



*Marion...* What I loved about growing up in Naples, and still love today, was being outside, on the beach or on the water, all year long. When I was young, all of Park Shore was a pine forest. We used to ride out onto the beach, fish from the shore, light bonfires and cook shrimp in buckets of water from the Gulf. I grew up hunting for quail with my dad in what is now Pelican Bay.

Naples was a small intimate community and everyone knew each other. Getting in trouble was not an option, because the sheriff and the deputies were on a first name basis with my parents. I think I hate shopping to this day because when I needed new clothes, I had to go to Ft. Myers or Miami with my mom and older sister and it was an all day ordeal. There were only a few places to go out to eat and the movie theater was in an old Quonset hut near what is now Campiello's. When it rained, you could not hear the movie. After the movies, we would all gather at the Rexall store on Fifth Avenue for ice cream. There were so many families at Royal Poinciana Country Club that we were able to field a formidable swim team that competed all over South Florida. It was a wonderful place to grow up.

I went away to college but returned to Naples in 1986 with my husband, Lance. Both of our daughters, Caroline and Whitney, were born and raised here. Although they have the same love of the water and the beach, the Naples they experienced was quite different than the small town Naples of my childhood. Pelican Bay, Park Shore and Pine Ridge have replaced my old hunting and fishing grounds. There are so many more options for dining, shopping and entertainment. Even though it was a different experience, they love the home of their childhood as much as I did.

My mother, Ramona Quayle, started her real estate career in 1963 as an on-site sales person at La Tour Rivage next to what is now the Edgewater Beach Hotel. She continued her real estate career selling on the Naples beach with the Lutgert Companies, the developer of Park Shore and the owner of what is now Premier Sotheby's International Realty, until her retirement in 1999. Our dinner conversation was always laced with her stories of people she met and the next new building to be released in Park Shore. I guess it is no surprise that I wanted to follow in her footsteps. I started working with her in 1995 and have been selling on the beach since then. My understanding of the history and qualities that make Naples such a special place coupled with over twenty years of experience selling the Naples beachfront give me a unique perspective that I love sharing with our customers.