



Anne and I spent our first Christmas Eve alone since we were married. Marie and Kyle were settling into their new home in Wauconda, where we will see them for New Year's. Julia and Victor spent Christmas Eve in Rockford with his family and drove down to Monmouth on Christmas morning. We were pleased to have Flat Richard celebrate the holiday with us even if the real Richard is still in Japan.

After a quiet Christmas Eve dinner alone we went to "Midnight Mass" at 9 P.M. in Monmouth. On Christmas morning we drove out to the Mississippi river to look for eagles and were fortunate to arrive just in time to watch a number of eagles enjoy a Christmas brunch at Lock and Dam 18. There were many more in the trees on both sides of the river.

After Julia and Victor arrived we had a pleasant afternoon of opening presents and watching our younger cat (Minima), whom you can see on the cover, frolic under our tree, our third balsam fir obtained on the internet from Maine.

We celebrated Boxing Day with our friends the Tylers (Lynne, Becky, Melissa and husband Brian, whom you can see in some of our photo gallery (which continues on the inside of this card).

Many thanks for remembering us at Christmas and happy MMVII!

Anne and Tom Sienkewicz

