

FACES & NAMES

How long have you lived in Magnolia Point?

Ben, a southern native of Cascade, Virginia moved to Magnolia Point May 2023; Shirley (Lee), a native of the Philippines, moved here in November 2023.

Who's in your immediate family, at home here or elsewhere?

Ben: A son in Orlando with three grandchildren and a daughter in Austin TX. Shirley: four daughters and three grandchildren in Hampton, Charlottesville, & Richmond, VA.

Do you have any pets?

Lexi is our 6-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog (Bernedoodle), and is also a 2nd year trained service animal.

What was your passion at 16?

Ben: Obeying my parents, taking care of family since 16, and Interior/Exterior Design. Shirley: Singing & becoming a doctor.

And now?

Ben: Enjoying retirement after serving 43 years of Air Force combined military and civilian service. Also, continue to attend classic car shows with my 2000 Harley-Edition F150. Shirley: After 12 years serving as a Dental Assistant at Walter Reed Hospital, Bethesda Maryland, continue doing the same at NAS JAX. Also, continue to connect and collaborate with friends globally by continuing my Smule Karaoke singing hobby.

What advice would you give to a 16-year old today?

We both agree on keeping God first, honoring your parents & family, and staying in school for the best education.

What do you like most about your home?

We love the pool, serenity of the back yard, and the quiet neighborhood. More importantly, our neighbors are super nice and in addition to their kindness during Halloween, Christmas, and yard sales, many came over for food and conversation to celebrate Shirley's birthday...how wonderful is that!

Do you have any household projects in the 'planning' or 'dream' stage?

Ben has been upgrading the landscaping for months and we both love flower and vegetable gardens, so we plan more of all of those things in the future...there's always more to be done!

Do you see yourself living here in 5 years?

Definitely! We love the area and the friendly people we meet every time we are walking or riding through the neighborhood.

SHIRLEY & BEN HAIRSTON

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