Happy Holidays 2008! The Wallace Holiday Card



Barb's mom died this past June at the age of 92. She had lived a long and rich life and she was ready to go. This picture was taken at a wedding in the home where she was living the night before she had a massive stroke. We had a wonderful celebration of her life at home in Harrow several days later and she is buried beside her father in a family plot in nearby Colchester.

Even though she had things well organized and ready for Barb to do her trustee work, it made for a busy fall. It will be a different Christmas this year...

Our house endured many renovations over the last few months. Here's some of the mess leading up to them.



We put in new floors on the main floor, new main floor bathroom and new garage doors. Wow, did we have a lot of stuff to move and to cull!

That's pretty much over now with the exception of a lot of new painting. ...maybe by the time Spring arrives...??





Here's the before and after picture of the back room. We took out the cabinets and put hardwood on the floor. You can also see this year's "Christmas tree" in the corner.



We put tan/white ceramic tile in the front hall, kitchen, bath and the entrance from the backyard deck.



We had junk and construction materials everywhere. We threw out lots, but we still could cull more.



The highlight of the year was our three week trip to and through Greece & Turkey earlier in the year. It included a bus trip, a cruise and visited several islands as well as two locations in Turkey - all for the first time! It was a place we had always dreamt of going and we enjoyed it tremendously. Our last five days on Crete was the best of all.



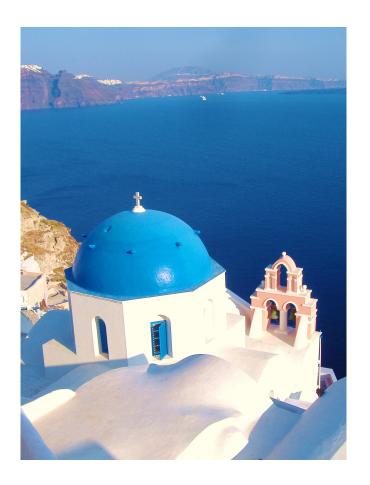
Our "dressy" night on the cruise and a chance to meet the captain - oooh, how exciting!



Mykonos was in full bloom with its beautiful bougainvillea dominating all her other flora.



Returning to the cruise ship, our home, from wandering through a mix of present day and ancient Rhodes.



The quintessential tourist shot of Santorini.

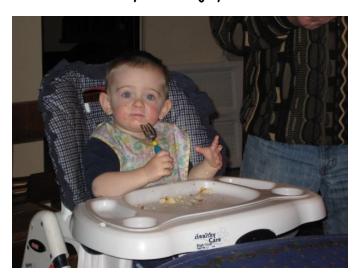
We really enjoyed our guided hike through the Myli Gorge's five kms while on Crete.







Vanessa at her 4th Birthday Party - Nov. 29th & at 17 months Ayden enjoys her cake as well.



Life with these two and our own sons & daughters-in-law close by is full and enjoyable and we wish at least as much for all of you.

Peace, Prosperity, and Love, Tony and Barb

P.S. - Tony adds that his viral infection that started 10-12 days ago is much better today and will be all gone very soon!!