

Wishing all the best in 2020 to you and yours! Geoff, Jill, Grace & Madelyn

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2019 meant the year of... no projects! Our largest endeavor was a makeover of Grace's tween bedroom. We enjoyed travels to visit family in Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, and Florida. We also squeezed in three visits to the cabin, but to Geoff and the girls' dismay, only got the camper out twice.



8-year old Madelyn is in 3rd grade this year. She continues to like music, taking both piano and guitar lessons this year. She also decided to try dance in addition to her usual gymnastics and swim team activities. She's a sporty girl, and she can most often be found outside playing and exploring with the neighborhood crew.



Though we love to explore and travel, we love our day-to-day life living in Ames. Relaxing nights grilling and chatting with the neighbors or campfires in the back yard are some of our favorites.



Grace is officially in the double digits, turning 10 in May. She is loving her last year of elementary as a 5th grader. It has been fun to watch her try new things. She did a kids' triathlon this summer, played on a volleyball team this fall, took on more dance classes, and added flute to her viola and piano playing.



Geoff and Jill's lives continue to take a back seat to the girls'. We spend much more time coordinating their social life, carpools, and activities than having a social life of our own. We love it! (most of the time...)



Believe it or not, it's been 15 years since we said I do! We celebrated with a summer anniversary trip to the California coast. We enjoyed San Francisco, Sonoma wine country, and picnics by the crashing waves of the Pacific. We loved it so much, we just may have to return before another 5-year milestone!



When we did get the camper out, we did it right and we did it big. This year's vacation took us camping in Rocky Mountain National Park. The girls proved to be excellent hikers, summiting Deer Mountain and Lake Haiyaha. Their favorite day, however, was giving our feet a rest and exploring the park on horseback.