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My 47 year old tree

Sunday, December 11, 2016

How long does an artificial tree last? I have read opinions and comments on this topic quite a lot recently.

This is Christmas 1969. Can you see the baby under the tree? Baby Jeannie was 3 months old and I sent this photo to DH who left for Vietnam right after she was born.



Here's the same tree this morning ready for Christmas 2016

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I made the tree skirt decades ago from material from my maternity clothes and the baby clothes of our 3 children. Every year it's a visual reminder of "the way we were."

Many of the ornaments were also on that tree in 1969. More were acquired from our travels.

Here DH & baby Jeannie are getting acquainted in Hawaii during his R&R.



Here's how the baby (Hayburner1969) looks at age 47.





I wonder how many other trees are approaching their "Golden Anniversary?"

Note:

The tree is a 6 ft "Scotch Pine" My Dad & I bought it in Sears for \$30. We got our money's worth!

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and I thought my trees were old

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MARYJEANSL

You surely did get your money's worth! We always had a real tree when I was growing up, and I guess I got it ingrained in me to always do that. Now my kids wouldn't hear of anything else. :-) I hope you had a very merry Christmas!

1625 days ago



RAYLINSTEPHENS

Thank you for such an uplifting blog!

I am wearing T-Shirts that are over 40 years old so your tree could live to be 100!



CD17264479



What a super blog and I love the pictures! My mom's artificial tree is still making the rounds and we've had it since I was a kid--and that makes it old, LOL. Will have to ask her what she paid for it.

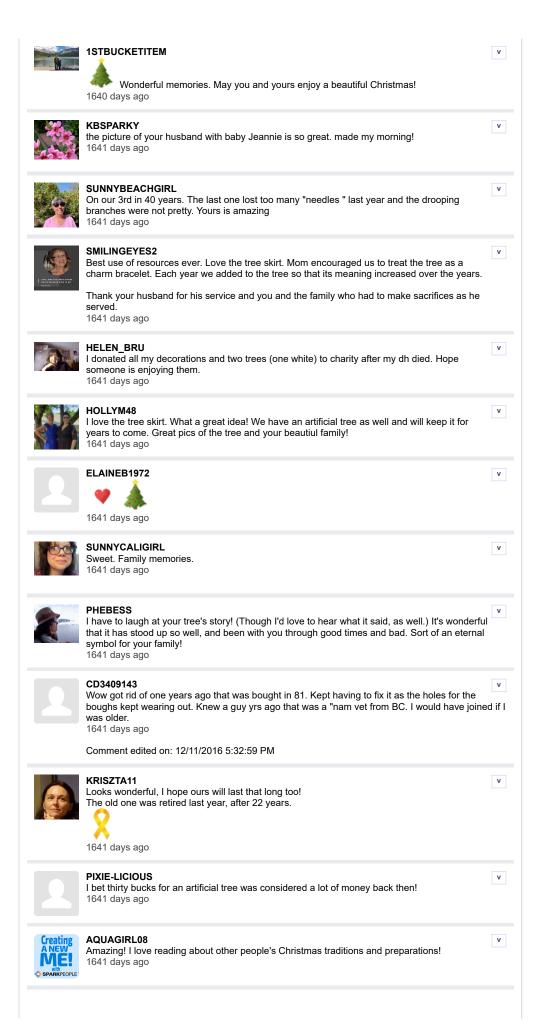
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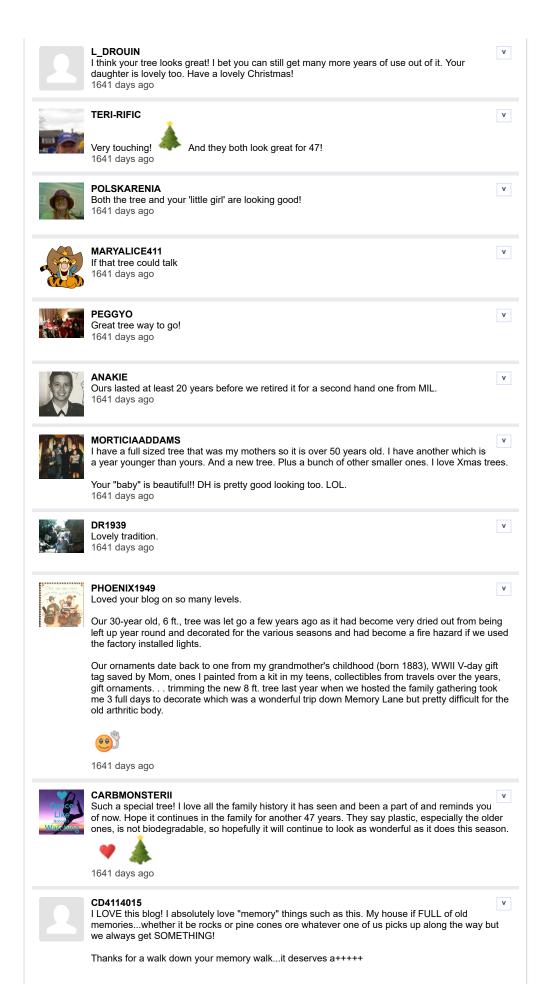


50YEARSAWIFE

That tree was worth every penny.

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ESSENTIALLYME

WOW!!! I can't even remember how many trees hubby and I have had in our 28 years. You definitely got your moneys worth!

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ECOAGE

Not sure of the exact age but I "inherited" the silvery tree with all its turquoise ornaments and spinning color wheel from mom-in-law. Maybe, I should pull it out of storage for the season. 1641 days ago



PRNCSCUP1-2FULL

Our tree was bought much later than 1969 and it didn't last! Shows you how the production of things changed in time. I bet \$30 was a lot at that time, but you certainly got your money's worth! what precious memories are part of that tree! Thanks for sharin git with us! And sharing your family too! Merry Christmas!

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SYLPHINPROGRESS

The tree and its skirt are your family's variation on The Tree of Life. The central figures in each photo are keepers.

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LIONESSFIT7

Wow! How have you been able to preserve it? Do you keep it in a box all year? 1641 days ago

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WATERMELLEN

What a fun blog: you did indeed get a lifetime of happy memories out of that investment!! 1641 days ago





LISAMARIE2015

Wow! That is impressive! They sure don't make things like they used to!! 1641 days ago





DOVESEYES

Love memories and tradition thanks so much :) 1641 days ago





ONEKIDSMOM

Mine would be getting close, but it got shuffled off in the divorce in 2003... I had purchased it for my first apartment in 1972. The one I have now is circa 2003, so it's 14, just a teen! 1641 days ago





NUMD97

٧ Your blogs, B_B, always evoke a lot of remembrances for me: How hard those first Christmases must have been for you, with an infant and a husband deployed to Vietnam. I am so happy (as I know you are, too) that he came back to celebrate many more Christmases with you and with the tree that started it all.

Beautiful way to cherish those times. May you celebrate many, many more together in peace. 1641 days ago



YELLOW09RED

It's beautiful.

I love your words "The way we were". It's awesome. Blessings for you all. Enjoy looking at it until you take it down.









CD8113065

Wow. Even factoring in the difference in picture quality, it looks better now than it did when it was new. What a wonderful piece of personal history and tradition. Happy holidays! 1641 days ago

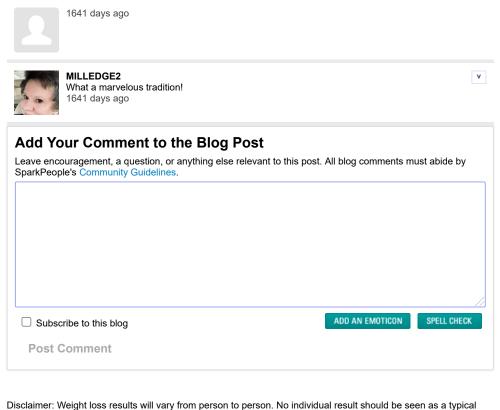
RO2BENT

You probably have the oldest of anyone I know



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