

The Richards Family

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1987 Round-Up

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Tyler Jordan joins the team

More *really* is better ... sometimes! Tyler Jordan Richards began his mortal life at 3:03 p.m. on November 7, 1987 at Providence Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

The birth occurred after a relatively long labor—approximately 40 hours.

Tyler is doing well—no complications—and so is Mommy.

Though his appearance is the "spitting image" of Johnny, Tyler weighed in at "only" 7 lbs., 12 ozs. and measured 20 3/4 inches in length compared to Johnny at 8 lbs., 12 ozs. and 20 3/4 inches.

The adjustment to two chil-

dren was facilitated with the loving assistance of Susan's parents, Glenn and Geraldine Hill. Mommy and Daddy were very happy to have the assistance of Grandpa and Grandma.

Johnny experienced a few moments of jealousy the first couple days, but he quickly adjusted to the new arrival. He is being a good and helpful big brother. Sometimes he may go overboard on the kisses—but it beats a poke in the eye!

Most of all, Mom and Dad are please to have little Tyler come into their home and share in the beautiful experiences of family.

More room for more kids?

Basement of the Richards house is finished during Summer

The Summer of '87 will long be remembered as the "Summer of Construction."

The Richards finished their basement, which had only been half-finished. Added to the home were a bathroom, a laundry/utility room, a large guest bedroom (yes, you are invited), and a den for John Sr.

A contractor was hired to frame, plumb, electrify, and sheetrock. The floor laying, painting, finishing, and all other functions were performed by family. Special recognition goes to Grandma and Grandpa Hill—who pitched in far more than their share in more ways than one—and Scott Hill who helped lay flooring.

Susan coordinated the decorating. The bathroom was done in blue with a sea shell theme. The laundry/utility room was done in white and grey. The bedroom was done in a warm, inviting beige. The den was done in grey

with a mauve carpet. The woodwork throughout the addition is dark to keep with the general style of the house.

The house has been almost totally transformed inside from the way it was when the Richards purchased it from a Japanese family in February, 1986.

It is amazing how much work a house takes—and the Richards specifically tried to avoid a house which needed a lot of work. It is, however, a good feeling to know that you own something; but then again, the Richards only effectively own a little over 3 % while some mortgage company in Texas own the other 97%.

At this time, the projects planned for 1988 include new flooring and colors in the kitchen and painting the exterior of the house. All family and friends have a standing invitation to visit us during the work schedules. Please bring old jeans.

Has it been 2 years already?

Johnny turns two

Johnny's second birthday was celebrated at a festive party on December 4, 1987 at the Richards' home.

A small group of family and close friends also celebrated the occasion on December 3—the actual date—at Johnny's restaurant of choice: McDonald's. Johnny order a Happy Meal Deal.

The December 4 party was well attended. Johnny received a virtual shower of gifts. The family's gratitude is extended to all.

At two years, Johnny is forming sentences and participates in a bit of mischief now and then. He is a very loving boy. Dad and Mom emphasize love and it is helping him to develop a very pleasant personality. He is praised for good behavior and punished for ill behavior. Increased love is always shown after punishment.

Johnny's two years have been the most joyous years parents could have ever "ordered." He has taught Mom and Dad about many important values and has helped them open up a new understanding of life. Love for a child is difficult to verbalize, but it is so strong as to become the most important motivation of all.

Vacations

John Sr. and Susan took a little time out and took a four-day trip to Disneyland.

Also along on the trip were John's mother, Doris Richards, and John's brother, Peter.

A good time was had by all as the traditional L.A. stops were enjoyed: Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Hollywood, and several other "tourist traps."

Work and other joys

John Sr. played a substantial role in the acquisition of another directry publishing company by his firm, Neighborhood Telephone Directories.

The companies became one on October 2, 1987, culminating several months work of putting together a deal and arranging financing.

The merger made NTD the largest non-franchised publisher of telephone directories in the state of Washington.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Real Meaning of Christmas

It is Christmas

No family enjoys the traditional hype and modern celebration of Christmas more than the Richards.

However, at this time of the year we all must all rise above the commercialism and recognize the real meaning of Christmas—that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that He provided a means by which we could return to Him after this experience we call mortality.

The major figure in God's

plan for us to return to Him is our elder brother Jesus Christ. He was sent to earth to establish His church and bring message of love and to make it possible for us to return to the presence of our Father.

When the Richards rip open the packages and gifts this Christmas they will be celebrating the holiday; but also will they celebrate the King of this earth. May we all remember Him this year.

Church continues as vital part of the Richards' lives

John Sr. and Susan continue to serve in their local ward and stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Church activities and callings are a vital part of the Richards family life. Dad puts in many hours a week as stake mission

president for the Seattle Stake. Mom puts in just as many (or more) hours as the Seattle Second Ward's Young Women President. In this calling, Susan oversees the activities of girls ages 12-18 and plays a major role in their lives as representative of the Church.

There is no (good) reason not to write!

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