

## EVAN & KATIE'S TELL TALES

Katie and Evan met 10 years ago and this is a little diddy to acquaint you with our life since - in case you care.

As most of you know, after meeting on an Indianapolis Ski Club trip to Snowshoe, West Virginia in January, 1982, we dated a few years, discovered all the old skeletons, and got married anyway in October, 1984. Earlier in 1984, Katie spent a semester in Tilburg, Netherlands on an exchange program (no, we didn't exchange her for Michail Baryshnikov). For Evan it turned out to be a 4-month bachelor party.

At that time we lived in Indy in a one-bedroom condo in North Pointe Bay. Evan quickly became social director of the complex...and continued his 30th birthday party tradition well into the 80's. Also at that time, Katie was working at Ito & Koby dental lab and going to IUPUI eventually graduating with a BS in Business. Evan continued work at Allison Transmissions, Division of General Motors - currently having over 24 years seniority.

As most people do after getting married, we kept our eye out for a larger house, and sure enough, in late 1985 we bought a great house on the northwest side of Indy on Moore Road. Eagle Creek runs thru our back yard about a mile north of Eagle Creek reservoir. We've canoed and "booted" the creek and also used the private lake on the far side of the creek.

Also about that time, Evan spent 1½ years in field sales with American Siberia as a territory - Minnesota, North Dakota, & Montana...seeing a little of Robert up there, and alot of country. Coming back, we finally decided to get on with our life and start filling up the extra bedrooms.

We came back pregnant from a rousing week with Mona and Dave in Hawaii and delivered our first boy, Colin, in June, 1990. Unfortunately, he died in her womb the night before. Undaunted, we took another vacation, this time to Hilton Head, and again came back pregnant with the same due date as Colin, June 8th - also Katie's birthday!

This time we were a little more assertive and took Erika (almost named Avery or Cori) 3 weeks early - and still came out 7 lbs 7 oz with a twinkle in her eye and a grin on her face...watch out world!

So now Evan & Katie are bringing up Erika in their mold! She went to her first party, a 500 race party at the Swinford's at 10 days old...and she's been in the Red Key Lounge and Friday's several times.

Back to fun stuff - Evan had his 11th annual 30th birthday party at a racquetball club...the guests lost a combined 163.2 pounds of sweat playing basketball, walleyball, and whirlpooling it. Evan came in 2nd to Larry Steele in the Butt contest.

For fitness, both Evan and Katie have taken up running along with Evan's basketball and racquetball - having given up rugby and soccer due to time. Evan did his first Indy mini-marathon in 1991, when Erika was 1 week old.

Now we are cruising sailors - having a 22' Catalina monohull sailboat and joining the Eagle Creek Sailing Club. During season it is docked at the club only 10 minutes away. If you dare to live on the edge, come join us for a sprint around the lake!

We did venture to Vancouver Sound for a week with Frank & Linda on a 35' sailboat - then to Hilton Head to visit Rick & Patti & sail down to Florida & back for a week with 3 other boats. Next trip, around Cape Hope to visit Rip in Australia!

Currently, having put her career on temporary hold, Katie is now giving personal attention to Erika's development...keeping Evan from giving her too many potato chips and dip. Our next goal is to get her skipper certified by age 2!

Well, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cheers...

EVAN  
+  
Katie