

# Your happiest moments of 2018



Last month's survey asked you to tell us what memory from 2018 will make you look back and smile. Thank you to all participants for your openness and passion in sharing your thoughts with other members. Here's a sampling of the heart-warming responses we received:

- The moment that made me look back and smile was when I realized how far I had come. I have endured many obstacles and throughout them all they have led me to where I am today.
- My husband and I bought our first house together. Shortly after buying the house we bought a 6 week old Golden Retriever named Macey.
- My memory is one of joy. It is when my grandson Nikolai makes a funny face when he tries something new.
- The sacred togetherness and love of my wife, children, and I as we buried our miscarried baby at the cemetery. Gratitude, even in difficult times, can serve to bring greater unity, depth, and peace.
- My 23 year old son had been struggling with his everyday personal life; he was trying to find his way. This year seemed to be the year he finally started to get back on track and be happy and enjoy his life.
- My 2 best memories of 2018 were 1) the birth of my first grandson in August, and 2) being surprised at Walt Disney World that we would be grandparents again in 2019.
- This past year has been a roller coaster for me. My husband and I were empty nesters but now share our home with our oldest daughter, her daughter and my Mom who has Alzheimer's. It has been a joy and a blessing actually.
- I stopped drinking alcohol in June. Hopefully, I will keep going and make it a permanent lifestyle change!
- Started a new job which feels challenging and rewarding at the same time
- The memory of my "interview" to work at {my current employer} will remain with me forever. It was the least informal interview I've ever had. The interview had been postponed for several weeks and I was amazed when I was asked if I could meet for my interview. Half way through the interview my husband came in and so he was asked to join us. It was the beginning of the best job I've ever had!
- In today's fragile world, I was looking for something to help keep my faith in mankind. I rediscovered God.
- I have always been a home body. This year I chose to be available, responsible, and willing to travel alone in adventures. I stepped outside the box to find myself and I liked it. Despite negativity and fear from others and myself, I braved situations alone and it was splendid. We live in an age where everybody wants to be the same. Not only that but they want to keep you from being different and educated. I had to let go of people because they couldn't see my vision. I had to make new friends because they are where I want to be. Hardships were many but I look back to those moments and realized they made me.
- My daughter's graduation from high school and the party with family afterwards.
- Coaching my 6 year old son's flag football team to a 9-0 season in the spring. Winning the championship against a tough team and hearing the ref blow the whistle to signal game over and we won.
- I got a promotion at work this year. I am very grateful for it and the sky is the limit.

Thank you for sharing! We look forward to hearing from you in our next survey!