to visit, we rented a group campsite in Westport, WA and had a Western Washington family reunion at the campground. Those that didn't stay in campers or tents stayed in the nearby motel.

Another trip to Indianapolis for Labor Day weekend only to return to Seattle and wake up to a call from my mom: Aunt Gloria had passed away early that morning. Her and my Uncle Ray opened their home and their hearts to me during my visits to Seattle and then finally my "Move-West. She will be missed.

Ed's sister, Alice, came to visit in October and it had been many years since I had done the "tourist route" through Seattle. Although much as changed it still remains truly the "Enchanted City".

Also in October, Ed and I went to San Francisco! While Ed attended classes for work, I toured the city and visited with my hometown buddy, Dennis Becker. The city was incredible and I am eager to visit again.

My cousin Cindy had their baby at the end of June, Waylon Russell, so we flew back for the baptism in November. It was good to see family who also attended and spend time laughing with my cousin Cindy, her cousin Jodi, and I getting setup for the after baptism festivities. Meanwhile... It just so happened that Uncle Chris and Vickie who also live in Washington were in Woodville, WI that same weekend attending a wedding. So, on the way back from Marshfield, Ed and I stopped in Woodville and met up with Uncle Chris and Vic. We had lunch at "Pepper's" restaurant with Aunt Sandy and family before the four of us headed to the airport. The four of us took the same flight back to Seattle.

For the rest of the year? Well... Another flight back to Indianapolis for Christmas should conclude the travel frenzy for 2000. I just signed papers to build a 12'X19' glass sunroom onto the back of my house. Both Thanksgiving and Christmas will be held at the Sorority where mom is a housemother to 90+ girls who attend the University of Washington. The girls will be gone for both holidays.

So much more, so little time... Hahahahaha. I hope this greeting finds you all well and enjoying the holidays. To you and yours: Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!