

# *about us*

## ANNE KILLILEA & MARION BETHEA



*Anne...* I grew up riding bikes everywhere, catching lightning bugs and playing Red Light and Mother May I on summer evenings in the small southern town of Clemson, South Carolina, home of Clemson University. My father was a physician for all of the sports teams at Clemson University, so I became a Tiger fan at an early age. I loved everything about the atmosphere of living in a college town. After high school, instead of going to Clemson, I decided to “see the world” and made it all the way to The University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina where I became a member of the Kappa Delta sorority and fully enjoyed college life. Graduating with a degree in education and marketing, I expanded my idea of seeing the world by heading to Nantucket, MA and later to Stowe, VT for a winter of skiing.

Vermont and New England were so different from the south. In spite of the harsh winters, I loved it and ended up staying there for seven years and met my husband, Kevin, in Stowe. We were married in 1979 and later moved to Burlington, VT. During this time, I also began a career with Trans World Airlines and finally had an opportunity to really see the world!

After a visit to Naples in January 1982, we returned to minus zero weather in Burlington and decided that Piña Coladas at the Beach Club Hotel in 85 degree weather in January was a much better way to live. We sold everything and made the move to Naples. It was such a small town then and everyone knew each other. The pace was much slower. In the summer, many of the store fronts were covered with brown paper and had signs that said “See you next season” in the windows. Anything north of Pelican Bay was considered to be out of town. When the Ritz-Carlton opened its doors in late 1985, the world discovered Naples. Additions like the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, now Artis Naples, and Waterside Shops further put Naples on the map. Our daughter, Caitlin, who is a native Neapolitan, grew up in a much more cosmopolitan Naples than the one we discovered in 1982.

I began a career in real estate in 1982 specializing in selling the most exclusive residential areas of Naples and joined The Lutgert Companies in 1990 as Project Sales Coordinator for the Le Ciel Venetian and Park Towers. In addition to these projects, I represented several other luxury beachfront high-rises including Le Jardin, Provence, Sancerre and Aria. After twenty plus years selling beachfront condominiums in Park Shore, I love sharing my in-depth knowledge with the many buyers and sellers we have helped to find their perfect home in Naples.