

### Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah



It's been a tough year but we are thankful to be in good health and hope you too are doing well and able to make the best of an unusual holiday season.

Sadly, Jana's dad, Milt, passed away a day after his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was especially difficult as no visitors were allowed at the hospital except that Jana was able to be there on his birthday and use Facetime so that he could see Jamee and other family members.



Jamee is doing well and continues to live in the house in La Jolla with excellent care from the agency and frequent visits by Jana. Fortunately we don't need to sell the house, but we are very busy with paper work and sorting through memorabilia accumulated over the years. Jana is picking up a genealogy hobby trying to sort out Milt's past research and DNA connections.



We celebrated Michael's 80<sup>th</sup> with all the family at Karl Strauss before the pandemic hit and have been doing Zoom calls since. We've also enjoyed the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park, and daily walks sometimes at the beach. Jana enjoyed camping trips with the kids to Palomar and Lake Mary (near Mammoth). Chloe Belle made her singing debut in a commercial for the Super Dentists.



Jana continues to garden and compost and is happy to see that Encinitas is starting city wide food cycling in April. Michael is playing guitar and is finding a challenge in rewriting our apps in SwiftUI to meet Apple's new requirements. We're enjoying the sunsets, our new fire table on the deck, and frequent takeout dinners. Our COVID "bubble" has allowed Juliette, Jake, Graham and his daughter, Chloe, to visit us once a week or so.



May you find peace and quiet and a little more time to connect with nature.

With love and very best wishes for 2021, from

**Jana, Michael, Juliette and Graham Birch**

