

Greetings to everyone in 2023

This has been quite a year for the Silverman's. Our biggest joy came in March when Matt and Lara walked down the aisle at their beautiful wedding, with our precious Addison, the perfect little flower girl. Matt was a handsome groom, and Lara a stunning bride. They love making musical videos and truly enjoy their life together. Matt is continuing to get chemo, however it was changed to a different protocol as the previous treatment was no longer effective. This new treatment is much harder on him, but we are praying that he will find a trial that will be effective for his cancer. Lara still struggles with her vertigo and migraines, but is taking violin lessons, and dabbles in painting. Their travel is limited, so parties and celebrations have to come to them. However, they did manage to come down to Mountain View and stay with us for a couple of weeks during the summer. Their love for each other is boundless, and both a comfort to the other when they need to be.

Jeff continues to run his company, play professional Ultimate Frisbee, and work on his house. His company, Study Soup, keeps him busy 24/7. He is always on the move, and we almost never know where he is. He has become extremely proficient with home remodeling and construction but has been making many trips here to be with his brother.

Lauren and Simon are doing great, living in Daly City near Matt and Lara. Lauren is working as a vet in a practice in SF, and Simon has been taking on new roles at work. Our 2 darling granddaughters, Addison (4) and Emma (3), are growing so fast. We see them as often as we can, and love to babysit. They are both busy in all sorts of activities, and it is hard to keep up with them. It is impossible to understand how two little ones with a combined age of 7 can wear out two adults with a combined age of over 140, but they do, and we love it.

Joel is still working full time at LITEON and enjoying it, but continues working on his family tree and is always finding new connections.

Anna is still working as a substitute teacher and the work provides a good distraction for her. She has created a Wheel of Fortune game for her students that they can enjoy once they have finished all of the required work. She also put on her referee uniform again and got back on the pitch this year. Although time and age slows a body down, it was great to reconnect with her soccer buddies again.

In December we went to New Jersey for a family wedding and had a chance to connect with Joel's family, as well as see the New York Skyline and Statue of Liberty before heading home.

We are all living our lives day to day, but have hope for the future for Matt and Lara, that they will find relief from their illnesses. Please keep them both in your prayers. Stay safe and have a wonderful 2024.

Anna and Joel Silverman

