



Perfectly Spoiled

THE KNIGHT FAMILY CALENDAR

2018

*This edition of our family calendar is presented with
hope that all in our extended family of Knights, young and old,
may be perfectly spoiled with good health and happiness in 2018.*

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I would spoil my Mom with unlimited groceries so that she wouldn't have to torture herself going to the grocery store anymore. I would spoil myself with VIP tickets to every home and away Nebraska game from now until the distant future.



■ Cooper Curtis

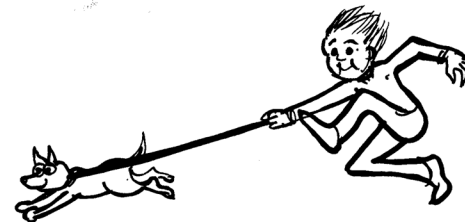


I would spoil myself by grilling a steak! A-1 sauce is a must! Then I would spoil my girlfriend Maribel by sharing the leftovers... (just kidding, sort of). I like to spoil others with random acts of kindness.

■ Austin Knight

I would like to shower my wife with roses every month for all she does to take care of me. If my health was better, I would love to take a long wonderful trip on a cruise ship. Any destination would do, as long as the weather was warm and sunny.

■ Gene Goodnough



I would help someone walk their dog for free.

■ Gavin MacMillan

If I could spoil someone it would be my friend Alonzo. He so far has a less fortunate life at home with financial issues. So, if I could, I would help him out and give him the dreams he has told me. Give someone the life I have always had and let them be happy with it. I would spoil myself with clothes, a closet full, so I could be suited for any situation at both houses. Not having to wear pants and socks over and over again due to only having one pair at each house, just being able to have variety too. The clothes would have matching outfits to wear every day. Shoes, socks, pants, shirts, and an occasional hat to make it perfect to start off every day in a good way. ■ Kyle Scherer

Note to Kyle: Maybe you could spoil yourself a little by doing your laundry. Love, Mom

I would spoil elephants, particularly those held in captivity. I am not a classic “animal lover” per se, although I have kept an occasional dog or cat as a pet. I also quite enjoy eating animals, especially salty pig parts or a medium rare filet mignon. But for some reason I am very passionate about elephants. My family thinks I was an elephant in a past life; I think it’s because I have fat knees. Elephants are charismatic, intelligent, emotional, have a complex social structure, and an inherent need for companionship. I am abhorred by the idea of holding them in captivity, especially when they are trained to perform in a circus or to assist in human labor. Elephants suffer equally in zoos, with limited space to roam, being forced to stand on hard concrete or packed dirt floors and are often separated from their family and friends. I have long been an advocate of closing circuses that feature elephant and other animal performers, and of moving elephants from inadequate city zoos to sanctuaries where they can live out their days in the company of their family and friends, roaming natural habitats free from fear, chains and harsh confinement. If I could I would spoil every captive elephant by rescuing and relocating them to a sanctuary where they can live peacefully and naturally. Upon reflection, this really isn’t “spoiling” but seeking to return to these most majestic animals their earthly due.

I would feel perfectly spoiled if every day I could have a conversation with my sons, Dylan and Kyle. Not just “How was school?” “Good.” “How was football?” “Good.” “How are your grades?” “Good.” I truly enjoy conversing with Dylan about a range of topics, such as Shakespeare, rap music, physics and sports. Kyle has a wicked sense of humor and always makes me laugh whether we are discussing mathematics or rock climbing or the inequities of poverty. I appreciate hearing their opinions, especially when they differ from mine. I hope I have taught them to be thoughtful, reflective and compassionate but also to stand up for what they believe in. It seems like many days we barely get beyond the nuts and bolts of the day and it is always so lovely to have time to sit down with them and have a real conversation. That seems like a great indulgence to me and I wish I could be spoiled in that way. ■ Rebecca Knight

Spoiling myself means never having to go to a "job" again. I would consider myself extremely spoiled if I had all the money I needed to enjoy the comforts of home and abroad. Staying busy doing things around the house, planning vacation days and camping trips with kids, gkids and other family members. Then having my girl trips with all my "girls" in all the most exotic spots in the world. When I travel thru the airports I imagine taking the kids on trips and spoiling them all the way there and all the way back. "Gramma's my name, Spoilin's my game" ■ Barbara MacMillan

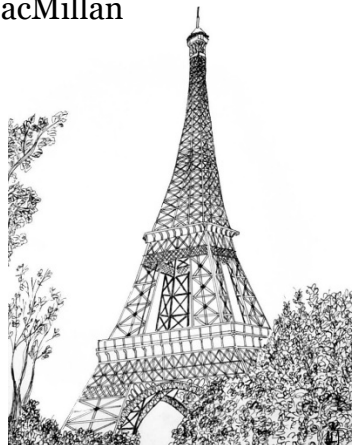
If I could spoil anyone it would be my little sister, Daisy. She loves, *loves* purple. I would buy her a purple dress. ■ Leilani Wolf

It's hard for me to think of any way that I spoil others, however, I think the Knight/Coughlin habit of spending time with each other qualifies as a way in which we spoil each other. I'm grateful that I've had lots of time in my life to be with my family and friends. In the same light as above, I would like to continue to be spoiled by my family, by their presence. I especially value the time I get to be spoiled by my family, to spend time with my kids and grandkids. I'm especially spoiled and blessed to be able to pick up Antonio after school each day, and I hope I'll be able to continue.

■ Jim Knight

I love to spoil other people with love, caring, and compassion. I love to be spoiled with the same kind of treatment. if I were to spoil myself I would travel the world visiting other countries trying to help as many less fortunate people than myself as I find great pleasure in trying to help other people.

■ Dan MacMillan



I would like to spoil Liz and Emmett by sending them on a summer-long vacation to Italy. I would like to spoil myself by accompanying them!

■ Vince MacMillan

To spoil others, I'd take them to tea, or if money were no object, to Disneyland. To spoil myself, I would like to take two hours, without interruption, to read. If resources were unlimited, I'd spend a day at the salon getting a manicure, haircut and massage.

■ Kenna Knight

To spoil the world, I would take Alzheimer's and toss it off a cliff. To spoil myself, I would go back to Paris and New York and see the things we missed before.

■ Jo Beth Raabe



I have never considered anything I do for others is an act of spoiling. However, when I was blessed with the ability to care for my elderly mother in her last years, it allowed me to spoil her in return for all the ways she had spoiled all of us. I also realized that me being free to care for my children and mother was made possible by my husband who worked hard his entire life to support me and let me be a stay-at-home wife. So, now that I'm looking backwards, I realize I have been spoiled all my life. Any time I can spend with my family is all the spoiling I need.

■ Maureen MacMillan

I like to spoil people, but it is such an individualistic thing. I have to get to know the person, so I can tailor my spoiling tactics. I feel spoiled when one of my professors decides to cancel class for the day.

■ Cameron Clay

I'd like to spoil Rebecca thermally. She'll be wearing a heavy winter coat (normally used on polar expeditions), electrically heated gloves and fur boots. Then I would put her on the tanning bed (on a hot summer day), and turn the heating in the room to max. And then, maybe, her teeth won't chatter!

To be spoiled, I'd like to get invited to Rosie's house for Thanksgiving, to enjoying Rosie's holiday cooking, enriched by Rebecca's turkey, Kenna's potatoes, and Jerry's stuffing. Are you asking where the "spoiling yourself" part is? Right here – no one else gets invited! I have all the yummy food just for myself!

■ Peter Ruzicka

I like to surprise my teacher (together with our whole classroom) for her birthday. To spoil myself, I would go out and buy a unicorn.

■ Janvi Sehjal

Everything in life is within your reach. To be loved for what each day offers, to do good for those less fortunate than myself, and to help people every day. I would love to have time with my husband at least one special night once a month. I love to give love and love to receive love in return. Everyone deserves to know their good qualities. I love my family and thank you for being my family.

■ Kelly MacMillan

I spoil people by finding out about their interests, likes and needs, and then do what I can to help them and put a smile on their faces. I like to spoil myself by having a spa day with a massage and mani/pedi!

■ Jehnie Cutts

I love to spoil others with laughter, joy, and happiness! Spoiling myself involves a LOT of food! Any food. Just send it my way!

■ Andy Ruzicka

I like to spoil others with chocolate, clothes, shoes and jackets. Come to think of it, I would like to be spoiled in much the same way, with shoes, shoes, shoes, and perhaps some clothes.

■ Jordan MacMillan

I say yes too often. I would spoil myself by going to the Gem and Mineral Show in Tucson.

■ John Raabe

I would like to spoil my husband Dick and buy him a house in the country, somewhere, and a winter home on Mau'i or Kau'i. Then pray for good health and happy times.

■ Charlene Sargent

As we've all heard before, spare the rod and spoil the child. I can attest to that. Although I've given my boys whatever I could when I could, by no means are they spoiled rotten. Growing up with five siblings meant we got what we needed and on passing what we wanted. One of the cheapest and easiest ways I spoiled my boys when they were growing up, no mandatory bed times when school is out, and sleep for as long as you like. My reason for this form of spoiling them, I had a mandatory bed time which was way too early. "No" has never been in my vocabulary.

Spoiling me is simple, just be a happy soul and smile.

■ Nick MacMillan

I like to make coffee for Maureen every morning, and, when we have guests, I like to make coffee for them too. Once a year, usually right before Christmas, I cash in all my change and buy myself a nice bottle of single malt whiskey.

■ Jud Finley

I like to spoil myself by seeing friends. I like to spoil Daniel by playing football with him. A lot.

■ Christopher Knight

I would spoil my mom with my love. I would make her breakfast every day. I would give her presents, and over all I would spoil her with my Love. I have written this poem for her...

If I had a chance to spoil you	Mother, you I adore
It would be with pockets full of love	I'll spoil you with my love galore!
If I had a chance to spoil you	Mother, you are above
I would give you two turtle doves.	I spoil you with my love!

■ Jasmin Wolf

I like to spoil others with out-of-the-blue surprises and lasting impressions. If I was to be spoiled I'd wish for unconditional support and new experiences.

■ Jesse MacMillan

I would like to spoil Ellie (our dog) with lots of prosciutto and cheese. I would like to be spoiled with watching a movie at nighttime, wrapped up in a blanket, eating McDonald's.

■ Dylan Scherer

I like to be thoughtful and treat someone to something. I would spoil myself by going to Washington, D.C.

■ Mary Kay Kemp

I spoil my boyfriend, Jake, by finding ways to make his life easier, sometimes in childish ways. Last week Jake said to me, "I hate tying my shoe laces! It drives me mad!" So, I went to the store and asked the lady, "Excuse me. Do you happen to sell the non-tying twirly shoes laces that kids use? And do you happen to sell them in adult sizes?" Now Jake doesn't have to tie his shoes anymore! When I feel like spoiling myself I get into my mini-van (named Horace, aka Jerry and Rosie's former car) and drive to Papa Murphy's. I order a cheese, tomato, and mushroom pizza. Then I drive Horace back to my house and watch a Disney movie. Sometimes, I stay awake 'til the end. Aaah, the exciting life of a teacher.

■ Alena Ruzicka

The way I like to spoil others is to talk to them a bunch. I like to spoil myself by playing on our PlayStation.

■ Daniel Knight

I like to spoil myself with taking road trips on my motorcycle. There is something very special about hitting the open road and forgetting about life for a minute!! LIVE TO RIDE....RIDE TO LIVE!! As far as spoiling others, I like to give a bigger than expected tip to restaurant servers who provide me with exceptional service. I often see servers who are working really hard simply to try and provide for a family.

■ Mike Knight



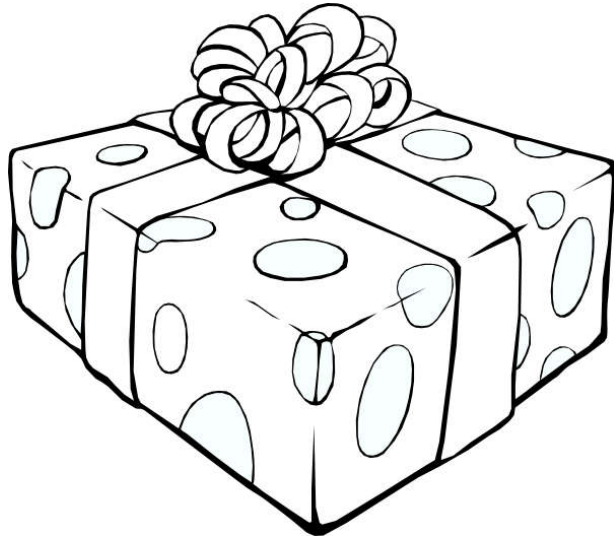
Who I think needs to ALWAYS be spoiled is my mother, Kathi. I love her to pieces! How I would spoil her is I would buy her an ice cream store so she could eat ice cream any time she wanted, needed, or desired! Ice cream has always been a very important staple in our diet and I understand that without ice cream, I would not be here! Thanks ice cream!! (hee hee)

How I like to be spoiled is, I like to wake up early in the morning on a summer or early fall day, hop on the back of my husband's motorcycle and drive through Independence Pass to Glenwood Springs. We then spend the day in the hot springs taking naps both in the water and in the lounge chairs. I feel the universe spoils me with an abundance of beauty that tickles all of my senses.... the sights, the smells, the sounds. Thanks Universe!!

■ Christi Clay

I like to spoil my mom with a homemade gift,
and I like to be spoiled with things I have been wanting.

■ Jewelie Sehjal



I like to spoil people with my magical
cooking skills. P.S., I don't like to be spoiled.

■ Thomas Knight

I am spoiled just by being part of this grand, extended family. We're not blessed in riches, but rich in blessings.

I know my own parents enriched, valued and found nourishment for themselves in the folds of our often vexing, sometimes pleasing, but always entertaining brood. I expect this holds true for the rest of you, too, in the many other family groupings we count as part of our own. I spoil myself every year by indulging in this annual madness of creating our family calendars, and it's been worth it. I hope it makes you feel a little spoiled, too. ■ Dennis Knight

I would like to go to Disney World or Disney land with my friends and family. ■ Gideon Gauthier

I would like to take a nice long cruise with the family and spoil us all. ■ Eileen Knight

If my Mom was still alive, hands down, she would be my favorite person to continue to spoil. She meant the world to me, and to make her happy (in large and small ways) was something I loved to do. Of course, she never expected anything special from me or my sisters. Just having us around her was enough to make her happy. This made it all the more joyful to go beyond her sweet and simple expectations.

But now I have no Mom or grandkids to spoil, so I spoil my little dogs. I have two darling Chiweenies (Chihuahua dachshund mixes) named Henry and Turbo who are both three years old and both rescue dogs. They give lots of love and get it back in return from me. They both had bad starts in life so giving them a secure home with toys and treats, healthy food and warm beds, exercise and friends and family who love them means everything to me and, I hope, them. They love to go in the car even if it's just to get the mail and they love their walks. They both love to bark, but are pretty good about stopping when I tell them to. Henry is the more serious, "little man" of the twosome and Turbo is just as his name implies - a bundle of energy and enthusiasm. I'll go on spoiling them for the rest of their lives. It's a good investment for the three of us!

As far as spoiling myself I would say that going on vacation three or four times a year would be heavenly. Anywhere from three to seven days each time would do the trick. Are there any volunteers out there who would like to fund this "spoil myself" venture?? Didn't think so. Sigh. ■ Patty Kelly

I would treat all my family to a long three-day weekend at Estes Park in Colorado where we would have lots of good food, laughter, fun, and share old memories and make new ones. Two of my favorite things to do just for "little ole me" are long walks, especially on the beach, and double scoop ice cream cones, strawberry being my favorite.

■ Kathi Goodnough

I would like to get an occasional house cleaner to give Rosie a break from those chores. The problem is she would work twice as hard for two or three days beforehand to be sure the house cleaner wouldn't find anything that needed cleaning. For my part, I would like to have a landscaper drop by out of the blue who would turn our yard into a beautiful masterpiece that required no maintenance. ■ Jerry Knight

Any day that Jerry has eggs for breakfast is a good day for him. It might not be considered spoiling him, but it makes him happy and starts his day off right. I especially enjoy going to Golden to sit by Clear Creek and have lunch – then stroll along the creek to watch the kayakers and see the sights. ■ Rosie Knight

If I could spoil anyone it would be Joseph Jay Wolf, for he has always cared for me, loved me, provided for me (and he still does.) In return I lack respect, obedience, and love. He deserves all three of those times 100. So I would, and am going to spoil him with Respect, Obedience, LOVE. In Jesus mighty name!!! ■ Isaias Wolf

I like spoiling people by cooking for them just like my Oma in Germany. I feel spoiled when all the kids come home for vacation put their dishes in the dishwasher. ■ Gunther Slizewski

Having fun with my Grandkids and making my husband a nice big steak. ■ Denise Wolf

I would spoil my boyfriend, Abner, with KC Royals tickets and jerseys, because he loves them. I would spoil myself with unlimited coffee forever. ■ Rowan Curtis

I would help take care of someone. ■ Broden MacMillan

I like to spoil my family by planning tasty meals and buying them treats at the grocery store. I would like to spoil myself by staying in bed and relaxing on the weekend, instead of jumping out of bed with the alarm.

■ Liz Quinn MacMillan

As one gets to a certain age, I am not saying old, there is an obligation to spoil the others around. I find children are easy for me to spoil. Children will smile at my attempts to spoil. I don't know who is getting the most happiness, but I get more than my share. In this way I spoil myself. Finally, I worry, no I am confused, about the definition of spoiling. Isn't it important to enjoy something before it spoils? ■ Mary Knight

I'd like to help my mom and grandmother invest time to go out and learn things through classes, travel, or whatever. To do things they always wanted to do without worry of time and money. ■ Tracy Wolf

I would love to spoil by beginning new relationships, creating new memories, and making people happy! I like to be spoiled with love, acceptance, and good food.

■ Grace Carl

We are a family of seven. I tried very hard to decide who I would spoil, and I was not able to come up with just ONE name. I love everyone in my family and, since they all have to put up with me, I deem them all worthy of being spoiled, if just in theory. I was on Groupon recently and saw a cabin in a treehouse for rent. It was \$175.00 for a one-night stay. If money were no object, I would love to take my entire family for a week stay. I would also add a cook to the spoiling, so we would not have to stop having fun to prepare meals or clean up afterwards.

■ Maria Wolf



I always desire to spoil Mary, but seldom accomplish it. Perhaps the closest I come is simply when I spend time travelling with her on long or even very short trips, usually in the car. We talk, listen and laugh, less concerned about the destination than the journey. I know Mary loves those occasions, as do I. I'm not sure this meets the criteria to be considered spoiling, but it is important to us both.

As for myself, if given the opportunity, I would spoil myself with something I have long wished for but have never had. I would have a nice workshop, fully tooled, that I could call my own. Lately I have been accumulating more tools, with Mary's forbearance, but I don't have a space to use them. I reckon I'll just continue to make do and keep the pipe dream alive.

■ Mick Knight

I like to spoil my friends by preparing a nice meal for them. I like to spoil me by taking myself out to dinner.

■ Joleen Knight

Who Do I spoil? Obviously, I spoil my girlfriend Morgan. Whether she admits it or not, I spoil her with really good jokes and funny stories. Sometimes she even laughs. I like to be spoiled by being able to sit down all Saturday and Sunday and watch football and maybe Morgan brings me food and water so that I never have to leave the couch. All she has to do is check my pulse every once in a while.

■ Ian Clay

This is an easy one! If I could spoil anyone it would be my kids - by taking them on a trip around the world. There's really no place I wouldn't want to go, but at the top of the list would be Victoria Falls in Zambia, because Rowan wrote a report on it in elementary school; Tokyo, because I took them there many times when they were little, but they have almost no memory of it; the UK, land of (most of) their mom's kinsman; Italy, because of the food and the architecture; and Norway, to view the Aurora Borealis.

If I could spoil myself in any way, it would be to take the same trip around the world but to include not just Cooper and Rowan but also my boyfriend, Dave, and his boys, Lyndon and Miles. All, I believe, would be great traveling companions because they love adventure as much as I do!

■ Jill MacMillan

I like to spoil the boys by letting them stay up late to have a bowl of cereal with me before bedtime. I like to spoil Kenna by taking her to a restaurant that she likes.

I try to stick to a tight schedule on weekdays, so on weekends and evenings, whenever possible, I like to spoil myself by having no schedule whatsoever. I especially like to get in the car and go on road trips with no reservations in hand or destination in mind. I also like to eat Oreos and drink bottles of Mexican Coke, but not at the same time.

■ Kevin Knight

I like to spoil Oliver, my favorite stray cat, by giving him lots of petting. I would like to spoil myself by doing lots of research and learning everything I can online and with books.

■ Emmett MacMillan

