

Grand Marshals Daryl and June

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But life would not always be rosy. Son Benjamin was born two years after their marriage with bilateral club feet, requiring seven surgeries before he reached second grade. Also requiring June to continue working.

Ben is fine today, married to Liz and the two are parents of Madison and Liam. He is a graduate of USI and holds a degree in Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

The entire family celebrated in June when Ben was ordained in the United Methodist Church. He is now serving as Associate Pastor of Blue Grass UMC in Evansville. He previously served as a youth minister. As fate would have it, he was on call serving a chaplain residency at Deaconess when June's sister, Pat Shapker passed away. Daryl and June love to attend services when he preaches. "I'm a little biased, but he's very good," Daryl reports.

Ben was just a tot when his brother, Andrew, was born and all was well — initially. Then, at 18 months, following an ear infection, they knew something was wrong. "June

diagnosed it," Daryl says. She looked up his symptoms in a medical book and Dr. Ted Waflart confirmed it — spinal meningitis. After being rushed to the hospital, the baby spent 10 days in St. Mary's in isolation. Meanwhile, Ben was home in casts. June's sister, Daryl's mom and the minister's wife helped as best they could. "That was a horrible time," June says with a shudder.

Andrew survived and indeed thrived. He graduated from Indiana State and completed his studies at Butler. Today he is a Physician's Assistant working for an Orthopedic Surgeon at I.U. Health in Bloomington. He and his wife, Tiffani, have two children, Jori and Reid. They are expecting their third, a son, right about the time of the Dale Fall Festival Parade. Daughter-in-law Tiffani told them, "You guys are going to have to make a choice."

Their choice for Baby Lovell would be for him to arrive either two weeks before the fest or two weeks after, but then again babies have a way of deciding these things for themselves!

Andrew, by the way, did not inherit his medical ability from his father. During Ben's

delivery Daryl started to hyperventilate and the doctor told him, "Mr. Lovell, you have to leave the room."

"What?" asked June, who had to proceed without her husband by her side.

As mentioned previously, Daryl was diagnosed with prostate cancer when he was 48. The year was 2001. His mother, now 88, received a breast cancer diagnosis in 2002. Both survived and both were in attendance last spring for the annual Spencer County Relay for Life Survivor's Dinner. Daryl's father and both of June's parents are deceased.

So how did Daryl become such a lover of history?

"It started with my granddad, Wallace Whiten, who got me interested in family and local history. When I was a teenager, he told me the story of my great-great-grandfather, James Whitten's experiences in the Civil War."

As to Spencer County, "Many of my ancestors were early settlers ... my roots go deep here ... Browns, Medcalfs, Winklers,

Whittens, Prices, Wroes, Sarvers, Clarks, Painters, Lamars, Butlers, Bays and of course the Lovells."

Besides his great-great-grandpa, two of Lovell's great-great-grandfathers fought in the Civil War, as well as his great-great-great-grandfather Thornton Clark, who was captured at Chickamauga and died as a prisoner of war in Andersonville.

Oh and that story about James Whitten? "James enlisted in Co. E 26 Indiana Volunteers on July 9, 1861. He was wounded in the Battle of Fort Donelson by a cannonball. Granddad Whitten said James told him, 'I got wounded because I was so damned nosey. I wanted to see where the cannonballs were coming from!' Three of his brothers were also in the Civil War."

Daryl adds that a cousin put together a Painter family genealogy and that, along with his grandpa's stories, inspired him to

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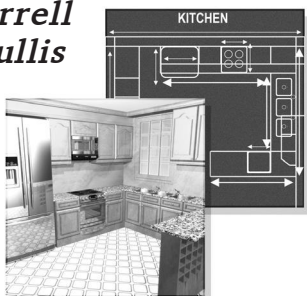
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Daryl and June with their grandchildren Christmas 2017.