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May the souls of the faithfully departed (Mom, Dad, Robert, Mary Beth, Duane, Chuck, Maggie, Paula, Doug, Mike and Teresa,) through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

Gina and I want to say thank you for all the gifts to the Family Reunion. They were so appreciated.

God's Blessings to all. Linda



Coming Events

March Birthdays

Mystique Deegan	Mar 04
Jack Mages	Mar 04
Bryant Mages	Mar 04
Maria Fischer	Mar 04
Stephanie Mages	Mar 05
Ashley Mages	Mar 07
Kim Dammann	Mar 09
Larry Fischer	Mar 12
Mike Mages	Mar 17
Byron Minnich	Mar 17
Rebecca Scharmer	Mar 19
Matt Mages	Mar 24
Aubrey Butler	Mar 27
Suzanne Pflaum	Mar 28
Rosalie Mages	Mar 29
Billy Bruggeman	Mar 29
Cody Groen	Mar 29
Mary Kay Mages	Mar 30
Steve Miller	Mar 30
Lewis Olivero	Mar 30
Julia Strand	Mar 31

New Address

Steven and Melanie Mages
37138 Rimcrest Road
Freeport, Mn 56331

A special Hello to our German
cousins, Helmut, Birgit, Andi,
Elena, Rosalie and Tobi

www.magesonline.com

News Deadline

20th of each month

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February 2023 – Baby due for Scott and Ashley

April 26, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

May 16, 17 & 18, 2023 – Forever Young Meeting at Emerald
Hideaway.

May 23, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

June 06, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

June 17, 2023 – Wedding reception for Larry and Debra Mages at
their barn on the farm in Lafayette

June 25, 2023 – Oswald and Elizabeth Mages Family Reunion at
Ramsey Park in Redwood Falls, Mn

July 08, 2023 – Annual MagesFest at Sleepy Eye Sportsman's Park

July 13, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

July 29, 2023 – Wedding reception for Jory and Jessi Mages

August 09, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

September 14, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

September 16 & 17, 2023 – Sister's Weekend at Emerald Hideaway

October 18, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

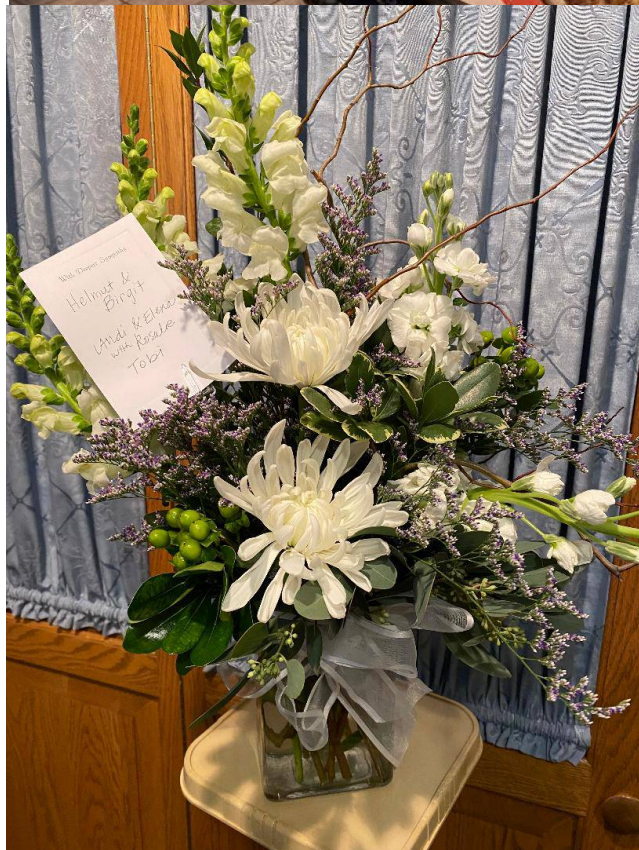
November 21, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

December 12, 2023 – Mages Family Mass



A Funeral For a Beautiful Soul

Planning Mom's funeral are Jermayne, Nancy and Donna front row. Linda, Rick Barb, Debbie and Cindy middle row. Jeff, Tom, Mike, John and Lisa back row. Lunch was on Mom with money we found in her purse. She is still taking care of us. We had Larry, Betty, Dan and Curt on Zoom as they were out of state yet.



The beautiful bouquet on the left was from Helmut, Birget, Andi, Alena, Rosalie and Tobi. Thank you so much. We love you.

To the right is a candle with Mom's photo on it.



The Funeral

Donna handcrafted this bracelet that remained in the coffin with Mom of our whole family by birthstones, love, a heart and a crucifix. Incredibly beautiful.



Flowers from the Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren stood by her

So many people to honor a beautiful lady

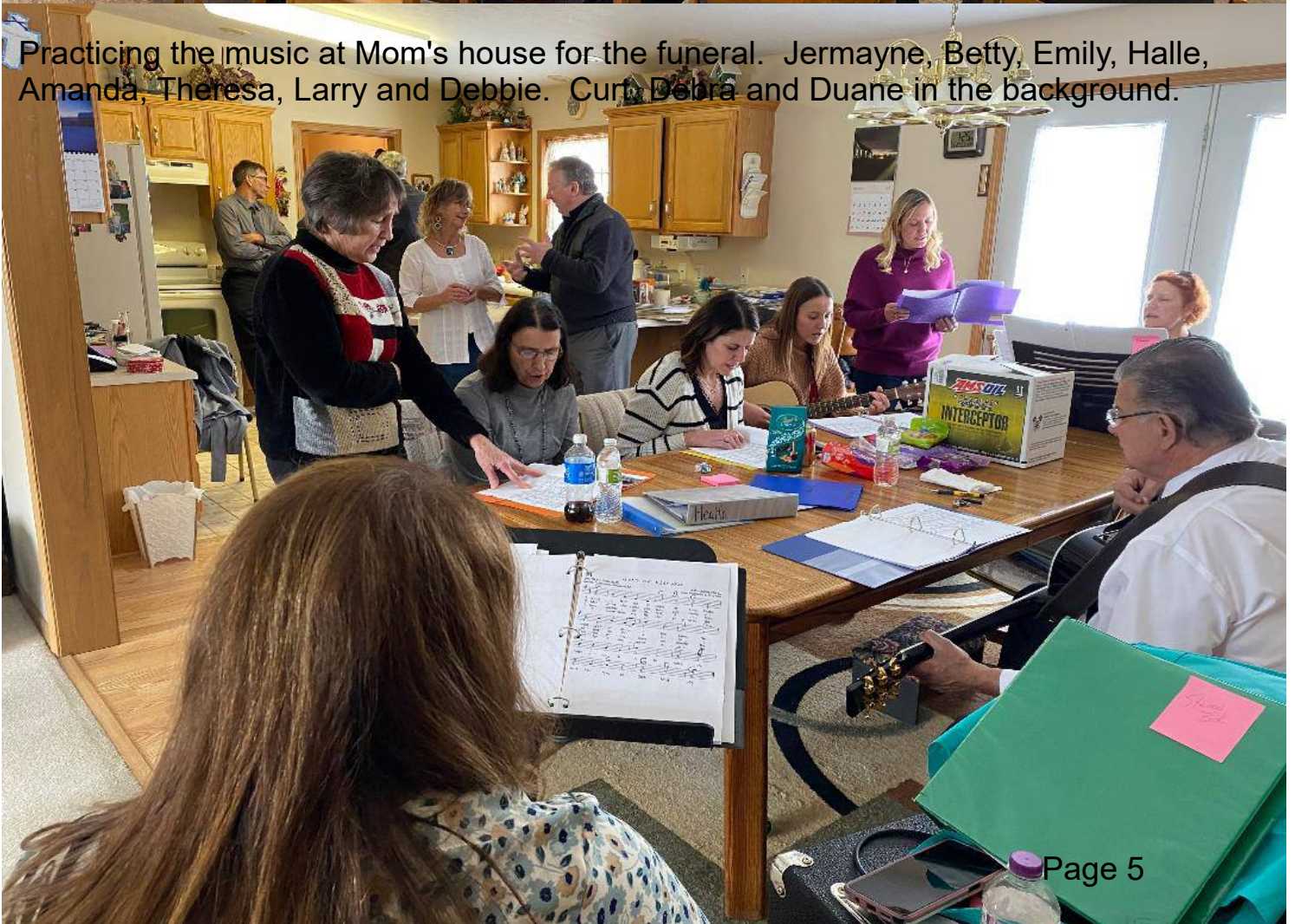


Photos

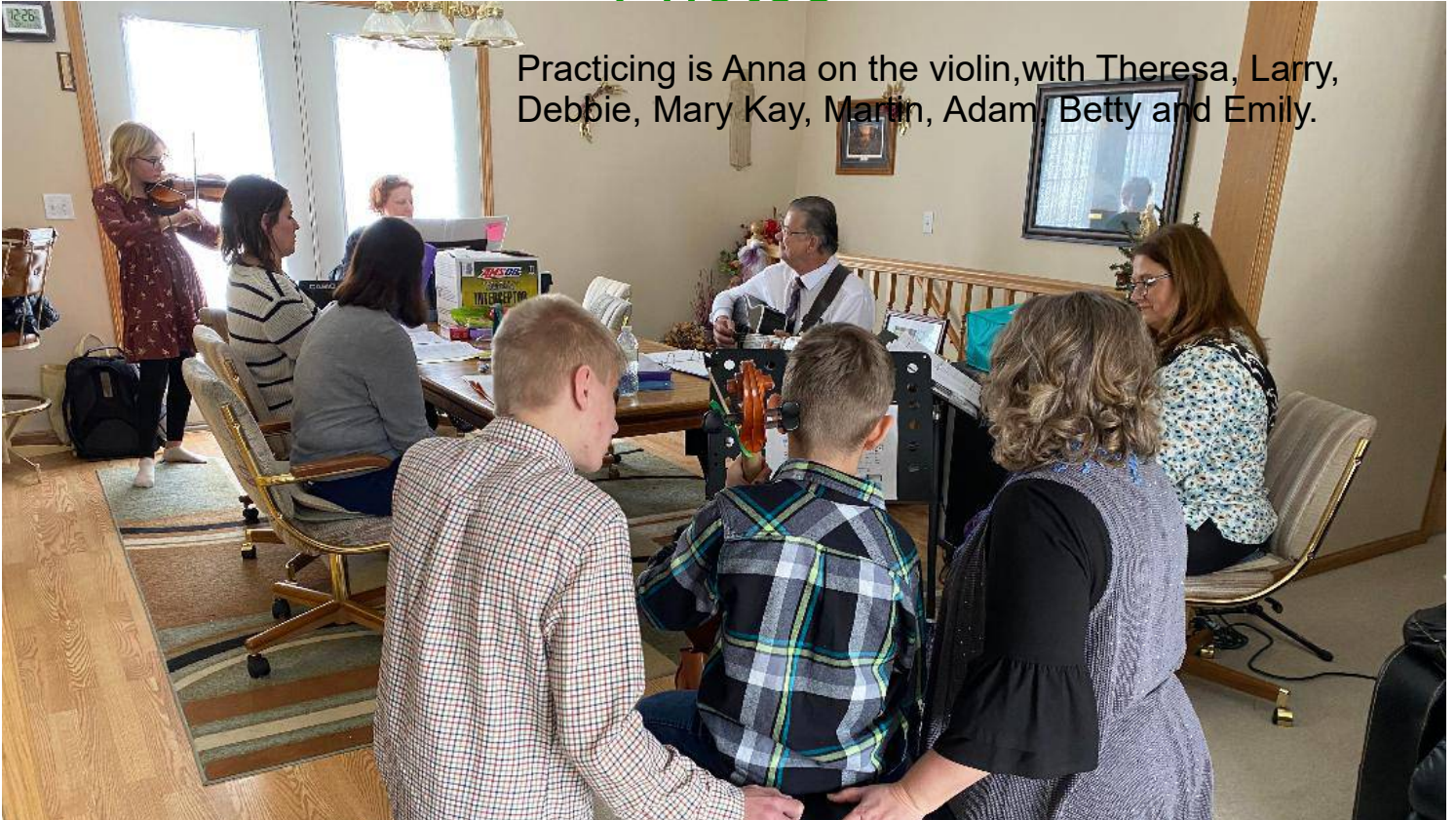
After the wake we were all just exhausted but formed a circle so we could all visit. Here Shannon the funeral director is giving us instructions for the funeral. R – L: Sharon, Dan, Mike, Nancy, Cindy, John, Tom is hidden, Rick, Curt, Debbie, Dean, Donna, Lisa, Betty, Larry, Linda and Jermayne.



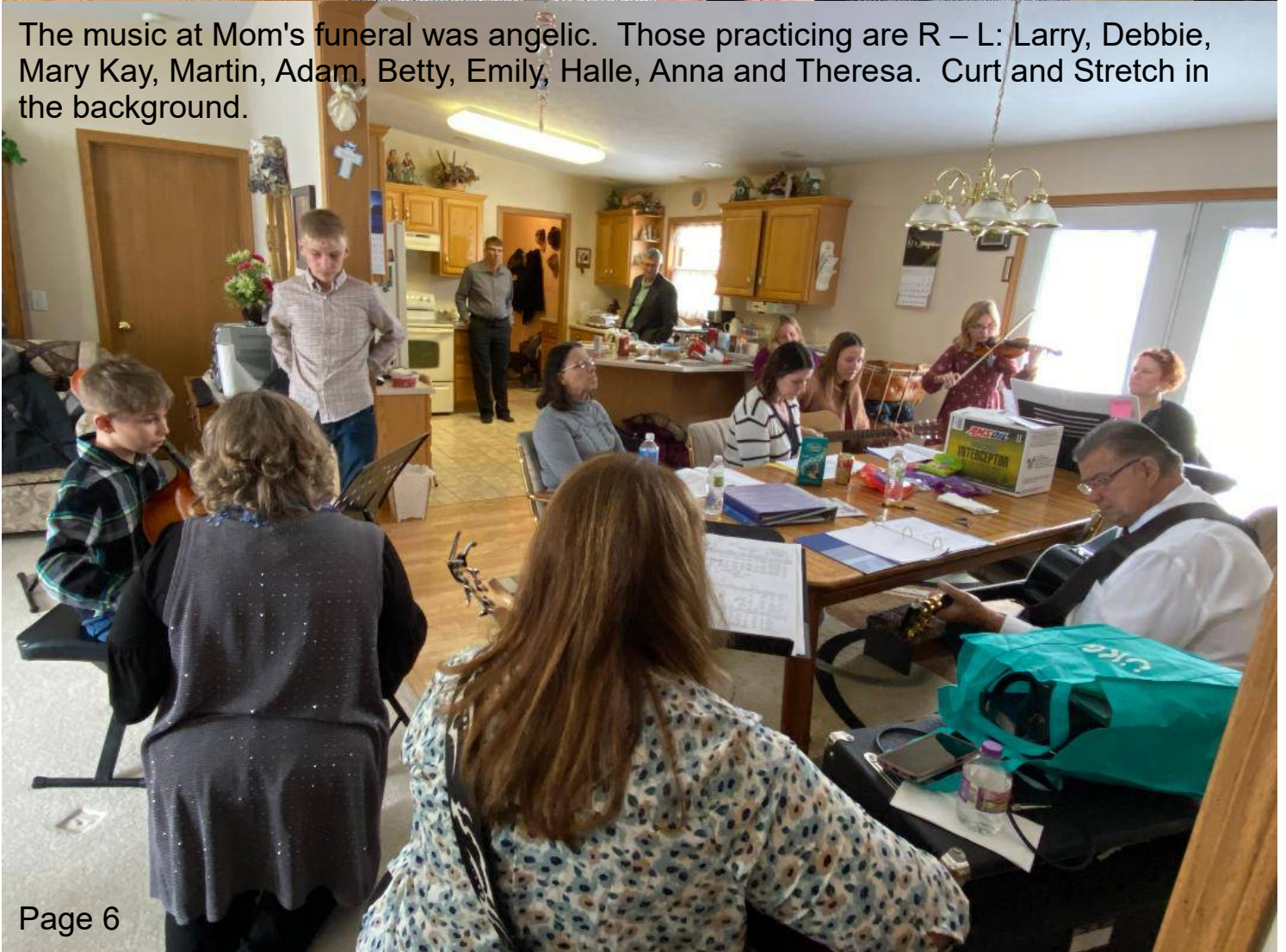
Practicing the music at Mom's house for the funeral. Jermayne, Betty, Emily, Halle, Amanda, Theresa, Larry and Debbie. Curt, Debra and Duane in the background.



Photos



Practicing is Anna on the violin, with Theresa, Larry, Debbie, Mary Kay, Martin, Adam, Betty and Emily.



The music at Mom's funeral was angelic. Those practicing are R – L: Larry, Debbie, Mary Kay, Martin, Adam, Betty, Emily, Halle, Anna and Theresa. Curt and Stretch in the background.

Photos



Writing Thank yous after the funeral. L – R:
Debbie, Lisa, Amy, Donna, Barb, Jermayne,
Nancy, Betty, Mike and Linda



Continuing to write thank yous, L – R: Linda, Curt, Debbie, Lisa, Debra, John, Sharon,
Barb, Jermayne, Nancy, Betty and Mike

Photos

All the siblings getting a chance to pick out rosaries for themselves that Mom has made or used. L -R: Tom, LeAnn, Lisa, John, Jane, Nancy, Mike, Sharon, Amy and Larry. Tony in the background.



L – R: Jeff, Tom, LeAnn, Jane, Linda, Amy, Nancy, Mike, Sharon, Arlene, Debbie, Rick, Betty, Larry and Dan.



Photos

Sister's Weekend

Barb will be hosting Sister's Weekend at Emerald Hideaway September 16, 17, 2023. More information to come at a later time. Barb

Photo below is getting to the end of the rosary picks. L – R: Jeff, Curt, John, Nancy, Mike, Sharon, Debbie, Rick, Donna, Betty, Larry and Dan



When we ordered how much food we would need to feed the funeral guests we also ordered enough for all the siblings and their spouses for the supper following the funeral. After the left overs were delivered Jane and Dean are getting the food ready.



Our Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother is laid beside our Dad for eternity where they are both living in the arms of Our Lord Jesus Christ. May they rest in Peace. Thanks be to God.

Men's Fishing and Cards Weekend at Emerald Hideaway Hosted by Larry Mages

It's always so fun having Fathers and Sons and a few friends get together for a fun weekend. Plenty of snow this year, so we even had some snowmobilers. Our youngest to come this year was Adam Mages. He had lots of fun with the snowmobiling bunch. As usual we started out on the lake Friday about noon. Not easy getting on the lake with fish houses though, as not only was there a foot of snow to drive through, but in many areas there was so much slush on top of the ice. It was hard to get around with just a pickup without thinking of pulling a fish house out there. Ed did finally get one fish house on the lake and the others just stayed on the yard. They still used them to sleep in.

Food! I have to say everyone is so generous with bringing plenty of food. It's fun cooking with these guys, and when we're not eating we're visiting and laughing. Supper is always at 6:30. It's always fun having the ceremonial pouring of the booze into the salad. The salad always is gone first. Grandma's recipe. Some are cooking and others clean up. There's so much going on it's hard to take it all in. There's card games, Ed's horse racing and dice games. The main event seems to be the Texas Hold'em held each night at 8:PM. Joe is our host and he and his crew get everything ready. The games always start on time and it usually takes about 3-4 hours to finally get a winner. Friday night the winners were Jeff 1st, David Fischer 2nd, Alex 3rd, and Brad 4th. Saturday night winners were Greg 1st, Jory 2nd, Luke 3rd, Matt 4th. I'm pretty sure these were pretty much all new winners again. Enjoy it guys, next year you'll give it all back.

I went to bed the first night about 1:30AM and I think I was the first one in bed. Somehow everyone figures out a place to sleep. By 7:AM there was already conversation in the dining room, so time to get up. The cooks made an awesome breakfast and it was back to playing cards or just visiting. Some went out to the fish house, some stayed at the house and played cards, some went snowmobiling. As supper time comes, new faces arrive or sometimes someone will show up just in time for Texas Hold'em.

When I look at the house while everyone is partying, I sometimes wonder how we'll ever get it clean again. But everyone is so good about putting the entire house back into order. It's always sad to see everyone go. Then I see that I've inherited another crock pot or, this year, a dozen eggs. And a half a bottle of Korean Sake.

New this year was Dick Kodet and Adam Mages and I think Justin-boy friend of Taylor Mages (not sure if I got that right). We finally had Dan with us again this year as they stayed home a few extra days, so he could attend. Thanks Dan. Three of the Hertling brothers came this year. We always have so much fun picking on them that they burned down Dad's tool shop. They keep blaming it on the brother that isn't there. I guess they were welding on a snowmobile ski in the shop just before it burned down. Others attending were: Greg, Adam, Brad, Taylor's boyfriend Justin, Jeremy, Tim, Brian Strate, Larry, Ed, Brennen, Luke, Matt, Noah, Joe, Randy Wagner, Rick, Jory, Aaron, John, Jeff, Jack, Byron, Larry and Dave Fischer, Dean Nelson, Tom, Mike, Alex, Dick Kodet, and Nic Kim (my niece's husband on the Sellner side), Bob, John, and Dave Hertling.

Thank you everyone for coming. It's a joy putting this on, knowing there is so much camaraderie and laughter. Thanks for chipping in with all the food and cooking and cleaning up. See you all next year. Love you all. Larry

Fishing and Cards

The lone fish house



Jory and Larry the salad makers



Ed, Larry, Byron and Jeff



Spiking the salad on Saturday night are Larry, Justine and Greg



Ed and Jeff setting up the fish house



Men and Boys Fishing and Cards in Photo

Jory and Dav spiking the salad



Time to pray, Brian, Tom, Stretch, Dick, Jory, John and Brad



Jory, Dan, Jack and Alex



Where is your help Brad?

Men's Fishing and Cards in Photo Continued

The cooks Jeff and Dave



Flapjack cooks Randy and Ed



I see you even have the Mages pancake syrup. Jeff, Randy, Ed and Dave



Tom and Ed doing dishes

Men and Boys Weekend Continued in Photo

Supper time, Jory, Ed, Rick, Larry, Jeff, Hertling?, Dan, Mike and Jack.



Aaron, Luke, Brian, Matt, Justin, Bard and Jory



Ed, Tom, Joe, Brennen, Adam and Greg with Brian at the other table



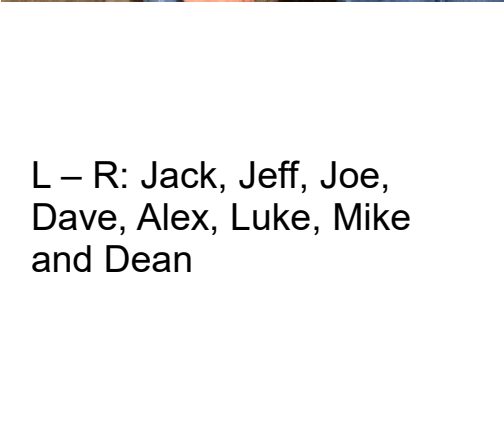
Photo below is Nic, John, Dick, Larry, Noah, Stretch and Jack



Men and Boys Fishing and Cards Continued in Photo



L – R: Tom, Byron, Hertling?, Jory, Tim, Justin and Brad.



L – R: Jack, Jeff, Joe, Dave, Alex, Luke, Mike and Dean



L – R: Ed, Randy, Jeremy, Hertling?, Rick, Larry, Hertling? And Dan

St. Patrick's Day Blessing

An Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always
at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon
your face,
the rains fall soft upon your
fields and,
until we meet again,
May God hold you in the
palm of His Hand.*



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Mom always sent the Family Reunion a St. Patrick's Day Blessing to all who are reading this page. From Mom to You!

Forever Young Meeting

I am looking at May 16, 17 & 18, 2023 as the Forever Young meeting at Emerald Hideaway with the actual meeting being on the 17th at 6:30pm. That is a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday The fishing season opens on the 13th so bring your fishing rods. Please share this with your spouses. Hopefully this will work for most of you.
Larry