

To All My Clients:

When Dave and I moved to Oriental back in 2001 we had no idea whether Oriental would be able to provide stable employment for us over the next fifteen years until we could maybe think about retiring. Our dream was to live on or near the water and enjoy sailing for as long as we could. Also we were both native North Carolinians and wished to remain in this beautiful state.

I have been working as an exclusive buyer's agent since 2003 helping clients like you find either their retirement home or a home site for your future home. I tried to do the best job I could for you, to go above and beyond what you expected and to make sure that you knew that I was always here for you no matter what you might need or when you might need it. I came to absolutely love what I do and it is for that reason that I chose not to retire two years ago when Dave retired. I have grown quite envious of his freedom, which brings me to the purpose of this letter.

For two years now I have struggled with wanting more time to enjoy life and wishing I could be a bigger part of the lives of our two grandsons, which are only 3 and 5 years old. Plus these past two years have been a bit interesting, with life throwing me a few curve balls from time to time. This month, two years ago, I stepped into a grass covered hole on a golf course in Wilmington on a Par 3 after hitting what I considered a pretty darn good shot over the small lake to the green. Not only did I take a nasty fall and break my hip, but while I lay on the ground unable to move I heard one of my girlfriends say "oh no, look at the size of that alligator". Needless to say I never felt more vulnerable in my life, it seems the gator was attracted to my screams and was coming for his brunch....me! Obviously I didn't get eaten that day but the events of the day resulted in an emergency total hip replacement followed 9 months later by a total knee replacement....which I am still not totally recovered from. This has all made me focus on what I would like to do with the rest of my life and when.

I have decided I would like to slow down a bit, take more time for myself and my family, but I would also like to continue to help people the same way I have helped you because I simply enjoy it so much. From this point forward I will concentrate on assisting those who are referred to me by friends in town and those referred to me by past clients like yourself. I will also continue to work with my current customers who have not yet made their buying decision. My plan is to refer those who are not looking to purchase within six months or so to another agent who I personally believe will be able to best assist that person over the long term. I am excited about beginning this new phase of my life and want you to know that as a past client I am still going to be available for you if you need me....regardless of when that is or even where I might be. I hope to one day totally retire and relocate to Wilmington, NC where I have lots of family, friends and most of all two grandsons, but if that happens I will still be only a phone call away.

Thank you so very much for making my career in real estate in this small, quaint little village of Oriental so rewarding, so fulfilling and so darn hard to let go of.....take care and please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Carol Wright, Oriental Buyer's Broker
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