

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2003

We have made it thru Twenty-O-Three
And things continue to be
As varied as ever
With each new endeavor
But we try to be the best we can be.

The biggest event of the year
Didn't happen in Missouri here.
Matt's number one son
His name's Benjamin
Was born with fanfare and cheer.

Benji is grandchild thirteen
The last to arrive on the scene
In Texas was born
A real "Long Horn"
He's a chunk who will not soon wean.

With Hannah and Mommy and Dad
A family for this newborn lad
Round Rock is their city
In a home that is pretty
He should have a childhood quite glad.

Matt is still working for Dell
Helping computers to sell.
He likes working there
Configuring hardware
Serving his customers well.

Jana with two kids in tow
More than ever is now on the go.
Not really so tough
There is now more stuff
But she now has much more to show.

Brooke is Greg's only girl
For her this year's been a whirl
Baptized in September
A date she'll remember
In Hawaii she looked for a pearl.


The family went there in the spring
A rather unusual thing
They surfed and the swam
Dined on fishes and ham
Great experiences to all it did bring.

Brian - Greg's number one son
Continues to get his things done
A new Eagle Scout
And much more to shout
In academics he's still number one.

Basketball has been Brent's life for years
He plays is without any fears
Now golf has a part
Of his athletic heart
In both he has very few peers.

Cheryl continues the pace
She is running all over the place
Supporting each kid
In all that they did
Makes life seem more like a race

Greg is as busy as ever
As an Orthodontist most clever
He like his son
Is ranked number one
Perfection is his constant endeavor



Mitch was baptized in November
At Church he is now a new member
He now likes to read
Which he does with good speed
And a hike with Grandpa he'll remember.

Mitchell and Grandpa and Chase
Hiked up to the very top place
Of the Jemez Reservation
A scary sensation
They looked danger right in the face.

Rylee remains quite petite
Although she has plenty to eat
Broke her leg in the spring
Had a cast on the thing
To slow her down is really a fete

Scott and Pam's new home is now done
It's larger than their other one
The space they will need
Yes they will really indeed
Cause they're expecting another new son?

Pam is still working away
She follows the kids the whole day
A new home to trim
From the floor to the brim
But she still takes time for e-bay

Computer chips Scott makes at Intel
A job that he likes very well
He likes being the best
Well ahead of the rest
He sends them to Matt down at Dell

Athletics are still big in Brad's life
He is still in the struggle and strife
Three kids now in sports
Keeps him out of sorts
He hardly has time for his wife

Mike's in football, wrestling and track
He is spread on a six foot - five rack
He has slimmed down a bunch
But will still eat your lunch
Strong but gentle is his normal attack

For Andrea it's softball, basketball, soccer
She spends much of her time at her locker
She has more drive than most
And she never does coast
In academics there's few that can top her.


Allie's sports are the same as her sister
She goes at a pace that will blister
Usually gentle and sweet
Until there's a meet
Then she comes on just like a twister


Aryn is too young for sports
At four she is full of all sorts
Of mischief and good
And if only she would
She can charm you right out of your shorts

Braden is now two years old
He has made his own place in the fold
With Aryn as is his teacher
This wily young creature
Is a tough guy with a big heart of gold

Connie and Brad made a brave pact
To change the way that they act
They went on a diet
Like so many try it
Lost 70 pounds - that's a fact.

Eighteen months for Jenny and Jake
Since they cut up their wedding cake
Jake's finishing school
He must have that tool
So they live near the "U" in Salt Lake





Jake must get ready to test
Indeed he must do his best
To get the best score
And then even more
To propel him on with his quest

Jake wants a lawyer to be
A goal that is far more than free
One must pay a price high
When one wants the sky
But it's worth it. With that all agree

Jenny keeps working away
Investing her time and her pay
To assure a foundation
That will last the duration
Their future they're a-building today

Jenny is taking some classes
Not just those made for the lasses
Scuba diving and stuff
That sound's a bit rough
But to be a Skousen, she passes.

Jackie and John remain good
Trying to do what they should
Their family's still prime
They give much of their time
Traveling to visit each brood.

Jackie spends much time on the go
She would not have it otherwise so
When the kids need a hand
Anywhere in the land
When possible she'll have John in tow.

She attended each event shown above
She added her strong measure of love
There was also Salt Lake
For Jenny and Jake
For that one she did also John shove?

Thanks to Cheryl one trip was real great
For years Jackie was required to wait
For a Hawaiian tour
Cheryl provided the cure
Sent Jackie with Greg.-.Twas first rate!

Jackie retired from concerts this fall
But she hasn't stopped working at all
All know she's the best
They will give her no rest
When there's action they give her a call

John is still building stuff
The recession has really been rough
For him number four
Can't take many more
No wonder he is known as quite gruff.

In Church they both have a part
In some ways it is a restart
With the girls Jackie works
John with men and their quirks
It helps their brains remain smart

So this is our status and such
We continue to try just as much
To make Christmas all year
For our kids and us here
When they were all home in our hutch

As always, best wishes we send
From us to you on your end
Please remember the reason
We have this great season
And most of our troubles He'll mend

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year
Jackie & J.C.*

