

Hello friends and family,

Enjoy the Jacquie Lawson card linked here. Her team creates really fun advent calendars that Jim and I both enjoy every year and heartily recommend. [You can view your card here.](#)

2021 has certainly been a better year than 2020 for the Dixons and we hope for all of you too. I continued to work from home. Jim continued to build and repair computers, though he slowly retired. And we sold the building Saturn Computers had occupied since 1981.

Patrick and Brittney and Will and Claire returned from Brazil, South America for a new assignment. Patrick will be training in a T-1A till the end of this year or early into 2022 in San Antonio, Texas and then he will join Brittney and the kids in Columbus, MS in their new home on the Columbus AFB. There he will train new pilots for the next three years. Our two grandchildren, Will and Claire, are enjoying their new school and playing soccer and other sports as well. Will did so well that he was named MVP at the final soccer awards celebration. In three years, Patrick and his family will get a new assignment and possibly move overseas again. And Patrick will officially become a Lieutenant Colonel on March 1, 2022. Brittney continues to love building Legos and is wonderful in her full-time job as wife and mother.

Best of all, Dan and everyone came to our house in June for about a week after being separated because of COVID for over a year and a half. During their visit, and with their worry and encouragement, Jim and I officially decided that we did need to downsize and move out to Seattle to be near Daniel. Although I have so enjoyed working in the international office at Ball State University for 11.5 years, I finally decided the time had come to retire and move so Jim and I can enjoy living in a lovely new place for as many years as our health allows. So, in August, we went to Seattle to look for a place to live and on the second day, found a lovely, completely updated home in Shoreline, WA, just north of Seattle and only 12 miles from Daniel who lives on Capitol Hill in Seattle.

Daniel bought the house for us to live in as he continues to be quite successful with his creation, Universe Sandbox (www.universesandbox.com). He still has many creative ideas for additions and improvements on his program and employs 13 all around the world, including three PhD astronomers to make sure the science in his program is as correct as possible. We are supremely proud of both our sons as they have grown up to be successful, happy people. What more could any parent hope for?

It took four months, but I finally retired from Ball State on October 1st and after super downsizing, we both drove a car across country for four days and arrived at our new home on November 1, 2021. The movers arrived two weeks later with our remaining stuff and we are now busy putting all away and downsizing a bit more. We love our new home and being within two miles of everything and all we need. I found homes for three rescued cats before I left and three of our permanent inside cats were flown out and awaited us in our garage with all they needed until we could arrive. We so enjoyed having Daniel with us for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will fly to be with Patrick and his family for his Lieutenant Colonel ceremony sometime in March or April. And, of course, we will be with them for the holidays using a video link.

I turned 75 this December and Jim and I both feel so fortunate to have made it to this age together with fairly good health and with 51 happy years of marriage and two happy, healthy and successful sons, a great daughter-in-law and two beautiful, healthy grandchildren. We are lucky and blessed, for sure. May all of you be so blessed too. For those of you interested, our new address is 805 N 170th St, Shoreline, WA 98133-5337.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Peggy and Jim Dixon



Claire (6), Peggy, Jim and Will Dixon(9) in June 2021



Dan Dixon in 2021



Dan in August 2021



Oct. 30, 2021 Jim & Peggy on their way to Shoreline, WA



New Home in Shoreline, WA



Patrick, Will, Claire & Brittney – Halloween 2021



Jim, Dan & Peggy Dixon – Thanksgiving in our new home.



Daniel & Patrick Dixon at Colts game in Texas. 12/5/21



Daniel & Patrick at the Alamo in San Antonio, TX 12/9/21



Sunshine



Milton



Midnight