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If you look up in the sky or you're looking for a specialty market with local plants and baked goods, you'll find some neighbors serving the community right above and beside you. Perhaps you even know the Frames from their charming front-yard market, Grandma Zook's Bakery & Produce, or from a hot air balloon ride in Lancaster. Whether on the ground or in the sky, the Frame family has deep roots in both Chester and Lancaster as they faithfully love the communities they serve.

Angie, the mom and owner of Grandma Zooks, met Kenny in one of the most unexpected but memorable ways—right in her parents' kitchen. Kenny, stopping by for a business meeting with her dad, never realized that he'd be meeting his future wife. "We met in my parent's kitchen, when Kenny met with my dad for a business meeting. We married just outside the kitchen, in their front yard, six months later," Angie recalls with a smile. Now, after nearly three decades of marriage and raising four sons together, their life has been filled with love, laughter, hard work, and plenty of memories.

Reflecting on nearly 30 years together, Angie admits it's hard to pick a single favorite memory—but one in particular stands out. She notes, "One of my best memories is from when my children were little. We were sledding on a moonlit night at the Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds. They were having so much fun, and the snow was so beautiful in the moonlight." This memory is a *treasure*. A quiet, magical moment frozen in time that captures the joy of simple pleasures and time together as a family.

Angie grew up nearby, on Dowlin Forge Road at the start of the one-way section near the old S-shaped bridge. Her childhood home was surrounded by woods, with a creek running through the front yard, and sheep grazing nearby. It was a place where Angie and her brother, Chad, could explore and let imaginations run wild. The Struble Trail runs through the property now, so countless people get to enjoy it. "It was the best property," Angie says. Those early memories shaped her love for the outdoors, animals, and small-town life. She remarks, "I also had a stand at the end of my driveway sometimes, where I'd sell lemonade, berries, and flowers. I guess old habits die hard!"

In 1995, Kenny and Angie married and consequently moved to Ludwig's Corner in 2000. Kenny is the fourth generation to live in their Glenmoore home, a tradition the couple is happy to partake in. A century ago, the Eaches family, Kenny's relatives, operated the Ludwig's Corner Tea House. It's very similar to Grandma Zook's, you could purchase everything from Kerosene to krumpets, and catch up on the local news.

Their home also serves as the heart of two family-run businesses. Kenny owns and operates WK Frame & Sons, an excavation company, while Angie runs the ever-popular Grandma Zook's Bakery & Produce—right from their front yard. The market has become a local favorite for fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, and conversation, blending the best of Lancaster and Chester County traditions. "I like living in Ludwig's Corner, because I can operate Grandma Zook's here. I love getting to know people and sharing about our community."



Their four sons—Jake, Jeff, Joe, and Chad—carry on their family's work passions, each in their own way. Jeff and Joe are deeply involved in the excavation business, working alongside their dad to run equipment, drive trucks, and help manage day-to-day operations. Meanwhile, Jake and Chad have taken a higher-*altitude* path—literally. All four sons are involved in WK Frame & Sons throughout the year, when the weather is too cold to fly. Their wives, Caroline, Eva, and Alicia all work hard in their fields of expertise.

"Two of our sons, Jake and Chad, fly hot air balloons, and one operates Lancaster Balloon Rides," Angie says proudly. And that aerial love story began right here in town, at none other than Kerr Park. "Our involvement with hot air balloons began at a Kerr Park Good Neighbor Day balloon festival, back in the 80's. My dad advertised his dry-cleaning company, H&L Cleaners, and he fell in love with ballooning as a hobby—and then a business."

Angie's parents, Stan and Mary Hess, went on to operate The United States Hot Air Balloon Team for nearly 40 years, and it's clear the "ballooning bug" was passed down from generation to generation. Ballooning is one of the many outdoor hobbies the Frames enjoy: skiing, snowmobiling, boating, and camping all take up family time. Angie cherishes her daily walks with their dogs and honestly enjoys any opportunity she can get to be outside, soaking in nature.

The Frame family is customer-service oriented in each one of their business enterprises. Whether digging a basement, baking cinnamon rolls, steering a romantic flight, or rescuing fur babies, the family works together as a team to keep all their balls rolling. Angie remarks, "We're all a work



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> > > in progress and continue to learn along the way through life's challenges." The family follows John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" as a building block for their personal lives.

That heart for service is also reflected in the next generation. Angie beams when talking about her future daughter-in-law, Calla Gibson, who's engaged to their youngest son, Chad. "Our daughter-in-law to be, Calla's 'super power' is rescuing animals. She has rubbed off on our son Chad as well." Calla is the founder of Calla's Critter Rescue, a local nonprofit that has made a huge impact on the community by providing care, shelter, and love to animals in need. Angie explains, "Taking care of God's creation, by nursing animals back to health or finding them a forever home comes naturally to Calla. We are thankful for her loving heart and hard work she puts into her rescue."

When the Frames aren't working, you might find them enjoying some downtime at the Chesapeake Bay in Northeast, Maryland. "We spend a lot of summer weekends there," Angie says, describing it as a peaceful getaway that allows them to reconnect and recharge.

And if you ask Angie what makes this area so special, she'll tell you it's the balance of it all. "I love the change of seasons. I love that we're not in the city, but close enough that we can take a short drive to get there. I also love that we're close to Lancaster County and farmlands. We have the best of both worlds in this area." If we had to choose something, I think we may just choose this family. Faith, hard work, and a desire to bless others with whatever they've been given—whether that's freshly baked bread, excavation services, or even a kitten in need of a home—are all part of the Frame family's legacy.

Angie reminds her community: "Stop in at Grandma Zook's for a combined taste of Chester and Lancaster Counties." If you do, we assure you that you'll feel like a part of this excellent family too.

