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Dear Rusty,

The decision to sell our home was a difficult one. Difficult, owing to the fact that we love "Island in the Sky" more now than when we purchased it a little over two years ago.

Our reason for selling is twofold. First, we are a very close family and our daughter and son-in-law are expecting their first born and our first and long-awaited grandchild! We are overjoyed and want to be with them given the fact that our daughter wants to continue her work as an environmental lawyer in Taos, New Mexico, and we know that rearing a child is best done with an extended family. Anticipating a second home in New Mexico means that financially we need to downsize. Second, having "retired" although continuing to work as an assisting bishop in Washington and part-time Rector of Emmanuel Parish, we anticipate some increased travel given the opportunity to accept some gracious invitations in line with my ministry and academic interests.

We, therefore, are putting our home on the market with some reluctance. "Island in the Sky," so dubbed by the couple that built and sold it to us, is just that, an island in the sky. The commanding view is alive in that it affords a panorama of cargo ships, tankers, tugs pulling barges, sailboats, ferries on the various waterways beneath us. Such activity is in evidence in the sky as well with airplanes of various vintages in and out of Eastsound and the winged – eagles, ravens, hawks, woodpeckers, hummingbirds and chickadees to name but a few. The village of Eastsound is also alive with activity as well as the distant cities of Sidney, Victoria, Friday harbor and Vancouver that we see aglow in the evening.

The park-like quality of the land coupled with the exceptional design and construction of the house have provided us with privacy and a sense of tranquility. It is not only a restful place but a holy space as well.

There are the many special features that this home offers which I am attaching. I wanted, however, to try to convey to you and to a future resident how much we love being here. In our 39 years of marriage, we have lived in 15 different houses, 4 of which have been homes, not simply residences. "Island in the Sky" tops the list.

Sincerely,


Craig and Lizbeth Anderson