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Merry Christmas

From Everyone at ICJE

**"Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love,
the things you are,
the things you never want to lose."** - Kevin Arnold



Oh the memories of Christmas....the anticipation, the lights, the joy, candlelight Christmas Eve services, Youth Group Caroling, family gift exchanges, family meals, the living Nativity displays, the visits to Santa...a Schwinn Stingray left under the tree by Santa...sharing the joy of Christmas with our children as they create their own memories....they are all the memories you never want to lose.

A writer once said that the best thing about memories is making them. I'm not sure that is true. I think the best part of memories is having them.

I still have them, however, and not unlike many of you, I have a loved one slowly using her memory, my Mom. I don't know what lies ahead, but I know the memories my Mom created are the ones I cherish.

I remember as a first grader, walking to school every morning on the 1.5 mile journey to the neighborhood elementary school. Mom would watch out the front door as we strolled farther and farther away from the house, and we would turn and wave to her as we walked away, waiting for the last wave just before we walked out of sight. Now with kids

of my own, I know how precious those memories are.

I remember Mom and Dad being there for me and my two brothers as we played knothole, and soccer, and swimming lessons during summer breaks. They didn't hover over us, didn't attend every game, or tell the coaches how great we were as we sat on the sideline. But they were with us with the spirit of love and encouragement.

I remember Mom and Dad volunteering at the concession stands season after season to support the teams we played on, from junior high through high school.

I remember the snake that got loose in the house when Mom was in the hospital for a month and Grandma was staying with us...and the gerbil that got out of its cage and Grandma accidentally stepped on it. It was probably better than the snake getting it. But Grandma sure felt terrible for years after she killed our pet.

And I remember every Christmas morning as we woke Mom and Dad at the first sign that Santa had arrived. And the wonder of how it all fit down that chimney!

Making memories with your family and friends is great, but remembering them provides the joy of life.



On this Christmas morning, share your memories with your family. Create them for your kids. And cherish them with all of those you love.

May God Bless You this Christmas season!

Jim Rechel, ICJE Newsletter Editor



Memories of My Christmas Eve - Retired State Trooper Bob Welsh

This month I have decided to forgo the format of articles and links to assist you and inform you of items of interest for your career, and share a link sent to me that captures the wonder of Christmas and the impact each of us can have on those around us.

May the Joy of Christmas be with each of you this New Year. Talk to you in January 2014!

My Christmas Eve: [A Christmas Story](#)

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