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Ramona loves her quilting

IN THE LAST TEN YEARS

The last 10 years have meant many changes and challenges for us. I didn't realize all the things that took place until I went through all our Christmas letters. Ten years ago we were busy working and remodeling our house in Idaho Springs and trying to get things finished so we didn't have to repair items when we got older. These were minor things like a gazebo porch, remodeling the kitchen and dining room and adding a new fishpond. How nice when we got that finished. We were taking trips to Las Vegas, California, Utah, Arizona, Montana and many trips around Colorado. We went on a big trip in 2002 to Nassau in the Bahamas at the Atlantis Resort with our daughters. We also were busy with things around town and in the county; like the Waterwheel Park, a new ice park and town Christmas decorations and celebrations. And Ramona was busy taking care of the housework and the yard plus running a business from the house. Life was good. In 2004 we celebrated our Fortieth Wedding Anniversary Hawaiian style with a luau, invited guest, band and all the fixings. Unbeknownst to us things were about to change; and we didn't even see it coming!!

The fall of 2004 brought about our planned trip to Ohio to celebrate my 40th year college reunion with a one-day stop over in Ogallala to look at cabins near Lake

McConaughy. Well, life had a little surprise for us - and instead of a cabin, we found a house in town. By January 2005 we had bought the new home and started remodeling all over again. It wasn't until that following fall that we moved completely out of Idaho Springs. We have updated the entire house, installed underground sprinklers and built a new metal building 48' x 30' for my workshop and quilt room for Ramona. Besides all of this, we can't forget the 100+ trees and hundreds of lilac shrubs that needed trimmed and TLC. Hope you all get to see it this summer.

We are once again getting involved with community things. I have helped build two Habitat homes and I'm on the Tree Board. We are both busy with garden club and church activities. Ramona is also very busy with her quilting, PEO and the new flowerbeds. In 2009 we got away for a trip to Mexico and took a train ride through Copper Canyon.

Our daughters still live in Idaho Springs. Nicola works for Colorado Dept of Highways as a project manager and Jennifer is a dental assistant. We are very fortunate that we are all in good health. Hope to see you in June.

I would like to thank Connie Olson and Freddie and Gerald Tickle for their help in organizing this year's event. Thanks also, to Richard Bremenkamp for putting together this fine book of remembrances. Special thanks to the classmates of the Grant area that have helped with our Friday and Saturday meals. I would especially like to thank Ramona for sending emails, making phone calls, planning and preparing food and decorations for our 50th Class Reunion. And for putting up with me and LOVING me for the past 46 years.

