

THE STOREYS

ARTISTIC AND ADVENTUROUS

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The Storeys, including Jim, Ana, Sami (18 years old), and Lindsay (17 years old), are new to the Pittsburgh area. They moved here from Cooperstown, N.Y., in January 2020. They live in the Enclave at HighPointe community in Mars. "We chose the neighborhood because of it is new construction, and we wanted to scale down," Jim said. "We were in a larger house that was very old, and we were looking for a new place—we love this location. It is convenient for work and not too far to explore Pittsburgh."

Jim served for 13 years on active duty in the Navy—his last rank was Commander. "I had many adventures," Jim said. "It allowed us to live in a lot of places. We are not the family who's stayed in the same place for 20 years."

They've lived throughout the U.S. including San Diego, Ca.; Washington D.C.; Bethesda, Md.; Mobile, Ala.; Upstate NY—Elmira, Cooperstown. They moved to Pennsylvania for work and friendship and are looking forward to making Pittsburgh their forever home. "We became friends with my partners that I worked with in Upstate New York. They offered me the opportunity to join their practice in Butler. We moved because our family wanted to come to the Pittsburgh area," Jim said. "We're looking forward to settling here. Of all the places we've been, Western PA is the friendliest. Everyone is welcoming and warm."

Jim is an Electrophysiologist (also known as a cardiac electrophysiologist or cardiac E.P.) specializing in heart rhythm problems at the Butler Health System. He sees patients at the Crossroads office building location and in the Clarion location one day per month. "I tell my patients, I am an electrician of the heart," Jim said. "My favorite thing about my job is taking care of patients and the satisfaction of helping. Half my time is spent in the office and the other half of time I'm doing procedures in the hospital—it is a nice mix of surgery and office time."

Ana attended Brooklyn College and graduated with a degree in Physical Education.

In Hartford, Connecticut, Jim went to Trinity College for his undergraduate degree, and attended Columbia University in New York City for medical school.

Ana has been a homemaker since her and Jim got married. She enjoys managing the household and helping her daughters with their schooling.

Sami is a painter, likes to sing, and is active on social media. Before COVID-19, she was involved in the chorus in high school. She graduated in May 2020 and currently attends the University of Pittsburgh to study Psychology and Forensics.

Lindsay is a junior at North Catholic High School. At her previous school, she was on the bowling team—she received the MVP award. Lindsay plays tennis and golf and is an avid reader. After graduation, she hopes to attend college in California.

Ana and Jim met at her brother's wedding and started dating right away—they dated for six months before getting married in 1999. "When we got engaged, Jim came to my apartment in New York City—that's where I used to live—we were going to my mother's apartment that was nearby to tell her the good news," Anna said. "We weren't going to say anything about the engagement and wanted to



surprise my mother. I put my hand on my face so she could see the ring, but she wasn't getting the clue. I did everything so she would look at the ring—eventually, I gave up and told her we were engaged."

The Storeys are geographically and culturally diverse. Ana grew up in Mexico. Her mother is Mexican American with an Italian background; her father is Mexican. "As of April, I've been in the United States for 35 years," Anna said. "My two brothers and I immigrated here with my mother. It was unsafe in Mexico City and she missed being by her family."

The Storeys like to go on vacations and visit family members. Some of their favorite places to visit include Walt Disney World and California. "We love Disney. We've been there many times," Jim said. "We have family throughout the U.S., and we like to visit them. We've been to California and spent time in Madrid, Spain several years ago—we enjoyed Spain and would like to venture into Europe more."

As a family, they like to go out to eat. Their favorite restaurants are Fogo de Chao Steakhouse, Jimmy Wan's Restaurant and Lounge, and

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Off the Hook. They enjoy theater. Ana likes music and singing, and she has taken voice lessons. "When we were in N.Y., we often went to see Broadway shows," Jim said. "We haven't yet been able to explore anything here because two weeks after moving, the lockdowns started. But we're looking forward to when the arts open and we can enjoy all that Pittsburgh has to offer."

They're also excited to get more involved in the community and mingle with their neighbors. "We briefly met our neighbors," Jim said. "They seem super friendly, but because of COVID-19, we've only had short conversations. We can't wait to invite them over once it's safe."

Their family motto is to treat people with dignity. "We believe in treating people with respect," Jim said. "If you're nice and work hard, you can overcome a lot of things and do better in life."

Fun facts about the Storeys: Sami and Lindsay were born in the naval hospital—Walter Reed National Medical Center—where the President of the United States is treated. Jim has an identical twin.

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