

My best memories of 2015



For our December survey, we asked you to share your most “memorable memory” from 2015. Your answers were inspirational, interesting and diverse. They’re all printed below – with a bit of editing for space. Thank you to everyone who submitted a response. Here’s to a great 2016!

I was able to pay off all my debts and it was a great feeling. I realized I could do anything I want when I put my mind to it.

In August 2015 my 87-year old mother had a severe stroke and became completely incapacitated. She was unable to speak or talk for 3 months. On Thanksgiving evening as I sat with her in her room at the rehab, she began singing her favorite gospel song, said the Lord’s prayer and talked to me. I was so happy to hear her voice again!!! This was my happiest memory of 2015 and it will be cherished for my lifetime.

The year 2015 was especially memorable and exciting for me with amazing, famous musical performances in my hometown, Chattanooga, TN, that I attended: Shen Yun Chinese Music & Dance, Cirque d’Or (part of Cirque de Soleil), Vienna Boys Choir, Celtic Woman. Also participated in five fundraising walks all blessed with beautiful weather : Walk for Hearing Impaired, Komen Walk for the Cure, Alzheimer’s Walk, TN Valley Heart Walk, and Grateful Gobbler Walk for the Homeless . This week the local PBS TV station was one of many sponsors for a free screening of the season premiere of the final season of Downton Abbey! What an exciting, fun and memorable year in my hometown!

My sister found out that she would not need chemo or radiation for her cancer.

Spending time with my husband out in nature just enjoying being together.

Welcoming two new grandsons into the family.

My son Ben was born in November of 2014, so all his firsts are the best parts of 2015. Rolling over, sitting up, his first tooth, first foods, first laugh, pulling up, walking! His first trip to the beach, road trip, birthday and at Christmas he will embark upon his first trip overseas, where he will see his first snow among so many other amazing sights. But the very best has to be the first time he said “Mama”. 2015 has been the best year of my life!

Graduation Day from Surgical Technology Program with a 3.85.

The best memory I had in 2015 was riding my bicycle along the paved bicycle trail to and from work. The trail is an idyllic setting, lined with greenery. It gives me a euphoric feeling.

2015 was when our son returned safely from his second deployment to the Middle East. So many have been hurt, we are grateful that he came home whole. We hadn’t seen him for almost one year when, at last, we met in New Orleans. Tears of joy and quiet peace enveloped us all in the moment. May all the families of our sailors, marines and soldiers come home safely.

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Every time my granddaughter comes to visit and runs to me and wraps her arms around me and doesn't let go—those are my best memories. And when she said I was her best friend!

The happiest memory of 2015 will be graduating with my Master's! Working full-time and being a student full-time has been draining.

Getting engaged on July 25th. :)

That I had one more year with my Mom.

My twin girls play the front line in volleyball for Oviedo High School (JV) and the team won district - champs.

Thursday, October 29th, my first great grandchild was born. A beautiful baby girl!!

Grandchildren numbers 8 & 9 and great granddaughter number 3 were born. Now at an even dozen! Four generations! Marvelous!

Playing music with my husband who has been ill.

Hiking without pain for the first time in years after having knee replacement surgery this summer.

My second son was born on 1/2/15!

For summer break our family went on a trip planned by my son's 8th grade science class. We went to Florida to Disney World, Epcot, Universal and some other parks. We've never been there before, and going with the school group made it affordable for our whole family to attend. Even Grandma and Grandpa came along.

My happiest, most important memory from 2015 was when my son took his first steps.

My happiest/best/most important memory of 2015 was when I went to Colorado with my boyfriend's family. On our second day there, we trekked 14036 feet up to reach the top of Mount Sherman. It was cold, windy, and very difficult! When we reached the top, my boyfriend got down on one knee, and asked me to marry him. Unforgettable!

Participating in the NYC Triathlon along with 3,000+ other triathletes. To stand shoulder to shoulder and be supported by so many amazing athletes and spectators will always remain tops on my list. Participating proved it doesn't matter what time you finished in, but that you put forth the effort to strive to be the best you can be and step out of your comfort zone and complete the course.

The most important memory from 2015 is the birth of my granddaughter.

When my granddaughter, Charlotte's adoption was final.

Finally finding the acreage to build our retirement home, in the shadow of the Smokey Mountains.