

Photo timeline of Mari's life and adventures

1961-08-14
to
2025-04-04





Mari as a baby





Mari seated with the ball – she was frequently elected as captain of various sport teams



Mari with a few special friends – Linda, Aviva, Nita, Maryna, Eurika.



Top right photo is with Hennie, her date for Matric Farewell party (Senior Prom)





Mari with a few fellow students
at art school in Cape Town

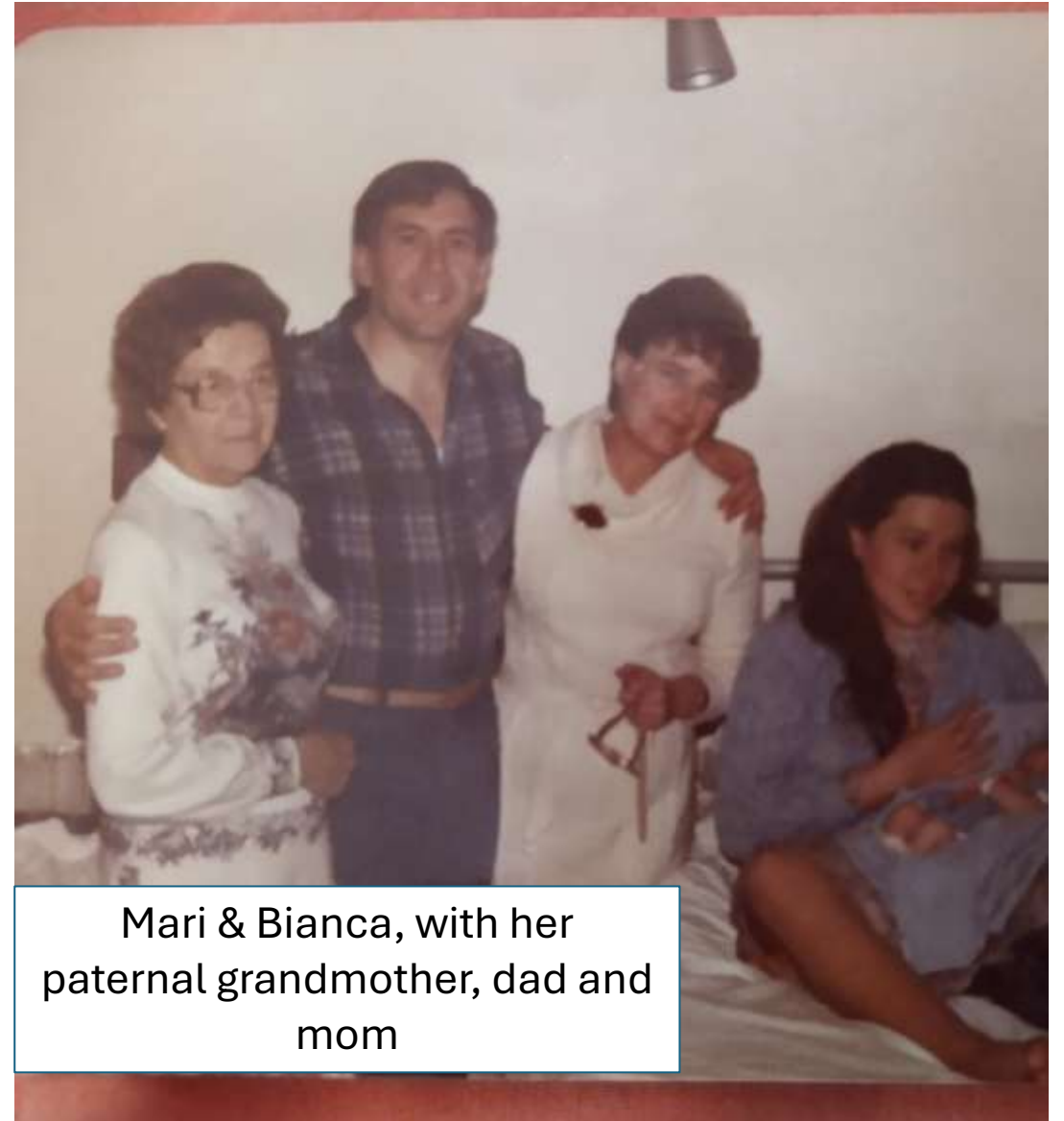




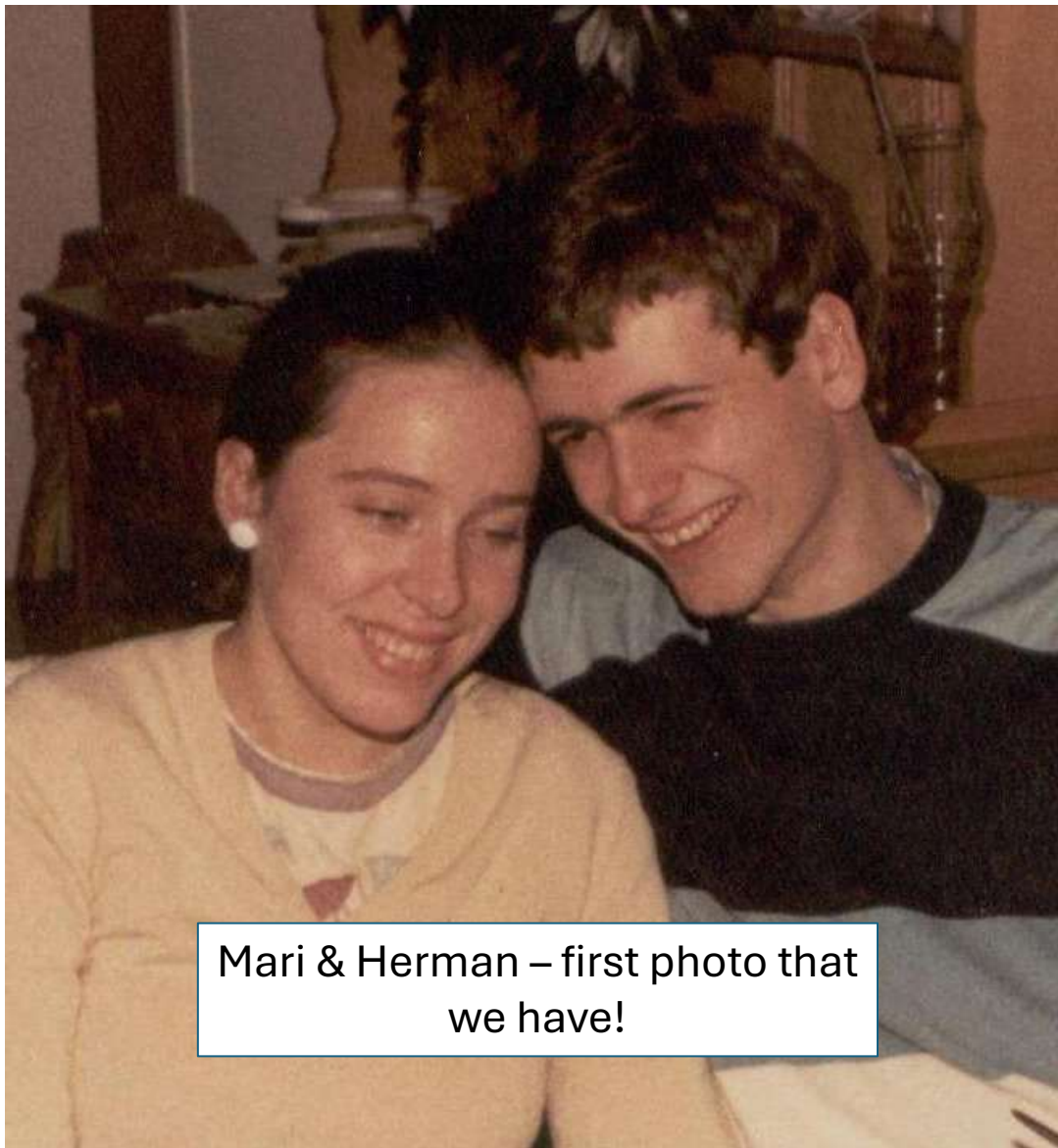
Mari and Alan signing the
wedding registry on 4/4/1981



Mari's 21st birthday (Bianca was 5 weeks old)



Mari & Bianca, with her paternal grandmother, dad and mom



Mari & Herman – first photo that
we have!



Nov 24th, 1984 – Cape Town

Oh, that smile!!



Dinner in the beach cottage where we had our honeymoon (with Bianca); and then moving into our first (tiny) townhouse.





Jeanne joins the growing family





Mari decided we needed to redo the flooring in our first house in Pretoria



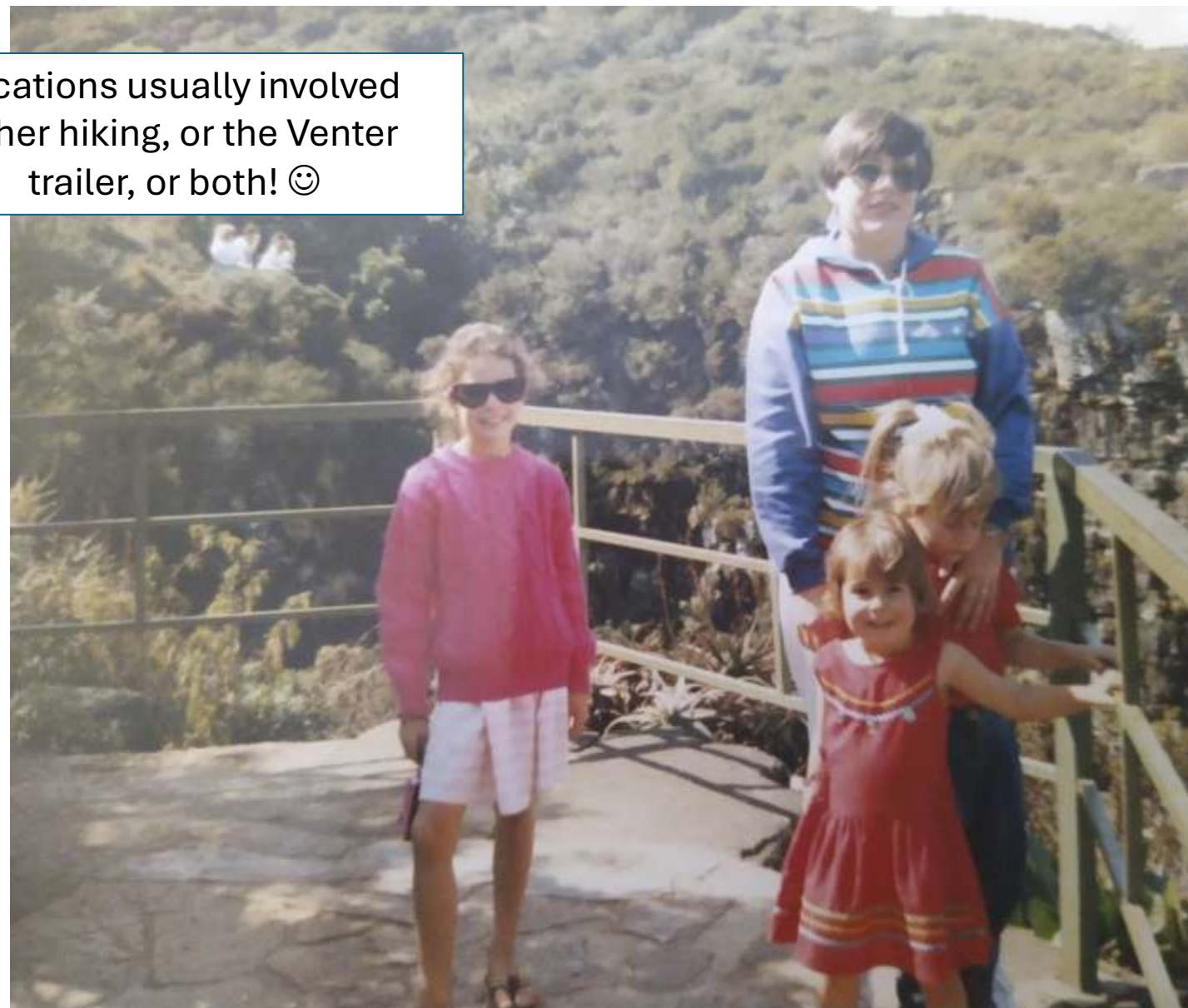
Mari was an EXCELLENT seamstress, and made many of the girls' clothing

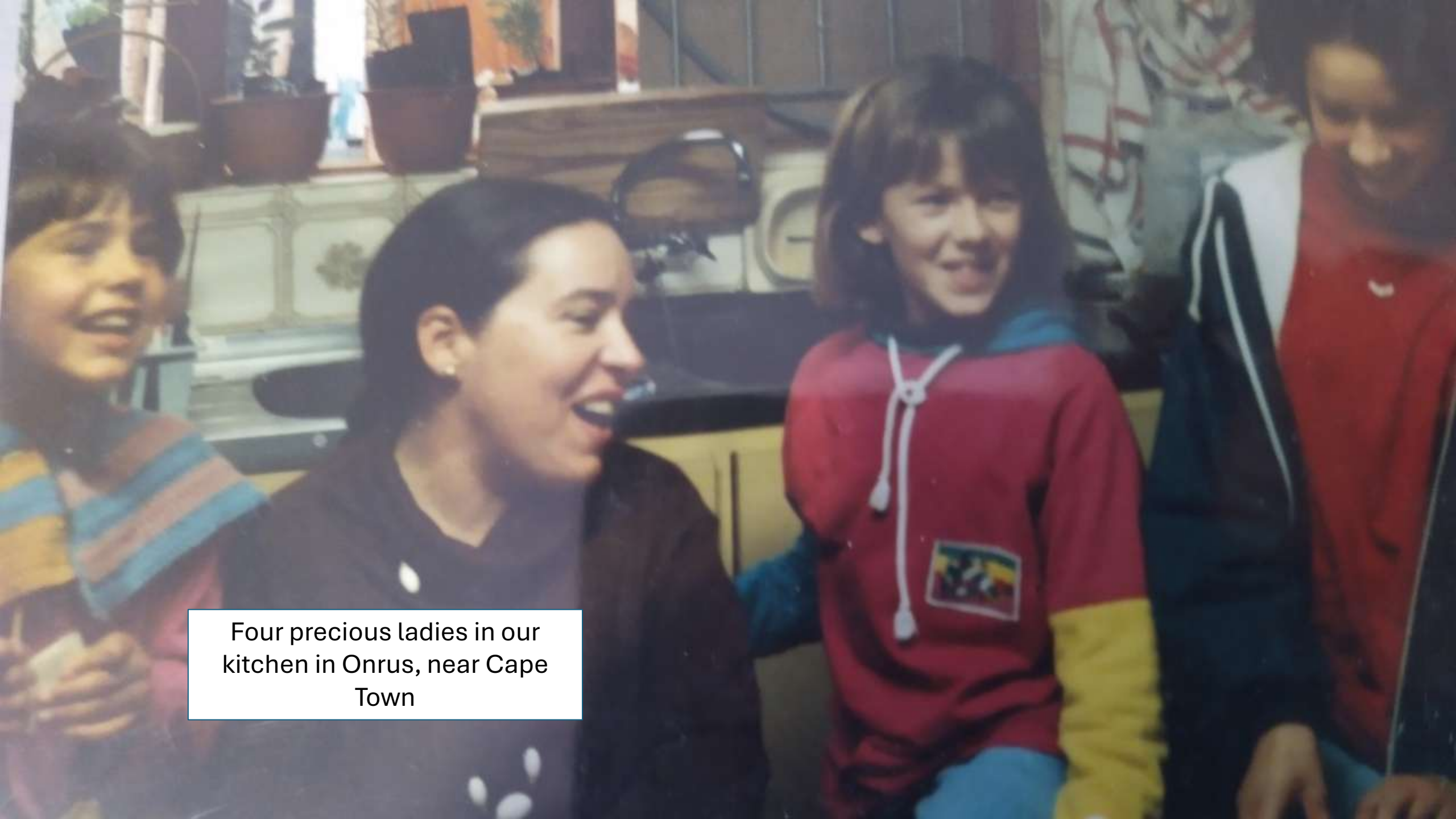


Milene joins and completes the family



Vacations usually involved
either hiking, or the Venter
trailer, or both! 😊





Four precious ladies in our
kitchen in Onrus, near Cape
Town



We loved hiking in the mountains behind Hermanus (near Onrus) with the Du Toit family



Our first camping trip in Zimbabwe – notice that our station wagon was not able to pull our trailer, so the 4x4 did the hard work! Bottom right shows the 2 vehicles and trailer on a ferry from our campsite to Kariba village.





Selling pottery at craft markets was an important additional income for our family



With Ronell (Mari's interior decorating business partner) in Switzerland – on a business trip!



Whitewater rafting on the Zambezi, just a little downstream from the Victoria Falls



Hiking the "Otter Trail"



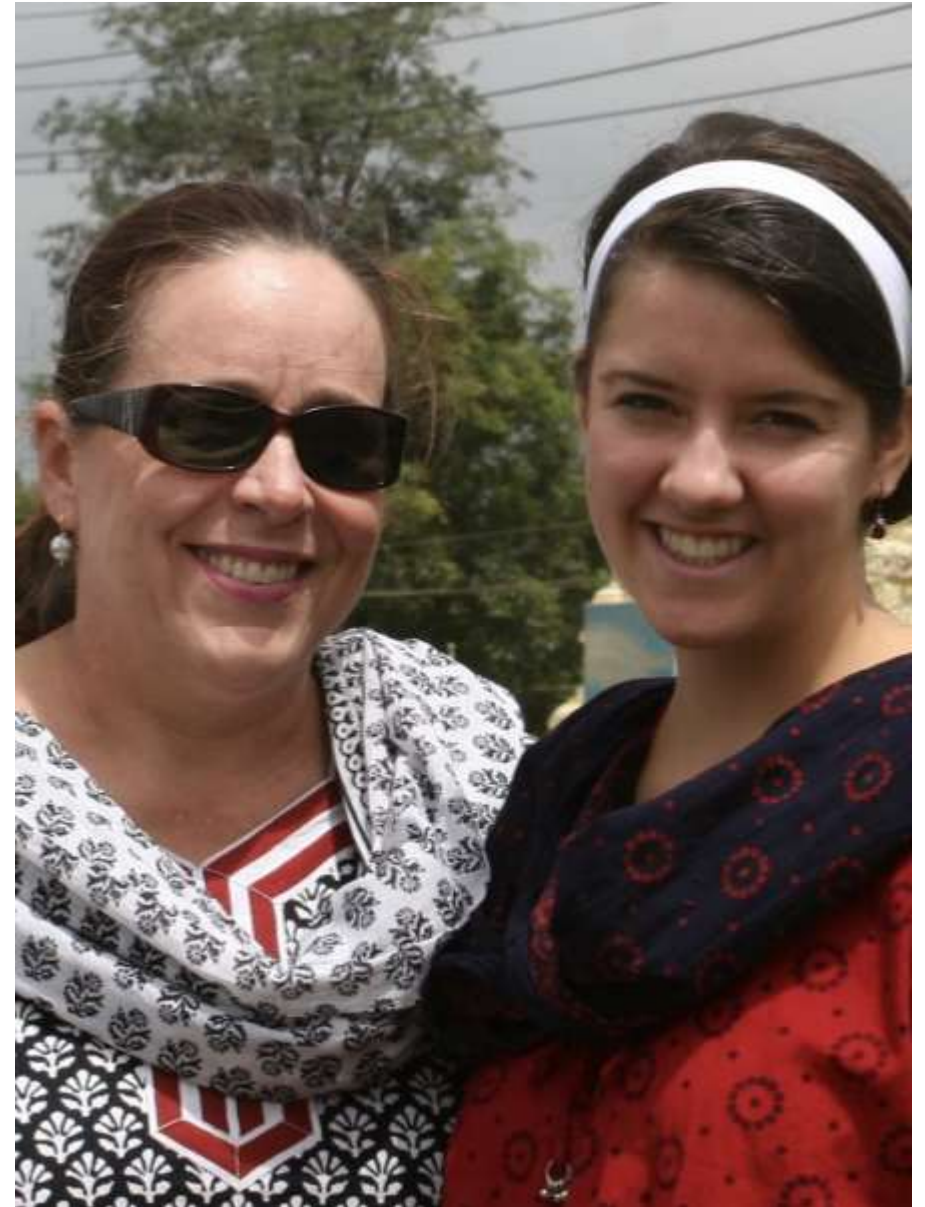
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TO



USA



Mari fell in love with the people of India – and eventually visited India 5 times!





Friends!!!

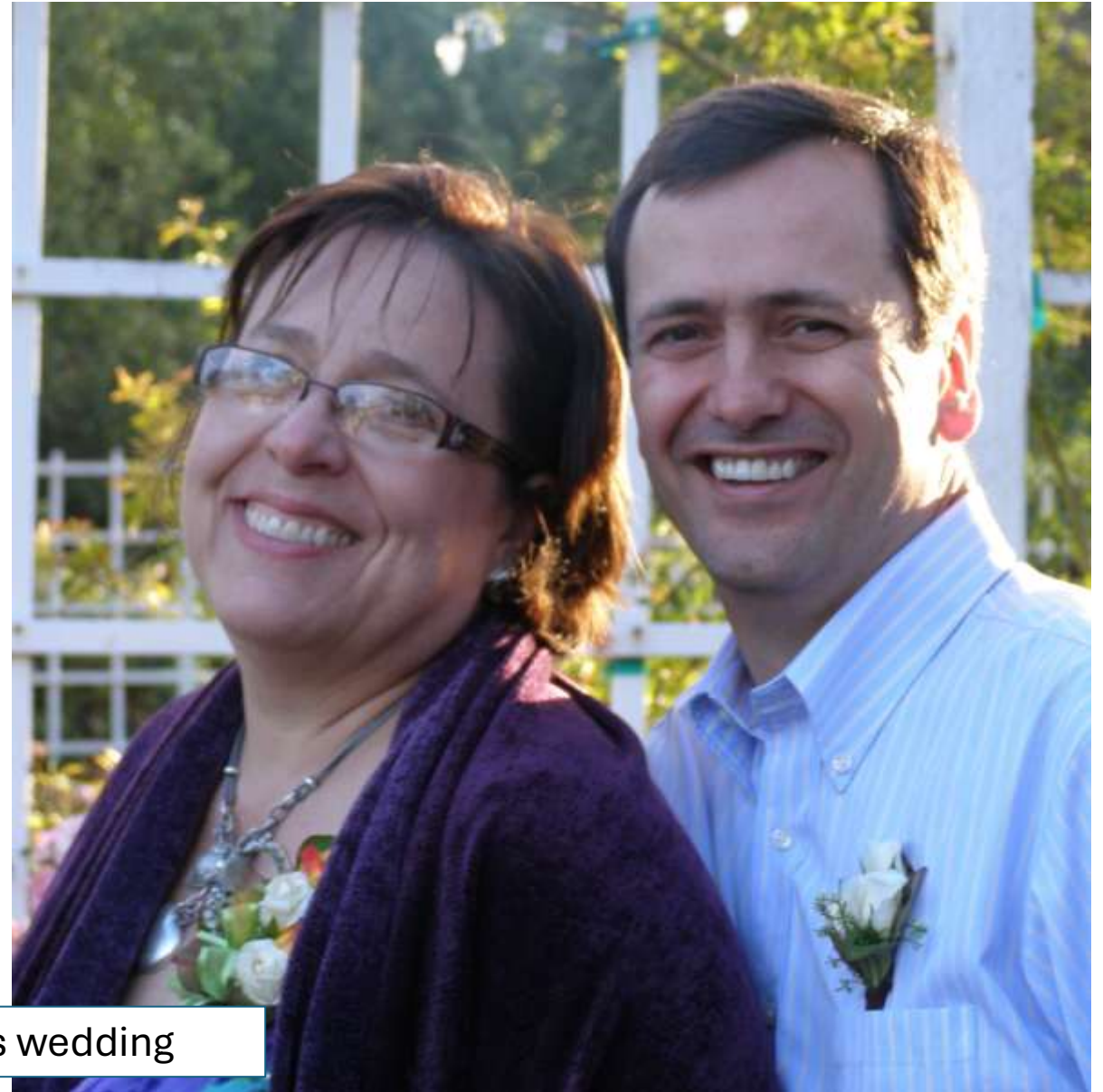


Mari in the florist shop in Los Gatos (CA) that she co-owned



We loved making pottery on the wheel!.







Jeanne & Tom's wedding



Bianca & Vratislav's wedding





House fire caused by a candle
on the piano – Christmas
morning 2012



The start of a wonderful tradition!

2011 – First family vacation (now with 3 sons-in-law!) in Cederberg, South Africa; no grandkids yet





2012 – Clara joined us for the
next family vacation in Hyeres,
France



2014 – family vacation in Pismo Beach,
California. Now also with Sebastian,
Andrew and Oliver



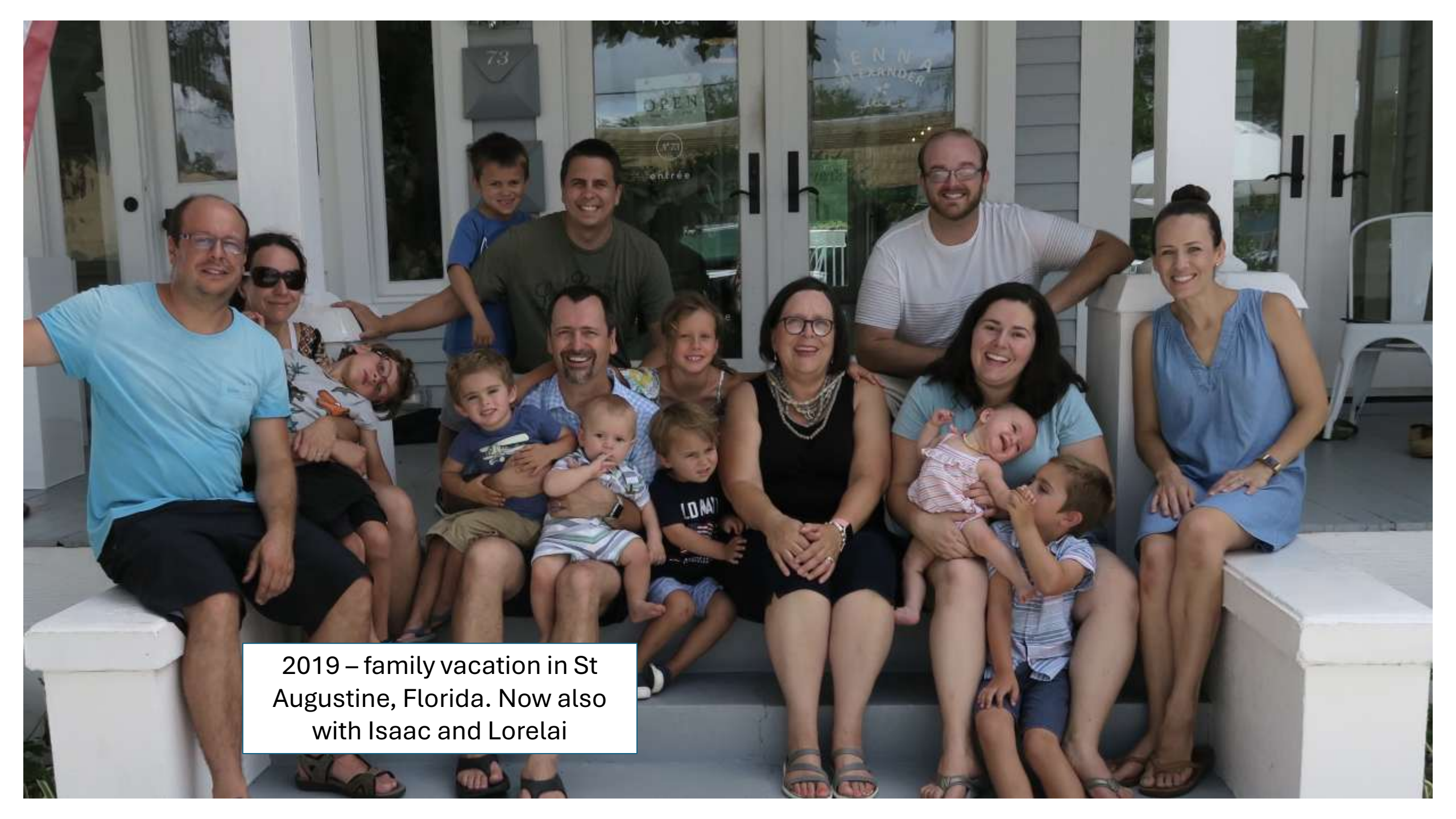
2017 – family vacation in Hermanus, South Africa. Now also with Michael and Elliot

2017 – family vacation in Hermanus,
South Africa. Fun times!!





2017 – Herman's mom (then 91 years old!)
with her (then) 6 great-grands



2019 – family vacation in St Augustine, Florida. Now also with Isaac and Lorelai



2020 – move to Georgia (in
middle of Covid time!)



Our new house in Woodstock,
Georgia (photo is more recent)



2022 – family vacation in Woodstock, Georgia. Now also with Matthew and Hudson.

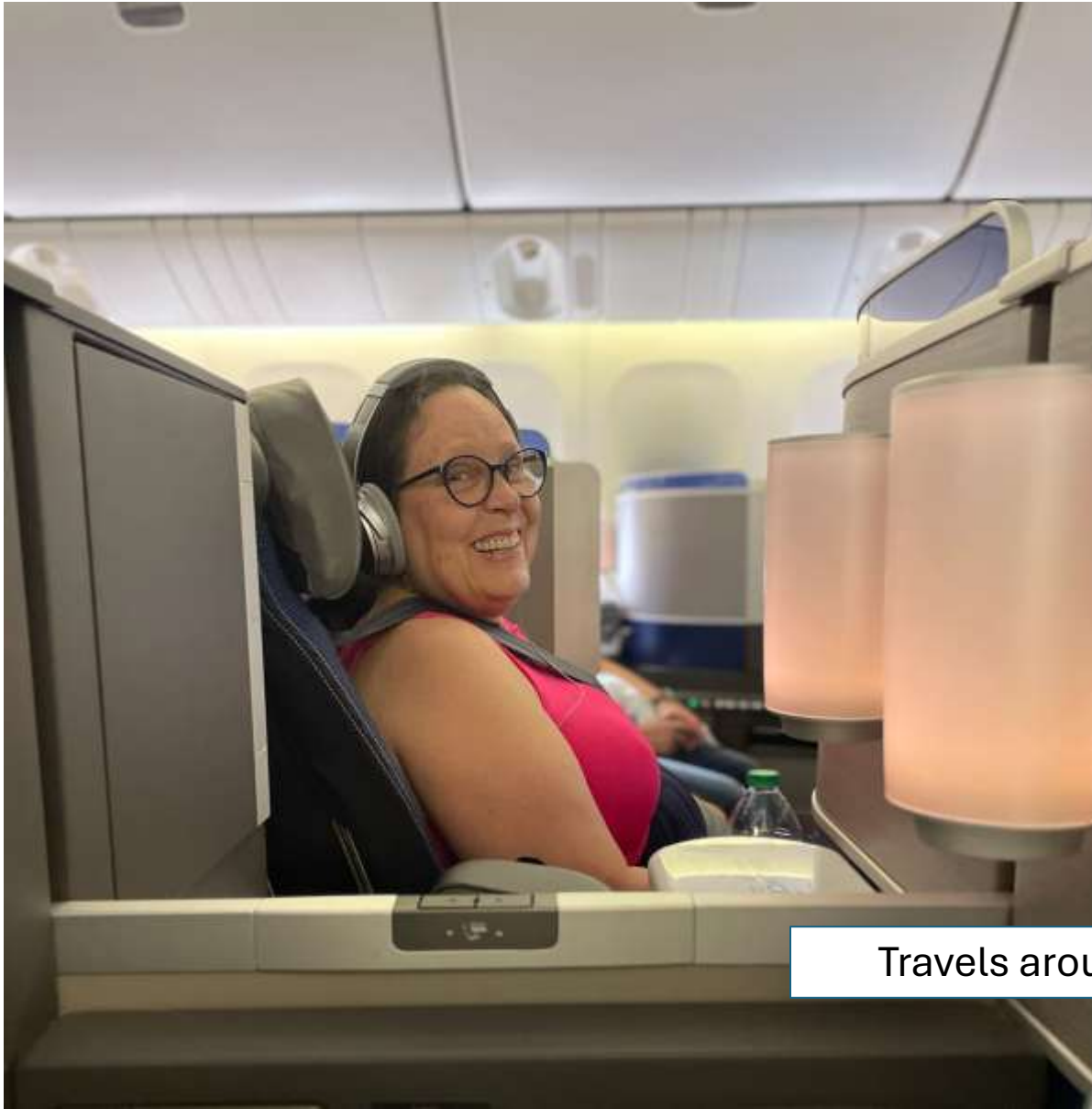


Mari designed the house, and her focus was on creating space for family and friends to gather!





Ladies tea party (“Galentine’s”) with neighbors and friends –
and with Clara who was visiting from France!



Travels around the globe





In 2023 we re-started pottery in downtown Woodstock, but sadly we never managed to finish those pieces ... until ... friends from the class finished them FOR US in January 2025!!!



Mari continued to paint until very close to the end



Did I mention? ... that SMILE!!!!



