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years, and in 35 seconds, you're done falling."

It was a bit windy that day, so all of the tandem jumpers were instructed to touchdown on their rear ends rather than their feet. "You just lift everything up, like a bad Pilates, and he (the instructor) lands on his butt and I land on him, basically," Becky said.

After gently hitting the ground, she was soon reunited with Dave and Dan. All three of them were pumped full of adrenaline after such an extreme physical and emotional experience.

"It's euphoric," she said.

The three siblings celebrated by going out to eat and dining on barbecued ribs.

"I think at that moment, we were all really, really conscious – and this is why I feel bad for Steve – that the three of us did something together. Talk about a bonding thing. Nobody else shared it. I think if Steve were in the United States at the time, he would have jumped, too.

"It makes my dad teary to talk to about it," Becky said. "I sent him the picture of the three of us that was taken after the jump, and I wrote 'Your crazy kids love you,' and gave it to him for Father's Day. He said it was one of the greatest Father's Day gifts he's ever gotten."

Not being a parent herself, she said, "I don't know what it feels like to know that your kids love each other enough to do something like that together.

"But that seems really, really meaningful to him," Becky said.

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