Congratulations….Lana!!

It is in moments like this, that Bob & I realize how time has passed us by and so much has happened! It seems just yesterday, that Lana and Tim came to us in NY, where Lana started school. Time has flown by so fast, it is difficult to comprehend. She has done extremely well in her studies, keeping herself on the Honor Roll throughout College. Information Systems was her major course of study with cyber forensics as her minor, which fits right into this very high tech society we live in. In addition she has matured into a fine young woman with strong values, learned to live on her own and has made some very good friends. The entire family is so proud of her! Like so many of her classmates she is currently working part time outside of her career field, while she continues to seek a job that will give her an opportunity to use her skills and prove herself.

We recently went to another graduation where I heard a speech that was inspirational. The presenter talked about the poem, "The Dash" written back in 1996 by Linda Ellis. She wrote it because events at her work place moved her to take a deeper look at what is really important in life. She used the dates on tombstones to demonstrate her point. That little dash between our birth date and the date of our death represents all that we stand for, all that we have become!! The question for graduates is are you looking at the right goals; are you looking at what really maters in life; do you need to change your outlook? Is a new car, cash, or other material things all that matters?? The fact is you do not know how much of that dash you have left….none of us do! How do you want to be remembered by the people you love? Now is the time to decide how you want to spend your dash!

You may think it odd for me to combine that poem with such a joyous occasion? I am a realist and the world we live in is constantly changing and at times very scary. There are frequent natural disasters, terrorist threats, etc. that have touched all of us in some way or other. These happenings are a reminder for all of us to review our "dash" relook at our personal goals and help our graduates to do the same...