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Hey there

My brother Rick and his wife visited us Sunday and Monday of this week as they were driving through.

They live on the east coast near New York City and we don't get there much, and they don't have much of a reason to visit us in Alabama. We're not exactly on the beaten path here.

So, I was more than pleased that they made a special detour to come to our house in the woods.

Six years younger than me, we seemed a lifetime apart when we were kids.

But I do remember that he burnt the barn down leaving roasted a pig (being fattened for winter sustenance) and a melted riding lawnmower.

Always the lady's man, even at 6 years old, he had two girlfriends with him in the barn and decided it was a good day for a hotdog roast in the hayloft.

Yep - matches and three kids in the hayloft! Ingredients for a first-class disaster.

When my mother heard running water outside, she peeked out the window and glimpsed him running from the house to the barn with an empty pork 'n beans can full of water as he tried to douse the flames that were quickly eating the entire barn.

No one was hurt - except for my brother's butt. The kids were checked for burns - none, but the barn was totaled in a smoldering heap.

Even though he's 53 years old now, I really don't know him that well. I left home when I was 17 and he was just 11. So, when he went off to build his life, we really didn't spend much time together except Christmas.

Unfortunately, my favorite memory of him is the burning barn and the hotdog roast.

That's the story that always comes to mind when I think of

Rick.

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