



**01/30/04 — 12/05/15**

Due to a spinal inflammation disease (possibly caused by cancer detected through an MRI) we said goodbye to our sweet Paris two weeks ago today. Her spine had irreparable damage. This disease took her down in just a few short weeks. Although her body failed her, she was alert, perky and lively right up to the end. We miss her terribly!

## Our Oregon Thanksgiving

As has become a family tradition during Thanksgiving, we took our annual family portrait. This year we enjoyed a colorful backdrop of Oregon fall foliage for our photo as we posed on the back deck of Dave and Stacey's new house in Lake Oswego, Oregon

Nephew Dave, his wife Stacey and their two girls, Ashley and Arya, hosted Thanksgiving this year and invited family

to spend several days at their house. There were 12 of us in the family who drove up, all of us relieved to slip through the predicted snow storm without putting on chains! What a wonderful time we had staying in Dave and Stacey's huge and fabulous house!

There were hikes on nearby deeply wooded trails, excursions into Portland to check out Powell's Books, Ground Kontrol (a well-known pinball destination), and the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry.



And being a family who loves to play games, LOTS were played, the best being the extremely hilarious game, "telephone pictionary." We also took turns making breakfast. When it was Robert's & my turn, I made shaped pancakes, having brought all my special pancake supplies, including my favorite grill & spatula. For the first time ever, Ashley & Arya made shaped pancakes. They did a great job!



Mt. Shasta freshly covered in snow.



Here is one of Ashley's very cool pancake creations.

## Have a Ginormous Christmas and New Year!

I wasn't sure we would be able to come up with a Christmas card this year what with our sorrow for Paris. But we did! Only because I was able to figure out something quick and easy when all three kids were here last Wednesday. I did an individual photo shoot of each wearing head decor from The Dollar Tree as they posed with my exercise ball. From there I Photoshopped the three of them into one image adding favorite ornaments. After adding a snowy scene then photographing, enlarging, and placing the ornament images over the exercise balls, our card design was done. Our cards were mailed out yesterday—a whole week before Christmas!

