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Yes, the wedding is almost upon us all. It is January 25, 2025. Natalie is thrilled. And, we all feel blessed to have her in our family. She has really changed Nick's life.

Natalie is working as a research coordinator for Moffett. Nick continues to work as a support engineer for Malwarebytes. They are both doing very well in their current careers.

Joe misses the challenge of working. He has been retired now for six years. He continues to be active in the DWO photo club. That provides him a little bit of a technical outlet. He maintains the webpage prominent on joeobrin.com. And, he provides other technical support for the organization.

Being at DWO, a an active 55+ community, gives Joe and Debbie other opportunities to enjoy Florida. They still have trivia, karaoke, neighborhood wide parties, and other activities for us to enjoy. We do not participate quite as much as we used to. My health issues interfere a lot now. I Joe have never quite gotten over the stroke that I had six years ago. I am grateful that my cognition and speech are still very good. But, as someone who used to walk and hike a great deal, it is frustrating to not be able to, walk from one end of the house to the other. I have to get by with walkers and an electric scooter. I don't use a scooter in the house, but it is a necessity when I go to the theme parks.

We still make it to the theme parks. All four of the Disney parks, and Universal Orlando resort. It is still a lot of fun. But, our days of opening rope drop until closing are long gone.

Sometimes, Nick and Natalie will accompany us. Other times, we might go with Zach, Jolynne, and their three kids. Having both Nick and the Bringham living in Florida has been a wonderful thing.

As if we weren't getting enough of Disney, Debbie and I continue to go on Disney cruises. We went on this year. We went on one in April, and another in November, right on Joe's birthday. The Disney ships are an amazing thing. In April, we talked our good friend Michael into going with us. Joe and Michael work together almost 30 years ago. They have continued to stay in touch. And, Michael will visit us from time to time in Florida.

Join Debbie have not been on every Disney ship except the treasure. That is coming up next year. But, the wonder is first we are going with our Cruise friends, Ray and Cheryl.

These are all Caribbean cruises. They are relatively short, five or fewer days. Joe's health issues are discouraging him from the longer cruises that we used to occasionally take.

Access to the theme parks, Disney, and easy access to the cruise ports are advantages of living here in Florida. One small disadvantages, the hurricanes.

This last season, three hurricanes hit Florida. Milton actually made it to Orlando. That is rather unusual. It really wasn't much a storm in Orlando. But, it hit Sarasota pretty hard so, Nick and Natalie came and stayed at Joe and Debbie's house for a few days , it is good to shelter with people you love.

That is kind of it for this year. Cruising, Disney, and the wedding rushing at us best wishes to all of you in this happy season, and the coming year. It has been a year of ups and downs for the O'Brien plan. The clan now consists of Joe me, Debbie, Nick, and Natalie. Oman is no longer with us. We lost him near the end of 2023. Of course, Nick lucky enough to still have Ramsey. Nick, Natalie, and Ramsey are living with Natalie's dad in Sarasota. That is along the golf coast of Florida. It is a

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