

Patricia



I was born in Hicksville, NY, and I am the oldest of five siblings. We spent the summers at Jones Beach, camping in upstate NY, and a highlight was taking the train into Manhattan. I received my Associate degree in Biology from Farmingdale A&T College, then, during my early years as a lab technician, I studied for my nursing degree at night. As I was finishing my RN degree, my day job at American Flavor and Fragrance Corporation held my attention. Flavoring became my main interest which took me to France and Italy on professional study tours where I visited rose, jasmine and lavender fields. Although I completed my nursing degree, I decided I wanted to be a flavorist and commenced on that journey which became my passion for 35 years.

In 1989, I became a certified scuba diver and over the years have traveled many times to the Caribbean (Belize, Honduras, Curacao, Grand Cayman Islands, Cozumel, Bahamas). Later my career as a flavorist took me to Greensboro, NC, in 1998 to be a lab manager at Mother Murphy's Flavor Company.

Tami and I met in 2003 and immediately shared our love of scuba diving and travel which took us on trips back to the Caribbean and later to Bali, Indonesia.

While looking for a place to settle we were impressed that Durham was given a 4 STAR rating by the STAR Community. We were also happy to discover that Durham has many wonderful international restaurants and Duke University has OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute). We are now looking forward to living in community with our friends at Village Hearth.



Tami

My father was career Navy, so my life as a Navy brat provided me with a wonderful opportunity to see the world – moving every 3 years! I was born in Kenitra, Morocco, lived for several years in California and Connecticut. We later lived in Hawaii, Italy, Puerto Rico and Greece.

I earned my BS and MS degrees at Radford University and later received my doctorate degree in Audiology from the University of Florida. After opening a private audiology practice in High Point, NC, in 1989, my professional career spanned 30 years. My interest in building my first home led me to get my real estate license. Later I attended Rookie School and became a certified law enforcement officer for the City of High Point as a volunteer Reserve officer for seven years.



In 2003, I met Patricia which renewed my interest in scuba diving. With our careers and our interest in travel we have been fortunate to travel around the world and have created incredible memories. In 2017, I fully retired and continue to enjoy traveling with my spouse, Patricia. We recently purchased an RV, so we can now travel around this great country.

We started looking for our forever home and, after considering many places (even overseas), we decided Village Hearth in Durham, NC, had everything we needed - close proximity to an international airport, culture, excellent medical care and easy access to the ocean and the mountains!