



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Merry Christmas! Can you believe it is almost here!!! I am ready this year! All I need now is a few days off to cook, wrap presents, deliver some of them, build fires, and relax! I think it is going to be 70 degrees here on Sunday, though... Man! Still, I cannot wait to have a few days off. My brain is just tired!

Went to a really nice party this week and my son, Jeremy, went with me. It is the first time he has not been working on an evening when I asked him to do something in IONS! It was a very nice event, and he knew many, many people there. Just a good, Christmas time! Isn't he handsome?

Jessica made it by a couple of times with baby "Morty," too. I know he is still small, but he actually has grown a little bit. Ollie is very gentle with him... until he gets over excited... and has to be calmed down! He even brings all of his toys over to give the "baby." Very sweet, indeed. I am

just waiting to see how long it is before they ask me to "dog-sit!" They may be planning a trip to Hawaii in February, and I can just feel it coming on! Hahaha!



Just a very busy week, as with all of you, I am sure.

One thing I wanted to tell you about, though, and I will not go into great detail, but a very, dear friend of mine has twin sons who went all the way through school together, many times in the same classes, prekindergarten through the twelfth grade, graduated, and then went to JMU together. They graduated from JMU this past spring and Jack got a job with the Washington Redskins (his dream job) and Jerry began law school at Regent University. (Also his dream...)

Well, two weeks ago today, Jack was on his way to work outside of D.C. when he was in a terrible car accident. He was air-lifted to a hospital in Fairfax and has been in the trauma unit ever since. Without going into too much here, I will say that it has been a miracle to watch all that has transpired these last two weeks. One of the things that has made it easier on everyone is a website called the caringbridge.com.

Totally, totally amazing! You go to the site and plug in the address you are looking for and there are daily updates and a guest book for everyone to leave messages.

You know how difficult it is when you are away from home, stressed, and trying to locate a computer to check your email? Well, with this site, one of their friends gives daily - many time twice daily - updates, and then just gathers the messages and prints them out on the library computer at the hospital. The family then sits and reads the wonderful, loving notes and prayers to Jack when they visit with him each day. There have been over 12,000 entries these past two weeks! If you can sit and read the messages and not cry, well, I don't know how anyone could...

It is the most amazing not-for-profit "do-something-good-for-everyone" site I have ever seen! It totally eliminates the stress of the family having to call everyone or email everyone and, well, it is just a great way for friends and family to show how much they love them and are praying for them.

Jack is making miraculous progress, by the way...

I just thought I would mention the site because there are so many of you on this list who could benefit at one time or another from it. I will be making a donation to it, that is for sure...





I am sure there is a lot I should be telling you, but frankly, I am weary... Just plain, old, tired. After tomorrow - REST! I am happy - content - but just, plain, tired.

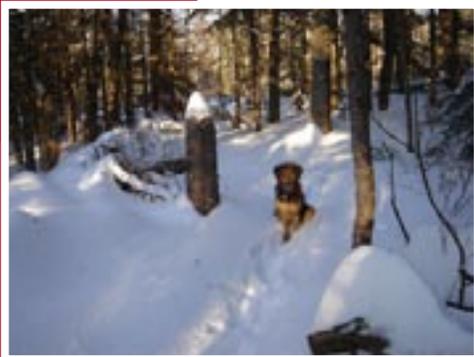
I will leave you with a few images that a very dear friend of mine in New Hampshire sent earlier in the week and then again - new ones - today! Dan said they had a "little" snow earlier in the week, and I loved the photos. Then tonight he wrote and said they had over two feet of snow and the photos are particularly lovely!

Thanks, Dan and Pat. Love you!

If I do not talk with all of you again before Christmas, please know that I wish you the Merriest of Christmases with your families! Hold hope CLOSE to your heart and do not get discouraged! My new motto for 2008 is: "Everything is GREAT in 2008!" Like it? It works for me!! Believe in Christmas miracles! They do happen!! Remember our men and women overseas - that they return to us soon, and safe, and successful! It is looking better every day!



Earlier in the week
in New Hampshire...



Tonight! (smile)...



To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Poland, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, Chattanooga, France, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!

*God bless.
Remember, life is short!
We need to make it a good one.
Grow in peace and wisdom.
Your Friday Friend,*



Judi Godsey

PS. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent emails. (To my knowledge, none of the 20 were on our joke list - even though some of the attorneys who represent the company were!) I have asked each and every one of you on this list to tell me if the jokes that accompany these "Follies" place you in jeopardy, or even if they offend you. Please understand that they are intended to be light-hearted and are not mean-spirited in any way. If you are ever offended, do not hesitate to ask to be taken off the Friday Follies Joke List. PSS. If you send a joke and I don't use it, it is because it has been used before, and I try not to repeat. Remember, I have been sending these since August of 1997. One tends to go through huge numbers of jokes that way. Disclaimer: When anyone asks if I type all of these jokes, the answer is, "No!" I cut and paste one evening during the week (30 minutes, TOPS). Obviously I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!