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I was born and raised on a small farm in Iowa, where I learned the value of family and that's where my enjoyment of working first started. I graduated from Iowa State University where I earned a degree in engineering. After getting married and having two kids, my family and I moved around until we landed in Pittsburgh. The Steel City was a perfect fit for us since I grew up as a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Deciding to become a senior advisor was an easy decision for me. I grew up with my grandparents around and loved hearing all the stories they had to tell. With a hard-working attitude and a caring personality, I appreciate being able to take some of the stress off of families while they are trying to find a place for their loved ones to live.

My biggest advice is to start having conversations sooner rather than later. From what I see with families, the most challenging part is where to start. I hear it all the time, where do we start? What do we do first? For most seniors and families, they will work through a transition like this once or maybe twice in their lifetime. They are not familiar with this process and what is all involved. This is where I'm able to help the most. After a detailed conversation, I can help determine the best course of action. With my personable and hands-on approach, I will help navigate the entire process as seamlessly as possible with the families. Nothing brings me more joy than to see a smile come across a person's face when they are working through very challenging circumstances. Although this process is tough, there is definitely room for smiles along the way.