

NEW YEAR LITHANDER FAMILY REVIEW OF 2009

It's about time all of our friends and family got an update from the Lithander family!

2009 has been a growing year, and very difficult. On the fifth of August, after a four-month battle with melanoma cancer, Paula went home to be with the Lord. Our family has been devastated by this, but it was a blessing to have all the children home during the summer months to be together as a family.

In October, my dad, Dale Lithander also went home to be with the Lord, nine years after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's. We thank the Lord for His mercy in bringing my dad to be with Him. We helped my mom make the big move out to Boise, Idaho, to live with Kim, our oldest brother, and to be close to Keith—my younger brother—and his family. This year I have
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Debbie has just finished up another semester at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She is in her second year of graduate school, studying political theory. She plans to graduate in May, and then hopes to trick someone into giving her a job requiring that she have lots of adventures overseas.

Emily continues her second year of schooling online through the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, working on a bachelor's degree in interior design. She has also started her own interior design and home organization business—Organized Design—and is enjoying working with her clients. She has been designing and decorating family and friends' homes since she was thirteen years old, and is happy to finally be getting paid to do what she loves!

Josh graduated from the University of Cincinnati in May, with a bachelor's degree in communication, focusing on public relations. We all went down to see him receive his diploma. It was a very proud moment for the family. He is back at home, applying for public relations jobs.

This year Caleb has gone through all the rigmarole of paperwork and testing in his application to work as an air traffic controller. Around May we expect that he will be in Oklahoma City for training, and then he'll go on to Denver, Colorado to work at their flight tower. In the meantime, he stays busy working at the Wright Brothers' Airport outside of Dayton. He also helps around the Beam's farm, doing whatever Joe tells him to do.