

A Year of Weddings and Reunions

In January, we rang in the New Year with the first of our seven weddings this year. Stuart's Penn State roommate's (Jim and Ann) daughter got married in York, PA. It was a good start to a year of reconnecting with friends and an appropriate way to ring in the new year.



In February, we had our 2nd wedding of the year. Sue's niece, (Allan and Kelly's daughter) Erin, got married to James in Cary, NC. It was another lively reunion with family and friends.

In March, the family took a ski vacation to Telluride, Colorado. It was a great week skiing and exploring the town of Telluride. Lori, Andrew's girlfriend, Kara's mother, joined us and we were able to visit with her

friend, Arline, who lives in Telluride. Stuart, Cameron and Sue extended the ski vacation and spent another week skiing at Breckenridge.

In April, Sue went to Raleigh North Carolina to attend Emily's bridal shower. This was for the



bridesmaids and girls and was hosted by a family friend, Tania Malik, who officiated Emily's wedding in September.



In May, Sue and some lady friends went to the annual Library cocktail party in Rensselaerville, the kick off of the summer social scene in Rensselaerville. There were several cocktail parties and a 70th birthday party.

Later in May, the family traveled to Stuart's brother Robert's home on Beals Island, Maine for a touching celebration of Jewell Miller's life. Jewell, Robert's wife, had passed in September 2023. She had led an extraordinary life, born on an island in the Mississippi River in the 1930s, she served in Korea and France for the army and state department, before joining the Peace Corp and working to eradicate small pox in Afghanistan in the late 60s. After the weekend,



Stuart, brothers Robert and Jim, brother-in-law, Brett, nephew Keith, and friend Jim fished at Grand Lake Stream for several days.

In June, we hosted a bridal shower for Emily and Shoji (Emily's fiancée) in Utica at a local Irish restaurant. It gave some of our northern friends a chance to meet the future groom and celebrate the upcoming wedding.



Also in June, Stuart's college friends (Nick from California and Nancy from Seattle and their spouses) visited Rensselaerville for a long weekend. One of the couples was a surprise visit for Stuart. It was a great reunion and a chance to show new guests the spirit and spirits (bottles and cemetery) of Rensselaerville. And we found out that Nancy and Stuart are distant cousins.



Then in July, Sue and Lynne hosted nine other UNC Parker dorm friends for a getaway reunion in Rensselaerville. Some of them had not been in contact since Chapel



Hill days in the 70s! There were many laughs and stories and many forgotten memories brought back to life. We were thankful for the ones that could make the trip north, and we all look forward to the next get together.

In July and August, we attended three more weddings in Utica, North Carolina and Schroon Lake, NY. They were all enjoyable celebrations with close family friends.

In July, we attended the memorial service in New Hampshire for Jamie Huntington-Meath, Stuart's cousin, who passed away in early 2024. It was a touching celebration of life and a chance to reconnect with the Meath Clan.

In August, Sue and Lynne celebrated their 50th high school reunion in North Carolina. They reconnected with some classmates they had not seen for 50 years and had fun reminiscing with everyone.

Also in August was the 14th annual MillerFest. There was great music and despite the tornado warning on Friday, the show went on. Many out-of-town friends and family came to enjoy the music, food and festivities. It has become a reunion for so many family and friends.



After MillerFest, Stuart and Sue hosted a reunion at their camp on Oneida Lake for the group that travelled to Peru two years ago. It was great catching up with everyone and planning our next adventure together.



The Labor Day weekend was spent in Rensselaerville at the 2nd annual Hilltown Hoedown in Rensselaerville in memory of Mom, Janet Haseley, with one of her favorite callers and his band. Labor Day is always a special weekend in the village including a tennis tournament and the annual library cocktail party.

Many Sundays in the summer were spent going to the church where we were married and helping with the activities each weekend. Stuart is the treasurer on the session and Sue is the clerk.

In September, we went to Inlet in the Adirondacks and tried to break the Guinness Book of World records by having the most floating kayaks and canoes at one time. The record from 10 years ago was not broken but we were in the previous event as well so still hold the record. It is a fund raiser and there was a good turnout and the weather was great.

The end of September, we attended the annual Craven Cancer Classic in memory of Scott Davenport, Lynne's husband. The event has taken place for 15 years and Sue plays on Lynne's team each year. It is a great event that raises money for cancer that stays locally in the community.

September 28th was Emily and Shoji's wedding, a special and magical weekend full of friends, family, and luckily good weather (the terrible hurricane, Helene, passed through western NC that weekend). It was an amazing event, and everything went so well. Emily and Shoji did most of the planning and we were thrilled that so many of our friends and family made the trip to celebrate their special day.



In October, we travelled to Colorado for the 7th and final wedding of this year. Stuart's niece, Amy, was married to Marcus. It was also Blair's birthday weekend, and she was able to connect with a few friends who live in Colorado to hike at Estes Park.

November 1st, we travelled to Brooklyn to celebrate Andrew and Kara's engagement party. It was a wonderful event, and we are looking forward to their wedding in 2026.

Sunday, November 3rd, Blair, Lynnes's daughter, completed her first marathon, the New York City Marathon, running through each borough. She ran on a charity bib to raise money for cancer in memory of her dad. The race route went right by Andrews' apartment, so we had a cheering squad out front waiting for Blair to pass. She did great and wants to do another one.

Thanksgiving we drove to North Carolina for the annual Thanksgiving meal hosted by Lynne. We had an oyster roast the day before and were reunited with family and friends.

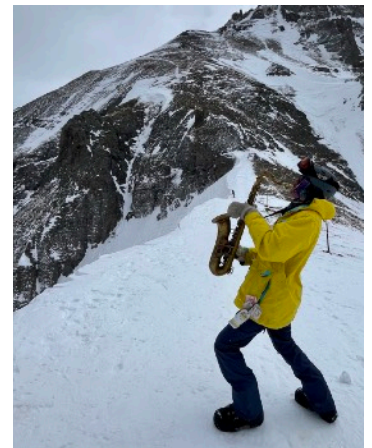
Niles, Andrew, Kara, Emily and Shoji were able to come home for Christmas this year. Unfortunately, Cameron was missed as he was in California.

In between all the social happenings we did some skiing, pickleball, tennis, golf, and fishing too!

Happy New Year to everyone, we wish you a healthy and active 2025!

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Sue and Stuart Miller





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We started off the year by making a trip to Japan. We flew into Tokyo and took the bullet train to Nagoya. Nagoya is where Shoji's family is from. We hung out with his Dad, grandma, aunts, uncles, and cousins. From Nagoya, we went to Gero Onsen where we stayed in a traditional Japanese Inn, ate delicious food, and lounged in the hot springs. After Gero Onsen, we made our way back to Tokyo and spent the last few days of our trip exploring there.

In February, we went to Erin and James' wedding and got to hang out with family and friends in Raleigh. In March, we headed out to Colorado to do some skiing and snowboarding in Telluride. Shoji is still learning to snowboard so he took some lessons. We had great weather and got fresh snow on the last day.

Spring came around and Emily went to Dreamville music festival with Blair and some friends. Emily also celebrated her birthday and had a Bridal Shower at the end of April. The theme of the shower was "A lifetime of butterflies". Special thanks to Blair, Aunt Lynne, Sue/Mom, and Tania for hosting and throwing a beautiful shower. In May, we made a trip to visit our friend, Fiona, and had a blast hanging out in Richmond.

Summer rolled in and we took a trip up to New Hartford for our engagement party. The party was at the Irish Center in Utica and we had a great time seeing friends and family. Later in June, we headed to Tennessee for Bonnaroo. We saw Pretty Lights, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Cage the Elephant, Fred Again.. and many more artists.

In July, we celebrated the 4th of July at Emerald Isle. Emily, Blair, Andrew, and Niles made a trip up to R'Ville to prep for MillerFest. We attended Jordan and Bethany's wedding in Raleigh, another fun celebration



Emily, Stuart, Cameron, Niles at Telluride.

with the Haseley-Malik clan! Emily got to take a work trip out to Napa Valley, California, at the end of July.

We hunkered down for Hurricane Debby on Friday, but Debby couldn't rain on our parade while we celebrated the 14th annual MillerFest. The theme was Rainbow Road and lots of people dressed as their favorite Mario Kart characters. Later in August, we bought a beach trailer with Aunt Lynne and we finished the summer spending some time at the beach in Emerald Isle. Blair came down and we had a weekend with her at our new beach house.

The summer was winding down and we were doing our final preparations for our wedding. Emily went to the beach with her friend, Sophie, to work on Emily's wedding jewelry. On September 28th, we officially said "I do" and had a beautiful ceremony and celebration with all of our friends and family. It was one of the best days of our lives and we will cherish it forever. Thankful to be surrounded by so much joy and love and have so many special people in our lives.



In October, we went to Costa Rica for our honeymoon. We hiked to Eco Chontales Waterfall where we did some swimming and cliff jumping. The second excursion we did was horseback riding. The rest of the time we lounged by the pool, ate good food, and we were able to see tons of wildlife where we were staying. Different kinds of monkeys, sloths, butterflies, and whales. We even had a huge spider in our room that Shoji captured and threw outside.

Later in October, Emily had Pendomonium, a big user conference hosted by Emily's company. Every year Emily runs a glitter booth at Pendomonium with the help of Blair and Shelby. We went to Kerr Lake for Lake Weekend, a weekend of camping and music with friends. Shoji had a birthday and we headed out to Colorado for Amy and Marcus' wedding. We made a quick trip to Denver for a concert at MeowWolf and then we hiked in Rocky Mountain National Park for Blair's birthday.

In November, we headed to Brooklyn for Kara and Andrew's engagement party, as well as to cheer Blair on in the New York City

Marathon. We got to see Blair run right by Andrew's apartment and then we headed into Manhattan to meet her once she was finished. We made a quick trip up to our friend Monika's lake house, and popped down to Key Largo for a quick scuba diving trip before Thanksgiving.

We are so glad we had the opportunity to see so many of you throughout 2024. It was one of our favorite years to date. We hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday, cheers to 2025!

-The Bannos
(Emily and Shoji)

