

## Christmas 2021 Letter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! In past years, Tanner and I worked together on a Christmas letter, which benefited greatly from her input. Because of her death last January, I am left to struggle by myself. You may have seen various material about her in

<https://daveandtanner.net>

but it may be worth checking if there is anything new of interest to you, such as the pictures shown at her memorial service this past October. Though I still greatly miss Tanner and am troubled by her rapid decline and death, I enjoyed seeing various friends and family members at her service. We had some nice meals together and a couple of pleasant hikes in the Petroglyph National Monument.

I'm slowly getting stronger; now I can regularly do 4 chin-ups and 4 pull-ups as part of my morning exercise. Often I go for walks about the neighborhood. And now and then I go out of town, e.g., to the wedding reception of Tanner's namesake's son, to the funeral of my Aunt Barbara (my Dad's brother's wife), and to visit my sister and brother-in-law in St. Paul, MN. Before Tanner died, we had ordered tickets to various events, such as Santa Fe Opera performances and shows in the University of New Mexico's Popejoy Hall. I have enjoyed inviting various friends to accompany me to these events and am continuing the practice of buying pairs of tickets. I still enjoy singing with St. John's Cathedral Choir (at the local Episcopal cathedral), the New Mexico Symphonic Chorus, and sometimes the Sandia Singers (a group at Sandia National Labs that I joined when I worked there; I cannot attend when they perform at events on Kirtland Air Force Base, as I no longer have an ID that admits me to the Base, but sometimes they sing at outside events, such as *Isotopes* baseball games and the Balloon Fiesta; below is a picture from this year's Fiesta).



I hope this finds you well. Dave Gay (E-mail: [dmg@acm.org](mailto:dmg@acm.org); phone (505) 232-0992)