

A memorable year that featured a new addition to our family, a new job, the girls' first ever trip to Southern California, and a three-week sniper siege, we won't soon forget 2002.

Sophia Joan Willis (Sophie) was born on April 5 at Washington's Sibley Memorial Hospital (birthplace of her father and three of her uncles). She is crawling and standing with the aid of furniture. We think she is adorable.

Lucy, an extraordinarily strong-willed 3-year-old, runs the house and is sweet when she chooses to be (which is a lot of the time). She's not reading yet, but she takes pleasure in pretending she can. Potty-training remains a battle, but she's getting there.

Hannah, age 6, is a proud first grader at Forest Knolls Elementary School. She has started piano lessons, very much enjoys writing, and will read anything to anybody who cares to listen. A competitive Old Maid and Go Fish junkie, she also hosts neighborhood tee-ball games when weather permits. She is somewhat gracious in victory, and is working on handling defeat.

Crystal, age thirty-something, continues to make the many sacrifices associated with being a full-time Mom. The rest of us remain more grateful for this than we let on sometimes. At church, she continues to chair the activities committee.

Tim, younger than Crystal, left KPMG Consulting (now BearingPoint) to accept a similar, but less travel-intensive, position with Fannie Mae (the housing finance company—not to be confused with Fannie May, the candy peddler.) On Sundays, he still directs the choir and serves on the welfare committee, providing financial and budgeting advice to needy ward members.

We thoroughly enjoyed becoming (re-) acquainted with so many members of Crystal's family in San Diego at gatherings around Rick and Mimi's Catalina wedding. Our family's subsequent Willis reunion week in West Virginia was pleasant and memorable as well.

We hope this finds you well and wish for your happiness.

Holiday Wishes



from
The Willis
Family

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