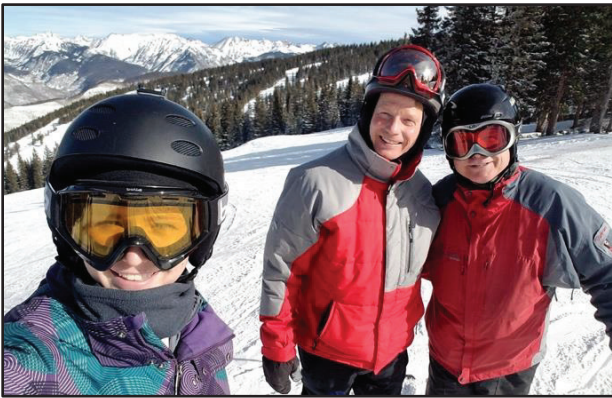


To our family and friends:

Good tidings to you as 2018 comes to an end. We hope you've had a successful and blessed year, which will continue into 2019! We're grateful to count you as a friend. Know that you're in our thoughts year round! The year was full of ups and downs, as most people will experience from time to time. Here's an overview of what 2018 held for the Yurick's:

FIRST QUARTER: Greg and Shannon took a ski trip out to Vail, CO. Unfortunately, Amanda fell off a horse prior to the trip and broke her hand. She stayed home and had four wisdom teeth removed! With Minneapolis hosting the NFL Super Bowl, we enjoyed the special activities in the city, including some cold outdoor concerts. Greg went back out to Vail, CO for his annual "guys" ski trip. Karen and Greg spent some time in Manitowish Waters, WI with friends at their wonderful lake home. There was snowshoeing, cross country and alpine skiing, good food and good times.

In March, the family took a trip to Quebec City for Greg's nephew Sam and Karen's unique wedding. Yes, we now have two Karen Yuricks in the family! Amanda and Shannon spent Spring Break in San Diego, visiting Amanda's friend Rebecca, seeing the city and camping at Anza Borrego State Park. Shortly after their return from Spring Break, we had to put down Max, our beloved 16 ½ year old Shih Tzu. He was a great friend to us all and we miss his unconditional love.



Shannon, Dave (Greg's brother) and Greg skiing at Vail.



Karen snowshoeing in WI.



Sam and Karen's Ice Chapel wedding!



Shannon and Amanda in San Diego, CA.



Shannon at a beach in CA.



Amanda discovering wild horses in AZ!

SECOND QUARTER: Greg, Karen, and Amanda travelled to Arizona to get away from the Minnesota snow and cold. Beautiful sunny blue skies made for great hiking. We came upon 30+ wild horses; Amanda was in heaven! Earlier in the year Greg was diagnosed with prostate cancer and later had surgery to remove the cancer. He is continuing to recover after this life changing event. Six months post-op we were given the best news: he is cancer free!!

In May, Shannon graduated with a Journalism degree. She'll complete a double major in Graphic Design in May 2019. She already has a job offer and will be working as a Junior Art Director. Amanda moved to Chicago to start her 2-year Physician Assistant Program at Northwestern University. Greg, Karen, Shannon, and Kevin attended Amanda's White Coat Ceremony in Chicago. We enjoyed some sightseeing and stayed at Amanda and Kevin's apartment overlooking scenic Lake Michigan. Kevin is now working as a Learning Facilitator at the Shedd Aquarium.

In June, Greg and Shannon, along with other family and friends, took a 140-mile bike trip to Pittsburgh along the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP Trail). Gorgeous! Unfortunately, Greg injured his knee on day two and did more driving than biking. It was a wonderful trip in a new city despite the injury! Pittsburgh is a nice river city, like Mpls-St Paul.



Visiting Kevin and Amanda in Chicago.



Amanda's White Coat Ceremony.



Shannon, Karen and Greg biking in Mpls.

THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS: Greg finally got to play tennis, golf, and pickleball. Karen took a trip out to Colorado for a mini family reunion with aunts and cousins from her mother's side of the family, the Emch clan. A few weeks later, Karen spent 4 days with her sisters, Robbie and Debbie, in Mankato, MN where they went hiking and sightseeing. Another mini family reunion happened back in Minnesota with all of Greg's siblings together for a few days.

Greg and Karen got to visit a few friends' cabins (many thanks!) for some relaxing times. On another sad note, we lost Greg's Uncle Bob Meyer, who was the last of a generation in the Yurick family. Karen and Greg have both been working hard all year...it's not all fun and games! Greg had one of his best years in real estate despite his setbacks, and is gearing up for the next 10 years!



Karen and sisters, Robbie and Debbie, in Mankato



Cancer free and glad to be here!



Missing our amazing dog, Max

Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy Holiday season and New Year!

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