

Merry Christmas 2006 Happy New Year 2007

from the Berry/Hynes-Berry Family at Chicago and South Bend

This was a year of transitions in the family: Mary's mother, Sister Arleen, aged 90, died on September 4th at St. Scholastica's in St. Cloud, Minnesota: it was the end of her many bonus days, well beyond the time the doctors predicted; Mary and her siblings were all there at the end, and the rest of us joined them for the memorial services, one at the burial at St. Benedicts, the other later in Arlington at Lady Queen of Peace. Arleen was a Queen of peace, (*probably still communicating-right*) and she inspired us all with her human understanding and her never-ceasing works, not just as the founder of Bibliotherapy. The website includes a section of dedication and memories- go there and read Mary's poems...



The other transition brought more joy to Mary and me: Geb and the girls returned "stateside", now living in Brooklyn, just a long stone's throw from Nico, Sarah & Simone. Geb is working for *L'Oréal* in New York City. While he got settled, Mireille and Savannah stayed in Chicago for 2 months, going to Sarah (Frisch)'s old school, plus staying the beginning of the summer. That got Gaga going, and Gogo went over to help as often as possible; the times together were just wonderful, with learning on both sides - we now understand even better why parents have children when they are young ($E=E_0e^{-\gamma t}$), and yes, looking after little girls is different from looking after little boys...dressing up takes priority over toy cars, lego and soccer, although swings, drawing and coloring are still major hobbies - as shown in this accompanying picture of pictures.



No trip to Europe this year - first time for many-a-year, but lots of trips to Louisville and to the East coast - we U-hauled across-country to Brooklyn a load of furniture auction-goodies for Geb's new apartment - you can see Mary and Mireille sitting smugly on Geb's "new" sofa (*right*). One-year-old Simone enjoyed the action with her Gogo (*left*).



Meanwhile Ava and Tyra came up to South Bend, not frightened by its purple monsters and bug-eyed dolls. We (including Simone, on her 1st birthday) joined the 100s at the "*Cuzens-duzens*" Hynes-family reunion in Minnesota, but Daniel traveled to Japan instead.



All our retired friends seem to work harder, but we took the easy way out - so, work continues (too enjoyable to stop) for Mary at Erikson and Hugabook (under new management), and for Gordon at Notre Dame, plus ever more deeply involved with supporting

the local pre-college teachers of science in workshops and class visits. A first for us was when we **both** gave workshops at the same conference - HASTI - the Hoosier Assoc. of Science Teachers of Indiana.

We were overjoyed at the breaking of **the Axis of Arrogance** at the November elections - the American people have finally seen that the political terrorism at home is just as much a danger as extremism abroad.

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From Top left, then clockwise:
Mireille & Savannah dress-up;
Berry gang + Brigid at Brooklyn
fountain; Tyra; Daniel; Sarah &
Simone; Mireille & Savannah at SB;
Sebastien, Tyra & Ava at SB;
Mia & Tyra; Simone &
Savannah; Mireille & Geb;
Middle: *Ava at South Bend;*
Gang of 4 with Gaga at Tyra's
baptism in Louisville.

