

## **Jeannette Meyer Griessel**

2017 was quite a year for us. My husband Richard was diagnosed with A-fib in January as he was being prepped for his final cataract surgery...now on Elliquis. Our oldest daughter Monica had to go through the breast cancer route with the surgeries involved and medications following. So far prognosis looks ok; however during this whole process as she had been with Montana Blue Cross/BS beginning as chief medical director since 2009; her upward movement, she was asked by the board to become president of the MTBCBS. There she is presiding since May 2017.

Then in June I had a mini-stroke which eventually was followed by a hole in the heart closure called a PFO which apparently I was born with and had never before had a problem.

In September my father-in-law passed at 96 years which leaves mother-in-law also 96 to be cared for. In October sister Jeanne's husband passed with having been diagnosed only 3 months prior. This was most devastating for the family.

At this point with the Lord's blessings we are moving along well with good health and wonderful lives. Our younger daughter Chanda has a thriving medical business as an Ophthalmologist here in Winston-Salem performing cataract surgeries along with other necessities as a surgical doctor.

We are enjoying our 2 grandchildren here as they grow so fast. I visited our family in Montana last October to watch sophomore grandson play football (brrrr) and visited again the week of July 4th this month and was able to reconnect with junior student granddaughter as she was home for the summer.

At this time we are still comfortable in our home, but I'm considering downsizing in the close future as well as many of you mention. I'm just not looking forward to the work involved.

It is great to hear from you and hope for more connections forthcoming. May God Bless You and your efforts.