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After retiring in 2009, I and my husband still keep busy, thinking by this stage life would slow down a bit, but instead we're hard pressed to do the things we want and at the same time keep up with all of the activities of our grandkids

With the upcoming celebration of our 49th anniversary in August, we continue to travel and are very thankful and blessed to have good health, which affords us to see the world. Our family continues to grow, we now have seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren with number four due in October. We enjoy five locally and the rest are in Arkansas, which we visit a couple of times a year.

2014 has brought a new change in my life, my baby sister, Sheila Hardtke Lortie (Helix Class of '80) was diagnosed January 1 with stage 4 cancer. She has been living with us and I am her caregiver. Our main prayer is she goes into remission and can get on with her life.

