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When I think of Steve and Julie, I remember the good times I had visiting in their home the two or three times I was up there, mostly for Greeneville High School class reunions in 1985 and 1990. However, there is one particular time that my husband, Doug and I were up there, seems like it was New Year's Eve, but maybe not.

Steve's ex-father-in-law (Joe Humpston) had passed away and left him a homemade wine collection that was nothing short of amazing. And we had a wine-tasting party that was nothing short of amazing! Steve's narration of each and every bottle, especially of the more exotic varieties (Banana Champagne was one I remember in particular) has us all rolling in the floor with laughter. That is what I remember, as well as his generosity – he gave us a JUG of elderberry wine to take home as a "memento" of the occasion.

I also have pictures of Steve trying to teach Doug to fly. We never knew whether he was a brave man or a fool!

I also give Steve full credit for introducing me to the radio show "Car Talk" and I think of him every time it comes on the air. For years, I had a license plate frame on my car that read: "I'm not laughing at you, I'm listening to *Car Talk*"

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to relive in my head some of these fond memories.