

## Building our New Home on Matalee

Building a new home, it's a dream that most people share and it's a dream that often comes true.

Pick the right builder, make the right plans and it's a good dream and if you don't choose wisely the experience can be like waking up in a cold sweat after a bad dream.

Two years ago our dream came true and our builder Forest Ponder made it a dream come true.

We found Forest in our search north of the M streets area for a new contemporary style large Single Family Attached home. (SFA/Duplex). We had lived in a wonderfully renovated home on Monticello and loved the house despite its expected shortcomings. We sold that home to move to New York City for three years and when we returned we decided a Townhome style SFA and new construction was the perfect fit for our lifestyle.

It seemed like we kept running into Forest, first at a home he lived in and was selling on Matalee and then another home on Martel east of Matilda. Forest asked if we had ever considered "building" we said "YES" it was a dream we shared and the adventure began.

Forest and his designer helped us on every step. We participated in every part of the process from Floor plans to the selection of everything you could see and touch in the home. The process included some exploration and decisions that helped our home have a "greener" footprint. We didn't have the budget to build a completely "Green" home but we felt good about the decisions we made.

Thru the entire process Forest was there to help guide the way.

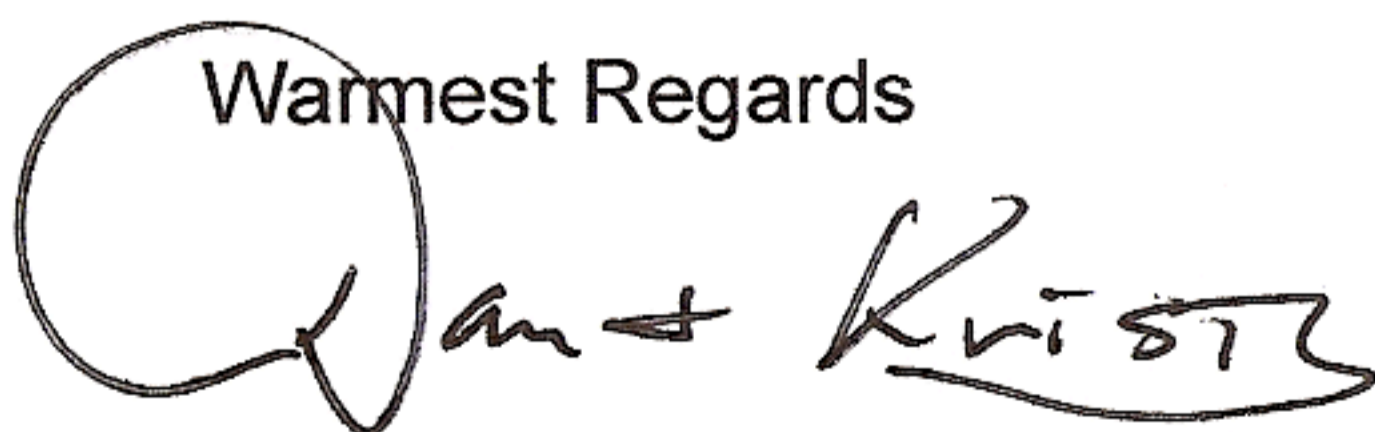
Was everything perfect? I don't think perfect exists with any builder or building project. Things change, challenges are presented. The question is "Does your builder help you deal with those challenges with a calm and productive demeanor. The answer in our experience with Forest Ponder is "absolutely!"

Forest helped us build it right but he always proposed money saving options without compromising the quality and style of the home.

Come by and see our home, the craftsmanship speaks for itself but while you are here be sure to ask us about the process and experience of working with Forest. You will hear about how he helped our dream come true.

We are pleased to recommend him highly to anyone with that dream.

Warmest Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan + Kristy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The "D" in "Dan" is large and loops around the "a". The "+" sign is small and placed between the two names. The "K" in "Kristy" is also large and loops around the "r".

Dan and Kristy Halyburton