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## Hodges Family Plunges Into Change with Hope for the Future

2015 was a time of change in the Hodges Family. For Jean it was to plunge into governance leadership as PFLAG National President and board chair. Maybe it was a calling to share the wisdom from 20 years of PFLAG experience from local to national levels. Maybe it was the echo of Jack's urging that "you are meant to do this". Maybe it was to be a cheerleader for change in an organization of some 400 chapters in 49 states seeking LGBTQ equality, acceptance and relevancy when rapid social change brings a false sense of completion. Or maybe it is for the exhilaration, the passion of making a difference for others that breathes new life and keeps the creative juices flowing in an 82 year-old still healthy body.



Jean's photo in People of Passion Project  
Photo by: Heidi Wagner on [Tumblr](#)

Beth found an opportunity in the "hot" real estate market in Longmont to sell her home of some 20 years within days of having it on the market. Letting go was the lesson and moving in temporarily with Mom was an unexpected opportunity for deepening their relationship to a new level of understanding in the midst of change. On Nov. 25 Beth closed on a cozy condo in North Boulder where she looks forward to making her new home. The family is proud of Beth for making this plunge.

Ben and Wayne made their own plunge to purchase a modest condo in Palm Springs as they dream about their retirement plan to trade future Colorado winters for California desert sun. It has meant traveling back and forth between Denver and Palm Springs to do necessary updating and long-distance supervision of their "mid-century modern" remodeling project. Check out progress on their Facebook page [The Fedora Suite](#). They

hope to complete this stressful dance by Christmas, in time for tourist renters.

For John, 2015 has meant willingly choosing single parenthood for the time being in his beloved Apex Valley to empower Denise's ambition to make her long-time dream of becoming a professional radio deejay come true. While Kate and Rhiannon finish high school in the next 18 months, John will faithfully keep the home fires burning while Denise meets the challenge of joining the new KBAD radio station in Sioux Falls, SD. John and his girls plan to spend Christmas with Denise. They are all excitedly "moving with change" into an unknown-as-yet future.

Immersed in their own personal growth, twenty-year-old grandchildren, Rae (living on her own in Nederland) and Kris (a junior at C.U.) are transitioning into their own futures.

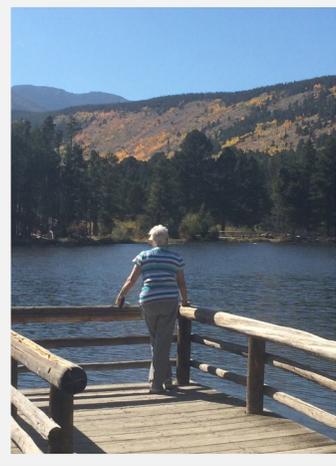


**"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance." Alan Watts**

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# Time to Remember Jack, Dad and Life Partner



Jack's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated on Sept. 30, 2015 with the placement of a simple granite bench where family and friends can rest a moment and meditate below Boulder's Flatirons backdrop in Green Mountain Cemetery.

## May the Blessings of this Holy Season Bring You

*Light emerging where there is darkness,  
Joy filled music where there is despair,  
Love unbounded in the midst of unthinkable hatred,  
Hope renewed because without it, the soul withers.*

*Happy Holidays from the Hodges Family*



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