

“Member Profile”

This week's feature: *Grant and Beth Cornnick*



Grant was born in Peoria, Illinois, where his father was a Lutheran Minister. The family moved to Iowa when Grant was five. Grant is the oldest of four children, two sisters and a brother. When Grant was 17 the family moved to Omaha, Nebraska where his father became an Instructor for Chaplains. Grant attended Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa and majored in both biology and chemistry. During college he did two internships, one in biology and one in chemistry. After college he was accepted at Des Moines University Medical School. To help pay for medical school, Grant enlisted in the Air Force committing to four years of service after his medical residency. He did his residency in Family Practice at Fairview Hospital where he met Beth. She was working as a nurse in the Coronary Intensive Care Unit.

Beth was born and raised in Cleveland until the age of seven. Her family then moved to very rural Hinckley, Ohio, where they had horses and a few chickens. She graduated from Highland High School in Granger Township, Medina County, she then went to Fairview Hospital Nursing School, graduating in 1982.

After his medical residency Grant was sent to Spain with the Air Force. Beth took a leap of faith and joined Grant in Europe. They were married in Gibraltar. As Grant worked as an Air Force Doctor, Beth took courses at the University of Maryland European Extension. After 2 years Grant was transferred to Bitburg Air Force Base Hospital in West Germany.

Grant's service was extended when Iraq invaded Kuwait. This is when their oldest son, Ian was born. They came back to the US when Ian was just 5 months old. Grant went back to Fairview Hospital where he continues to work as a Doctor in the ER. Beth completed her Bachelor's degree and worked for a while as a Drug and Alcohol Rehab Nurse at Glenbeigh until Tessa was born.

Oldest son, Ian, graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is now in his third year of a Doctorate's program in clinical psychology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the Pittsburgh area. Daughter, Tessa, graduated from Baldwin Wallace University with a degree in English. She has recently completed her Master's degree in Global Environmental Policy at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Youngest son, Isaiah, is a freshman at Kent State University. He plans to major in chemistry, then attend medical school, following in Grant's footsteps using the Air Force program.

Beth loves to read fiction and thrillers, usually consuming 2-3 books a week. She also loves working in the yard and cooking. She enjoys taking long walks and loves to Travel. Grant also enjoys yard work, golf and trap shooting. He is the coach of the North Ridgeville High School Trap Shooting Team. He also loves music, playing several instruments in the POP Contemporary Service Band. Both Beth and Grant continue to be very active in the life of Prince of Peace. And, they still are going to find time to host a German High School Exchange Student for this school year. Wow! What a great couple and family.

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