

## Meet Wayne & Alice



### A Home for Their Love Story

Alice was born and raised in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The third of four children, she was a social butterfly from day one. She loved people and aspired to one day have a career in the fashion industry. However, circumstances led her to join the workforce shortly after high school. Alice's first marriage lasted thirteen years. She has two beautiful daughters, and six precious grandchildren.

Wayne was born in Coral Gables, Florida. Wayne, and his younger brother Rick, were raised by their parents in Homestead, Florida. They lived together in the same house all their life. Wayne enjoyed baseball, stock-car racing, and working with his hands. He is very well versed in all things concrete, welding, and electrical. In 1977, Wayne relocated to Murfreesboro, TN to get married and start a family. Wayne's first marriage lasted twenty-four years. He has two children, and five grandchildren.

Wayne and Alice met through a mutual friend and went on their first date in September of 2008. After a five-year courtship, the couple got married in September of 2013. Shortly after, Wayne retired, and Alice began working for Wal-Mart at the Bakery.

Currently, they live in a duplex with beautiful landscaping that Wayne works on and is located in a community they love. However, God kept putting homeownership on Alice's heart. "I shopped in the ReStore often, would see the houses being built, spoke to one of the Habitat employees, and wondered if it was a possibility," Alice explained.

Alice took a leap of faith and applied for the program. She was denied, but she was not discouraged. In 2020, Alice applied again. Unfortunately, she was denied again. After a kind soul told her that she could see Alice and Wayne in a home, their hope was renewed.

When the time came for them to apply again, they almost missed the deadline. "I was planning on coming the week of the deadline but found out the office closed due to the snowstorm," Alice said. "I was so sad but then found out Habitat had extended the applications deadline for one more week." This gave her a good feeling that they would finally be accepted.

Alice received the phone call that she and her beloved were accepted into the Habitat Program and on their way to becoming homeowners on the day of her 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday. They both screamed, they were so excited! Wayne and Alice are thrilled to be at this point in their journey and are enjoying each milestone as it comes. They are looking forward to having a home that is completely their own, a place that will offer security, and a friendly neighborhood for their family to visit. "It is going to be really something when they hand us the keys to our home," Wayne said with a smile.

The couple would like to thank Ann Hoke & Associates for sponsoring their Panel Build and Nissan for sponsoring their home build as well as the individuals who help build it. It is people like them that make homeownership possible and achievable for others.