

Sammy's Visit to Ohio

April, 2015



On Friday, April 10 Cyndi Christopher and Samantha arrived in Mason after travelling by car from Columbus, having spent the night there following their flights from California. We met at Skyline (where else?) for lunch and later in the afternoon checked in at Great Wolf Lodge, an indoor water park near King's Island.



Sammy and family spent about four hours enjoying the water features (slides of all kinds, "rafts", wave pool, etc) and Granddad occasionally joined in on some of the less thrilling parts. Grandma watched!

In the evening, we were joined by Elizabeth and family and we had a family dinner at a nearby restaurant before they went home and we returned for our night in the Lodge.

On Saturday, we had a late breakfast together and then Molly and I came home while Sammy and family spent more time in the water. They eventually dragged Sammy away and came to our house to stay for Saturday night.

The entire family met again for a family dinner at Soho, a West Chester Japanese restaurant that we all have enjoyed in the past and which provides a good meal and some great entertainment by the chefs. This was followed by ice cream at Graeter's.



On Sunday we went to church and Sammy befriended an old friend of ours in the community room. Margaret and Sammy must have talked for almost an hour and got along extremely well despite an almost 80 year difference in age.

On Sunday evening we all convened at Elizabeth's house for dinner and, in what was the highlight of the weekend for Molly and me, we were presented with our anniversary gift. Although our 50th was not until June, this would be the only time that the entire family would be together over the summer. The gift was a canvas collage of photographs of our wedding, those of Christopher and Elizabeth and four beautiful pictures of our grandchildren. Wonderful!



On Monday morning five of us went to Entertrainment Junction, an enormous train lay-out housed in a huge ex-warehouse in West Chester. In addition to the fabulous “train



set” there are a number of other activities that could easily support a return visit and it was difficult to get everyone out and to La Rosa’s for lunch.

Following lunch, we had to say goodbye to Sammy, Christopher and Cyndi as they left for Columbus and then back home. We had

a wonderful visit and a great action-packed weekend—and a great way to start our Golden Wedding Anniversary celebrations.

