

An Anniversary

An anniversary has passed. Well, actually a few of them. But the one that I am talking about happened on July 31st. When you are reading this article we will have lived in Five Forks in Calhoun County for 21 years... 21 years!! I can't believe it. It seems like only yesterday that two HUGE U-haul trucks pulled out of eighty four, Pennsylvania, headed for the hills of West Virginia.

One U-haul, full to the brim, was towing our 1976 Malibu on a car dolly. The car was full of our clothes. The truck was driven by my daughter's husband. The second truck (also full to the brim) was driven by my husband, Frank. He was towing our 1976 Chevy Pick-up (which we still drive). The cab of the truck was full of our food supplies. After all this was wild and wonderful West Virginia. I didn't know how wild or wonderful but we should have food just in case. The back of the pick-up was full of crates, cages, and boxes that held ducks, geese, chickens, and cats--our private zoo.

Behind the second truck was my pregnant daughter driving her husband's Chevy pick-up. In that truck was myself and my daughter's twin daughters. On the back of this truck was everything that just would not fit in the U-hauls or vehicles being towed.

And, last but not least, bringing up the rear of our caravan was Frank's brother and his wife in their van. It was full of all my house plants and a few shrubs that we brought.

So, there we were coming through Grantsville and up Nobe Road at 11:30 at night. I'm sure if any of the neighbors saw us -their thoughts went like this, "Good heavens! The Beverly Hillbillies are moving in!"

The Beverly Hillbillies are still here- 21 years later. I never looked back and I never missed Pennsylvania. I do miss my friends, but we keep in touch. I am so glad that we moved here. I love it here and I have made new friends—that are really good people.

I am proud to call West Virginia home. Even though I wasn't born here- I feel like I should have been. I feel like I really belong.

'Til next month.

Happy garden harvesting!!

~Judy~