

Cheryl and James,

I want you to know that I enjoy my yard every single day, more than you could possibly imagine, considering that in the 18 years I lived at my previous home in San Diego I almost never went into the backyard even though it had a pool. After I shattered my elbow and broke my arm last month, I have dealt with a great deal of pain, but one of the biggest joys in my life - which helps me forget the pain - is going out on my swing. I go out there often in the morning and, no matter what, every single evening at sunset. And I can swing for an hour or two at a time without even realizing the time has gone by.

For the front yard, I have ordered a glider for my little patio, and I can't wait for it to come in September. It's going to be the perfect hangout place when the sun is too hot in the backyard to swing.

I love the plants and the way they are arranged, and I love the flow of the concrete walkways and patio areas. You have done an incredible job at creating a yard that I really use and enjoy, as opposed to just an outdoor area that is just a nuisance to maintain and one that I pay little attention to.

You just need to know that you have brought incredible happiness to my life. By the way, Jack and Joe and even our son, Cameron, are enjoying the outdoors, too, but probably not as much as I am because I like to hog the swing and keep it all to myself.

Kathryn