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Nope, no lottery, no fame, never around the world (though we have had three nice trips to Europe in retirement). Right now we are in northern Minnesota for July and August, away from the Virginia heat. We see Linda Lee DeVries Hoogstraat here every summer along with other Aplington and Parkersburg people. And I visited with Marcia in Wisconsin on my trip out here this year. In August, all my parents' offspring will be here for some vacation time, so we'll see our nephews and their families. And my sister, Connie, is also at the lake frequently all summer.

We just celebrated our 50th anniversary in June. I know many of you beat us to that milestone, so belated congratulations to you. To avoid a big event, we took the family to Disney World last fall; son Daniel (electrical engineer) daughter-in-law Ursula (Director of Children's Ministries at our church) and three grandsons, Caleb-10, Isaac-8, and Nathan-6. However they had other ideas and hosted a celebration for us anyway. And we did enjoy it very much. Almost like a second wedding, but with all the nice things people would say about you at your funeral!

We're both relatively healthy and enjoying life and far more blessings than we deserve.

Elaine, I applaud your move to downsize. We talk about it, but have yet to do anything. One issue is that our only son and family live so close, and we don't really want to move far. And we're very involved with our church and don't want to leave our wonderful church family. Options for downsizing are limited in our area. So we remain in our home in the Washington D.C. suburbs. (We often have guests, so please contact us if you're in the area.)

2023 Update

Dear Classmates,

I'm sorry to be missing this reunion. We have reservations in Acadia National Park for the first week in June and will be visiting with friends in New England as we go. And I head to Minnesota at the end of the month where we stay until after Labor Day.

Since retiring from directing our church choir and planning worship music last year, we have a bit more freedom to travel. And the window for doing it with energy in good health seems smaller. So, we hope to enjoy a few more driving trips around the country. Jim has a class reunion in Des Moines in August which will probably include a visit to the state fair.

We still enjoy reasonably good health, active in our church, spend time watching our three grandsons play baseball and march and play in their school bands. We are still in our house but have started to think about downsizing, perhaps even a retirement community.

I look forward to hearing from others and perhaps getting caught up with your lives when I see Marcia on my way to the lake or Linda Lee at the lake.

Warmly,
Carol