



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2023

From the Greg and Karen Yurick Family

Pics clockwise from top left: Shannon and Greg at top of Snow Basin Resort, Utah. All of us at home! Hiking with Friends in Phoenix, AZ. Greg, Rick, Barb, and Ed traveling in Portugal. Greg packed light and compact for 1 month in Portugal and Ireland.



Sending you peaceful wishes! The year 2022 was packed again with ups and downs, work and fun, plans and spontaneous events. But as always, our family and friends give us the greatest joy. Our connection is what makes life great! Thank you!

January saw Greg recover enough from triple hernia surgery to join Shannon in Salt Lake City, Utah for a week's worth of skiing. Shannon was able to work remotely from there for 2.5 months and enjoyed skiing, hiking, and sightseeing! In fact, she'll be going back for a 3.5 month stint in 2023 with a hope for better snow than she got in 2022.

Shannon still works as a Senior Art Director at Yamamoto. She works hard and enjoys herself in her time off. She did a lot of pet sitting and took lots of walks with her parents this year! She has great plans to travel and work remote for much of 2023. What a great time in her life to be able to explore!

In late February, Greg skied two weeks in the Vail and Summit County, Colorado with friends. Shannon and Amanda joined for the 2nd week, and we enjoyed some decent snowfalls-powder! More plans are in store for skiing this year-see my website for details-and join us in the future!

By April, we headed to our townhome in Peoria, AZ- Karen's happy place! We hosted Steve and Elaine Forbes and enjoyed the warm weather and gatherings with other family and friends also.

Traveling continued in late April as Greg and 3 of his siblings (Barb, Rick, and Ed) took a 2 week Rick Steves Tour in Portugal. What a fantastic trip! Great scenery, people, history, weather, and food! The trip was a prelude to joining many of the Yurick clan in Ireland for niece Serena and Marco's-wedding. The wedding was gorgeous and they had friends and family from all over the world join them.

Nearly everyone from Greg's immediate family was there, so it became our family reunion after the wedding for a few days. However, about 18 of the 30 Americans who came got Covid-19. We rented a very large home overlooking the Irish Sea and we created the infected and non-infected wings so we were at least all together and could take care of each other!

After our reunion, we toured much of Southern and Western Ireland for a week. Thankfully, Ireland has lots of great outdoor sights to see! Amanda and Kevin traveled on their own, kind of a pre-wedding honeymoon! We all created some fantastic memories!



IRELAND !!

Amanda, Kevin, and Tilly moved back to the Twin Cities! She started in June at the U of MN Fairview Hospital as a PA-C in Infectious Diseases. Kevin is now working as a Naturalist at both Wargo Nature Center and Baker Outdoor Learning Center. They both traveled extensively this year to Chicago, Ireland, Toronto, Milwaukee, and around Minneapolis while attending 7 weddings plus their own. Amanda also was finally able to adopt Bella from the U of MN and is now a horse owner!

The summer saw Shannon going to New York City for a visit with friends. Loretta and Robert came for a visit and we all got to enjoy the great MN weather. We all enjoyed ourselves at various times: biking, swimming, tennis, pickleball, volley and walleyball, and just being outdoors for walks too. Of course, the big upcoming wedding event gave everyone lots of work to do.

In July, Kevin and his friends traveled to Grand Marais for his bachelor party. Amanda and her friends went to Door County, WI for her bachelorette party in August. Kevin and Amanda were married at Hyland Hills Ski Chalet in Bloomington, MN on October 2nd. It was a fantastic setting and day, with about 160 guests to help them celebrate and dance! They make a great married couple! Love is grand!!



Kevin and Amanda Mattson!!

Again, Greg kept busy at RE/MAX Results with a hot but cooling real estate market and too much play. I have been hurting since February but kept on going until the pain and headaches finally shut me down late November from all my usual athletic activities. Neck and back pain are no fun!

We hope to see you either for work or play in 2023! Please call on me if you know anyone with moving plans in the near future! Let's find more opportunities to connect and play too!

Be well and be happy in 2023!

Greg, Karen, and Shannon Yurick,

Amanda and Kevin Mattson, and Tilly and Bella too!

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