



We got snow at our tiny home! (Feb 2021)



Welcome to 2022  
from  
the Burns Family

All of Ray's children are  
now out in the world.  
A new phase of life for us!  
We celebrated ten years of  
marriage in September.

Love & Hugs  
to All

(contact info removed for the web)

Carol's website:  
<https://www.onemathematicalcat.org>

# Highlights of 2021

## Ray

Ray is happiest when he is sharing the gospel and bringing light and joy to others. He got to serve Carol (a lot!) after she fell playing badminton on Christmas afternoon. (Carol now has a metal plate and 9 tiny screws in her left wrist.)

About six years ago, it came to light that Ray's dad (Art) had been a victim of fraud, losing about 15 acres of land and a home. Art has been fighting to get it back. He hired an attorney, but Ray actually did most of the legal work. In December 2021, an out-of-court settlement was reached, with Art getting back his home and most of the land. Ray (superman that he is) still managed to continue land cleanup/organization and hold down his full-time job as a software engineer. He also can now play Chopin's Fantaisie-Impromptu very well, even though he has never had even a single formal lesson of piano instruction!

## Carol

Carol continues to cherish her role as a "nearby Grandma". She takes cares of Alex at Pebble two days each week. Carol says: "Alex is my smile!"

In October, Carol finished her website audio read-thrus, so people can hear her read the math lessons and follow along with text highlighting. Gardening was great this year, following months of soil enrichment with pureed scraps and shredded cardboard (Amazon boxes). To further improve our rock-hard soil, Carol is now experimenting with in-ground vermicomposting (worms). Round dancing (social dance with cues) with Ray rounded out (tee hee) the year.



Julia and Tony gave Carol an awesome gift—a trip to Hawaii with them!!



Important life skills from Grandpa Ray!

**Eris** graduated a year early, moved to Massachusetts, lives with Marybelle, and works full-time at a café in Lenox.

**Marybelle** graduated from Berkshire Community College (Massachusetts) in June, with her Associates Degree in Nursing. She was the valedictorian and gave a fantastic speech.

**Joshua** continues to work at Arby's in Tucson. He joins us for family dinners about once each week, and is our Master Game Player.

**Art**, at age 86, still gets out almost every day to work on his clever mechanical creations!



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