

# Haseleys 2022

Allan and Kelly



Allan, Kelly, Erin and Emma Haseley

**Celebrations, Moves and Sports Can Sum Up Our 2022**

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Birthdays** – Dad always said, “Enjoy every birthday, because there are a lot of people who do not get that privilege anymore.” This year is one I definitely enjoyed and will always remember and I want to thank everyone who joined us in Turks & Caicos to help me celebrate my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Erin turned 27 and Emma turned 24 in January. I am not allowed to report on Kelly’s age, but we are starting to plan for her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in a few years. Cosmo is 14 and is starting to really slow down and have some health issues, but he is still as cute as ever!

**Anniversaries** – The Grifton Shad Festival celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April. Mom and Dad were recognized for their 40+ years of service and help in starting and supporting the Shad Festival. Sue, Lynne, Karen and I and many of our family and close friends joined us in celebrating a great family tradition and one that has provided many great memories for all of us over the past 50 years. Kelly and I celebrated our 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in June by visiting Wilmington, NC and playing Pickleball.

**Engaged** – Erin and James got engaged in November after dating for the past seven years. No details on the wedding or other plans at the time of writing the news, but stay tuned...We are very excited for both of them and look forward to James joining the family.

## **ON THE MOVE**

**Cary NC** – Erin and James moved from Denver, CO to Cary, NC in May and are enjoying the warmer weather, being closer to friends and family and having an actual house for their two cats to roam around in versus their old one bedroom apartment.

**DC** – Emma is in DC and travels some to New York for her work and definitely has the Haseley gene of always being on the go and traveling all the time.

**Charlotte** – Kelly and I are still in Charlotte, but enjoy visiting our Lake House (and our new dock) and look forward to more traveling in our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel in 2023. We were able to visit Erin in Cary and Emma in DC a few times as well. Kelly’s mom is slowly transitioning to moving to her new Condo in Charlotte that is closer to friends and family and is all on one level.

**Rensselaerville** – Allan attended his first MillerFest this year in Rensselaerville. All the “kids” are very creative and talented and put together a great weekend of music, food and fun. Grandma Janet would be very proud of so many family and friends enjoying her favorite place in the world!

**Jobs** – Erin and Emma both started new jobs this past year and really seem to be enjoying splitting their time between working remotely and going into the office. (Can read more details in their news.) Kelly and I still own and manage Sports Connection, Carolina Juniors and Pickleball Charlotte, but are slowly transitioning the day to day operations over to Mike and Bre Rhem.

## **SPORTS**

**Football** – Kelly and I still enjoy going to most home Panther games, even though they have been struggling the past few years with new owner, coaches, players, quarterbacks, etc. We did not make it to any away games this past year, but plan to continue our tradition of at least one away game next year. We actually made it to 2 UNC football games this year. We had planned for more, but hurricanes and Covid kept us from the other games.

**Golf** – We officially retired from playing golf a few years ago, but did dig our clubs out to play in a few charity golf tourneys, including the one honoring Scott Davenport and supporting Cancer in New Bern. We did not play well this year, but had a great time with family as

always. We also played in a couples event with our friends the Billows at their mountain house in Roaring Gap. We did enjoy having friends in town to watch the President's Cup Golf Tourney at Quail Hollow.

**Tennis** – Kelly, when healthy, still loves playing tennis.

**Pickleball** – Our new sport, especially for Allan, is Pickleball. In addition to playing Pickleball at our two volleyball centers in Charlotte, we have just opened a new dedicated Indoor Pickleball facility in Charlotte with 7 indoor courts. Check out [PickleballCharlotte.com](http://PickleballCharlotte.com) for more details. In addition to playing in Charlotte, we also played in Roaring Gap, Beech Mountain, Wilmington, New Bern, New Orleans, Alabama and Turks & Caicos. Our goal is to play Pickleball in all 50 states over the next 10 years.

Happy Holidays!

Love,

Allan and Kelly Haseley





















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## Erin

Hello everyone! This is James, signing on in my first official article in the *HH*. I've been waiting for a chance to contribute for years, and I am honored to be able to participate with all of you.

2022 was a year full of a litany of big and great changes for Erin and me. But per my editor and better half, here are the highlights:

After a cold and snowy winter in Denver, Erin and I once again crossed the Midwest in our move back east to Cary, NC. We faced difficulty when our trailer decided to pull free from the bumper in St. Louis, but Allan heroically lept to our aid, driving round trip to save both the trailer and our sanity, as well as that of our beloved cats (who were real troopers, occasional yowls aside). It was great to return to our native eastern forests, as well as to be within driving distance of our dear families. As Erin says, we were made for eastern time.

In early summer, Erin began her career as a research analyst at Duke, where she evaluates programs across the states to see how efficiently they are meeting their goals. Don't fret, Tar Heels – you have no cause to worry about her loyalty to UNC! She also continued her work as a consultant for various research projects in Hawaii and Houston, TX. As for me, after receiving my Master's degree in English this spring, I support Erin as best as I can while writing a series of novels.

I saved our biggest news for last (of which I am sure you are all already aware). On November 27, I proposed to Erin in our front yard, and Erin accepted my proposal. For this, I consider myself among the luckiest and happiest of people. Thus far, our wedding



plans consist only of “purple flowers,” but rest assured you will be updated as we make the slew of decisions required to celebrate the event.

All of these big changes transpired between vacations, weddings, deaths, and adjustments to our new day-to-day lives. After such a turbulent year, Erin and I are hoping for some level of calm tranquility in the new year. We hope that all of you find what you are looking for this year as well!

-Erin Haseley and James



