



Craig Spiesman

Retired

Craig Spiesman is a retired Restoration Account Manager who grew up in a middle-class family in Parsippany, NJ. He has many interests, and his days are filled with a delightful blend of hobbies, community involvement, and cherished family moments.

Amateur Photography: Capturing Life's Beauty

Craig's love for amateur photography began during his travels throughout the Southeastern United States and the beauty he discovered on one of his many trips to the Hawaiian Islands. Armed with only an iPhone, he explored the scenic landscapes of the rolling hills of Northern Georgia, the breathtaking beaches of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, the rainbow-draped beaches of Hawaii, and charming small towns throughout the Southeastern United States. His lens has captured sunsets over the shores of Kauai, candid shots of Craig and his wife Cindy playing golf and sitting on the beach in Maui, and the incredible views from the summit of the Haleakala volcano on Maui, the Napalii Coast of Kauai, and the spectacular nightly sunsets in Florida. Each click of the shutter immortalized a moment, preserving the memories of their life together to share with friends and family.

Golf and Billiards: The Gentleman's Sports

Craig Spiesman is a regular at the local golf courses throughout the Atlanta suburbs. His swing could be more graceful, but he enjoys the camaraderie of fellow golfers. On Wednesday nights, he challenges his friends to play a friendly game of billiards at his community's neighborhood clubhouse. Craig has been racking up some wins lately in his weekly 8-ball tournaments.

Family Time: The Heart of It All

Craig and Cindy relocated to Georgia to spend time with four generations of his wife's family living nearby. They all live within a 30-minute car ride from our home in Hoschton, GA. Sunday lunches at Chris and Gail's house are a blessing—a table laden with comfort food, laughter, and good quality family time. Craig's wife, Cindy, and her cousin Chris would reminisce with everyone over tales of their early years growing up together in Athens. Chris's family often chime in with their stories of wild times growing up in the country. Craig truly cherishes these moments—the love and warmth of family bonds and the promise of more memories to be made in the years to come.

Southside Church: A Spiritual Anchor

Every Sunday, Craig and Cindy attend Southside Church. They love Pastor Jeff and Assistant Pastor Allen. The messages each week are uplifting and positive. No matter their feelings or struggles, they always leave Southside Church feeling rejuvenated and ready to face whatever lies ahead for the upcoming week.

Volunteering: Giving Back to the Community

Retirement didn't mean slowing down for Craig. He has joined the local men's club and looks forward to helping his needy neighbors. Living in a 55-year-old and over community has its benefits. However, it also lends itself to the need for community involvement. As a community, residents must be there for those struggling with home maintenance or household

chores. Neighbors helping neighbors is what the Cresswind Twin Lakes community is all about.

Pickleball: The Unexpected Passion

After settling in their new home, Craig finally went to the community pickleball court. Intrigued, he picked up a paddle and joined some neighbors for a friendly game/lesson in Pickleball. The fast-paced rallies, the satisfying ball thwack, and some friendly competition hooked him instantly. Soon, he was rallying with his neighbors, laughing as they chased the neon-yellow ball across the court.

Retirement and Travel: The Golden Years

Craig and Cindy are currently exploring Georgia. As a Jersey boy, Craig has been so blown away by the fact that Georgia is home to some of the most beautiful, well-manicured golf courses and resorts in the United States. During his travels, Craig and Cindy sampled peach cobbler at roadside diners and booked couples massages at some local resorts. Retirement is their grand adventure. It is truly a time to savor life's simple pleasures. Craig's iPhone camera captures it all: the mist rising over the golf course lakes, the well-manicured fairways and greens, and the sun rising over the beaches in Tybee Island.

And so, as Craig's days unfold, they create a tapestry woven with passion, community, and love for his wife and family. Years from now, his legacy will not be measured in bank balances or accolades; it will be marked by the friendships forged on the golf course, Friends made in his community, and the quiet moments spent at home with his wife and family. Craig Spiesman views retirement not as an end but as a beginning. It is a chance to embrace life fully, one click of the shutter at a time and one memory at a time.