

**Merry Christmas 2013...**

After we sent our Christmas card in 2012, Rich's mom passed away on December 17th following a painful battle. She was the only one privileged to see Katelyn's wedding dress and know about all the colors and plans for her granddaughter's upcoming wedding. Dad Corbett is living on his own in his Sidney, Ohio home and doing well.

***"I have found the one for whom my soul loves."***

The "Big Day" was April 13th. Thank you to those family and friends that made the time to celebrate the beautiful wedding of our Katelyn to our new son Drew Oostra. As parents of the bride, we appreciated your presence and will love you forever for spending this magical and spiritual day with us.



***"To think in such a place I led such a life ..."***



Taylor loved and lived Miami University and we were thrilled to attend his graduation with Dad Corbett, Drew and Katelyn on May 11th. We celebrated at a small Cincinnati restaurant in "Over the Rhine. Taylor wanted



to support the inner city where he did his senior capstone. Not long after graduation, he accepted a Planning Specialist position in Williston, North Dakota. He left with a Uhaul trailer in late September. So many great stories to share when he comes home for Christmas!!

***"The Anchor Holds"***

At the end of April, Rich and I settled Mom and Dad Howard back into the farmhouse in Jamestown, NY. Just before we returned to Cincinnati, Dad said, "I hope the good Lord takes me home before we have to think about moving to Cincinnati with the girls." God answered my dad's prayer on May 31st. He left this world and is present with the Lord! Mom now lives in Cincinnati with Chris and me, and visits Ann in Atlanta.



***He hath shewed thee O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. -- Micah 6:8***

Carpe Diem ... Brenda and Rich