

Inside Tequesta ...

Connecting our Past to our Present - One Story at a Time

Al and Margaret Betz

A Conversation with long time residents Al and Margaret Betz:

Margaret and Al Betz first came to Bermuda Terrace in 1969, where they lived for a year before Al was offered a job opportunity in Michigan. They took the leap, sold their home, and moved north to Wayne, Michigan. During a later visit to see Margaret's twin sister in Jupiter, they realized how much they missed the area. Although Al enjoyed his work in the plastic fabrication business in Michigan, the pull of family and Florida sunshine was too strong to ignore.

In December 1973, the Betz family returned to Tequesta when Al was offered a position at Pratt & Whitney. They purchased their home in 1974, where they still reside today. Al went on to enjoy a remarkable 40-year career at Pratt before his retirement.

Today, Al and Margaret are grateful to have their son and his family living nearby. Between the two families, they share a wide circle of friends, neighbors, and colleagues, with deep roots in their community, church, and local schools.

As longtime residents, they've witnessed the Village evolve. They note the increase in traffic and construction but also celebrate the growth of young families drawn to Tequesta by Constitution Park, its programs, and area churches. Living close to the park, they especially enjoy community events and the lively 5K races.



They were impressed with the smooth progress of the US 1 bridge replacement project, praising the Village's careful planning for traffic control and public safety.

Margaret expressed special appreciation for Tequesta's Fire Rescue and Police Departments, commending their professionalism and compassionate care. Her connection runs deep. Years ago, she volunteered with North County Ambulance, which served as the community's EMS provider before Tequesta established its own Fire/EMS/Transport Department. Covering an area from Burns Road to the Martin County line, North County was staffed entirely by volunteers. Margaret served as an EMT and nurse for 15 years, preserving photos and clippings from those days in a scrapbook that now resides in the Village's Historical Archives. Her passion for service is unmistakable. Margaret fondly recalls moments when she was able to help even off duty, leaving a lasting impact on countless community members who surely remain grateful for her care.

For Margaret and Al, Tequesta has always been more than a place - it is truly home. After more than five decades of living, working, volunteering, and raising family here, they cannot imagine living anywhere else.