

Colleen's Contemplations – August 2010

What a busy summer! I've been enjoying the pictures people post on Facebook. So many happy family times. I too have been having happy family time and trying to get the camera out to document more. I find myself falling into a terrible habit of not handing the camera off to one of the kids. It seems like most of my pictures are taken by me, which means I'm rarely in the picture. Granted, I don't enjoy having my picture taken, but it's important to preserve that memory for my kids too.

This is 16 years since my parents died, and I have very few pictures to show my children. I can't predict what the future holds for my family, so I need to remember to be a part of the memories more. Family vacations should be about family, the whole family, otherwise what's the point? I could PhotoShop my kids in front of any scenic spot without leaving my home. The memories I should be creating are those that have all of us just having fun and being goofy.

It's a challenge, but one I'd like to throw out there, have fun, be in the fun, and be in the pictures. Don't rob your kids (and someday grandkids) of precious family memories.

Enjoy your last month of the summer; it's going way too fast.

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