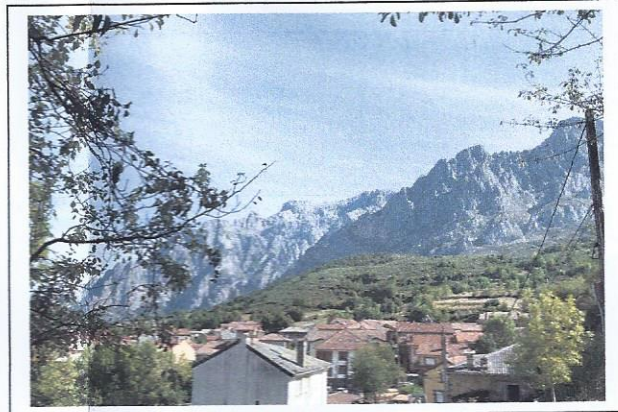


December, 2022



Dear Friends,

This has been a *VERY EVENTFUL* year for many of us as we strive to re-create a new normal. Sadly, many folks are still suffering with COVID, but we soldier on...

Two years ago, prior to COVID, I went with my Sister and her Husband Greg to our Gardner Cousin's Reunion in Northern Vermont. While there, I became reacquainted with my cousin Jean and her Husband Miguel. Jean was SOOO excited because she said we could all go to their newly finished home in Spain! I told her that I was interested in coming over and she encouraged me to come!

Of course, COVID put a stop to our plans. However, in July of this year, I traveled to Northern Vermont for the long overdue cousins' reunion. Once again, Jean talked to me about visiting she and Miguel in Spain. I looked up the round trip fare from Columbus OH to Madrid, Spain. I told Jean that I would come to visit and I did! I left on September 13, 2022 and arrived for a 12 day stay with Jean and Miguel in his hometown of Posada de Valdeon in the beautiful mountains of NW Spain.

They were wonderful hosts! I got to know Miguel's family, and some of his friends. Miguel and Jean took me to many historic places as well as a Range Rover ride around one of the mountains. My pictures are mere tokens of the natural beauty here! It is breathtaking! Above is a picture of the Town of Posada de Valdeon taken from the road up to a local museum.

In other news, I have put my name in for a cottage in a local Continuing Care facility. This cottage, if and when it becomes available, would allow me to live independently until I need more care in the larger facility. In the meantime, I will stay in my home (which is now paid off- YEA!) until I receive a call that a cottage is available.

My Brother, Dick retired from the army after 47 years of service. He now lives in Lacey, WA with his wife, Kim and son, Andy. Dick is bearing up from health concerns but he will get through it!

Geri and Greg are still living nearby. Geri works from home for Nationwide Insurance as an Executive Administrative Assistant. Greg is now a Hospice Chaplain and works to raise the spirits of many nursing home residents.

Hope you and yours have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

NOTE: Please note the new phone number below!

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