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Mollie's Memo

I love sitting in our "toy storage" ottoman and reading books.

But, what I love even more is when Nana visits and reads me book after book after book.

I think Nana loves it too. I miss Nana.

Mollie Bryn, Nana's first granddaughter

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah or Kwanza or Boxing Day - Or Whatever You Celebrate

As the end of 2015 draws to a close, I feel it is important for all of us to reflect on what we can be thankful for. It's a good time to be thankful, especially as I write this on Thanksgiving day.

Some of the Things I'm Most Thankful For In My Life

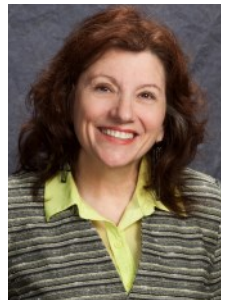
- ◆ My faith, and how God has blessed me in so many ways
- ◆ My family, especially my *grandbabies*, as I call the four of them
 - Hard to believe the oldest is in high school and taking driving lessons
- ◆ Being born in and living in the greatest, freest country in the history of the world (even if we have a few challenges, the United States is still the greatest)
- ◆ A wonderful team at Interior Expressions who really *get* what we are all about...solving our clients home issues and making them happy
- ◆ A host of wonderful clients who have made the success of Interior Expressions possible. Without you, we wouldn't exist. The entire Interior Expressions team cherishes the trust you have placed in us, and take that trust seriously.

What are you thankful for in your life?

THANK YOU to ALL our clients, and may you have a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Until Next Month,

Betty Jones



What Our Clients Are Saying

Like Running All Over Town Without Running All Over Town

"Because of everything Interior Expressions offers, and the multiple of options they offer for everything, it is like running all over town - without running all over town."

Katy Melcher, Oro Valley

New Custom Home near St. Louis, MO

Years ago, we helped Cheri and Mike Peck transform their Oro Valley retirement house into the home they envisioned.

Help Us Build Our Final Home

When Cheri & Mike decided to build their 6th and final custom home near family, in Sullivan, Missouri (75 miles West of St. Louis), they asked Betty to help them.

Betty and the Pecks designed the floor plan from which their local builder constructed the home.

Aging in Place

The entire home was designed so they could age in place.

For instance all flooring, carpet, wood and tile are the same thickness. This eliminates trip hazards and will make it easier for a walker or wheel chair to get around.

Since they now live in *Tornado Alley*, a safe room was designed in the walk-out basement. With a safe room in the basement, how would a person with limited mobility or in a wheel chair get to the safe room? Answer—an elevator shaft was installed and wired so an elevator could be installed in the future.



Betty visited the job site three times during construction



Powder Room - The floating vanity has under-lighting to help enhance the *float*. The onyx counter compliments the onyx bowl. Real leaf wallpaper frames the recessed mirror.



Dining Room - Much of the furniture from the Oro Valley home was moved to their new home, including the dining room drapes. They just needed to be hemmed to work perfectly in the new dining room.

Floating trim was used around their favorite original painting, allowing it to balance visually.

The Details Count

Betty worked with the Pecks for weeks, going over every detail of what they wanted. She photographed and measured all furniture and drapes, including all items in cabinets. This was done to ensure everything in their new home would fit and look perfect. An example of the level of detail Betty put in to ensure the Peck's got *exactly* what they wanted.



Slate grey maple cabinets surround the chocolate washed oak island. Contrasting Cambria counters add unique movement and low maintenance. Acacia wood flooring warms up the rooms.



Open Floor Plan—The kitchen is open to the family room. Great for entertaining. Notice the under-counter drawer microwave in the island.

Gourmet Kitchen

Cheri is a gourmet cook, and wanted to be able to see her garden grow outside the cooktop wall.

So Betty added a garden window behind the cooktop, balancing a second window higher up on the wall.

A pull-out pantry was located to the right of the double ovens to provide extra storage for spices and oils.

Betty designed the island with a different door style, wood species, finish and counter to provide contrast.

Cabinets, appliances, all flooring, plumbing and countertops were all sent by Interior Expressions from Oro Valley to Missouri. Betty went to Missouri to oversee the finishes installation.



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Instead of a headboard, Betty had a faux painter create a metallic wall to look like wallpaper.

Master Bath

Windows were added to the master shower to allow more natural light to enter.

A matte finish of the gloss wall tile was used on the floor to prevent slipping.

The soaking tub has a great view of the outdoors of their secluded lot.

Storage—Storage—Storage

That is what Cheri wanted in the *her* bath, and Betty gave it to her. There are more cabinets than is shown by this image to the left.



A happy homeowner and her designer

This the 6th custom home we have built. Working with Betty and Interior Expressions made it far and away the best experience of all. We couldn't have done it without Betty.

Cheri Peck