



an
Angled Design
Offers
UNIQUE APPEAL

Water and Sky Abound in
Every Direction

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morning rays of sun dispense a hazy glow through every room. Afternoon beams of light place dancing shadows onto walls and floors. Sunsets wash each surface with warm, colored hues.

It took the collective and collaborative efforts of the homeowner and builder/designer to ensure that the interior of this home is bathed in a maximum amount of sunlight on a daily basis. The Georgetown Shores home in Hudsonville, with its oversized windows, angled floor plan, and southern facing exterior, provides the lucky owners with the ability to see the sun rise and sun set from the same room—providing our fickle Michigan weather cooperates. “Our home’s best feature is the open floor plan with breathtaking views of the beautiful blue water and gorgeous sky,” shares the lady of the house.

This waterfront beauty truly depicts and hones the concept of custom building with personalized features including his and her offices, a recording studio, an exercise room, and a theatre room—all designed to happily mix business and pleasure under one roof.

There are no walls separating the kitchen, family room, piano and sunrooms. The differentiation of space is only defined by custom architectural details and varying ceiling elevations. For example, the kitchen’s uniquely shaped island—complete with sink and seating for four—faces a wall of windows in the family room with an unobstructed view of the lake. This home takes “open floor plan” to an entirely new level.

The lady of the house describes the laundry room as “amazing”—and anything that places “amazing” and “laundry” in the same sentence

has to be off the charts. For extra eye appeal, the washer and dryer were custom color coordinated for an exact match of the color palette found throughout the interior of the home. No one wants to see the tools of the trade, so custom cabinetry disguises practical amenities such as the hamper and ironing board. A large picture window offers its own panoramic view of the water so even the most odious of tasks—doing laundry—may be more enjoyable.

The aptly named sunroom, with a pleasantly heated floor, is also situated to enjoy the setting and rising sun during all four of the Michigan seasons. In this home, the real estate mantra, “location, location, location” could not be more apt.

The homeowners whole-heartedly describe the building experience as exceptional and pleasant. “Designer Janel Joppie and our builder, Gary Byker, were fantastic. They are both incredibly creative and words can’t describe what a fantastic building experience this was,” state the homeowners. “We couldn’t be happier.” □

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ABOVE: Exterior detail defines creativity and charm.

INSET: Fantastic views abound from all three levels of this waterfront dream home.

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ABOVE: The master bedroom showcases the angled design mastered by builder, Gary Byker.

BELOW: A utility room is ultra functional in its simplicity.

BELOW RIGHT: A warm color palette combined with stone and wood makes this spacious home feel inviting.



Ceiling heights define spaces in this open floor plan.



THIS PAGE: A variety of textures and color—coupled with unusual flair—make this home exceptional.

INSET: The angled island is complete with sink and seating for four.





ABOVE: The sunroom is a favorite to enjoy in every season.

BELOW: This captivating setting was the inspiration for every detail inside and out.

Appliances: **LANINGA APPLIANCE**
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Homes By Gary Byker

OWNER: Gary Byker

DESIGNER: Janel Joppie

NUMBER OF YEARS IN BUSINESS:
20

YEAR BUSINESS STARTED:

The business was founded in 1992 as a sole proprietorship and was incorporated in 2001.

EDUCATION:

Gary obtained a bachelor's of business administration, with a major in finance, from Grand Valley State University.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:

Our business philosophy is to get involved in the building process early and treat people fairly for an outstanding product and satisfied customer. We believe that by being involved with the client throughout the concept and design phase, we can achieve the best result for our clients.

WHAT SETS YOUR BUSINESS APART?

Homes By Gary Byker offers an integrated builder and designer approach. Gary Byker and Janel Joppie make a great team of builder and designer.

As a construction company, Homes by Gary Byker is well known in the building industry for having an award winning, top level of quality, and unique and impressive attention to detail in each home they design and build.

In addition to that important criteria for clients, they also have Janel's assistance as their full-time designer from the beginning of the project through completion. She has outstanding rapport with clients and under her guidance, each and every decision is made with ease and confidence.

This team approach is a true benefit to their clients.

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