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A LIFE OF PURPOSE, PATRIOTISM, AND PARTNERSHIP

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When you sit down with Lisa and Elliott Burdette, it doesn't take long to realize you're in the presence of two people who have lived full, intentional lives, marked by commitment to family and a heart for service. Their journey together began through mutual friends, but what's unfolded since is a story of second chances, new beginnings, and shared purpose.

FROM GEORGIA TO TEXAS – A NEW CHAPTER

Lisa was born and raised in Cartersville, Georgia, and spent over three decades in Newnan, Georgia, raising her six children. After becoming widowed, she made the decision to relocate to Texas, where several of her children had already settled. "I had decided to move to Texas before meeting Elliott," she shared. "It was time to start building a new life, but close to my children and grandchildren."

Elliott, a Dallas-based estate attorney, met Lisa during this transitional time. With roots in Texas and a daughter of his own living in the Park Cities, Elliott was firmly planted in the area. The two hit it off, and life hasn't slowed down since.

A BLENDED FAMILY FULL OF LIFE

Between them, the Burdettes have seven children and—at the time of our interview—13 grandchildren, with two more on the way. "By the time this comes out, we might be up to 15!" Lisa laughs. They take from three to six trips each year to visit children and grandchildren.

PROFESSIONAL PASSIONS

Elliott attended SMU Law School and has built a successful career as an estate attorney with Glast Phillips Murray Zopolsky, where he focuses on estate and trust matters, including disputes. "It's important work," he explains. "We help ensure that people's final wishes

are honored, especially when someone tries to take advantage of an intended beneficiary."

Lisa's professional path has been just as dynamic. A graduate of Auburn University with a degree in education, she spent years working in schools, dental offices, and raising a large family. After relocating to Texas, she launched a protocol and etiquette consulting business. What began with children's classes has grown into corporate consulting and adult training as well. "It's about how we make people feel," Lisa explains. "Etiquette isn't just about rules, it's kindness in action."

Her work is now a blend of etiquette training, cultural understanding, and faith-driven encouragement. "Every session I lead, whether corporate or private, I start with a moment of gratitude. That foundation is everything." To learn more about her business you can visit EtiquetteDallas.com. **CONTINUED ►**



FRENCH CULTURE, FITNESS, AND FAVORITE FOODS

Elliott introduced Lisa to Paris through his longtime board involvement with the American University of Paris. She has embraced it wholeheartedly. “It’s changed how I see the world and it even influences how I approach my business.”

When they’re not in Paris, traveling elsewhere, visiting grandchildren or working, the couple enjoys exploring new restaurants and working out together at Cooper Fitness Center. Some favorite local spots include Kyoto Sushi across from SMU, Al Biernat’s, IWA Sushi, and the Park House Social Club in Highland Park Village. Lisa also loves Café Pacific, a classic Dallas staple she often visits with adult clients. “It’s white-tablecloth service, and many of the staff have been there over 25 years—it’s just special.”

A HEART FOR SERVICE AND STRONG VALUES

At the center of their lives is a deep faith. Lisa and Elliott are active members of St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, where they’ve found not just a place to worship but a true church family. “Our church community is everything,” Lisa says. “We’re surrounded by people who have a servant’s heart, people who uplift and help you grow.”

Elliott is involved in the men’s group at St. Michael’s, and Lisa has taught children’s Sunday School.

Their family’s connection to the military also runs deep. All six of Lisa’s children attended a United States military academy and are either still serving or pursuing professional careers. Elliott’s brother served twenty years in the Marines and a nephew is a Naval officer.

LIVING WITH PURPOSE

In all they do, whether mentoring others, teaching etiquette, practicing law, or grandparenting, Lisa and Elliott live with intention. “We feel incredibly blessed,” Lisa says. “To live in the Park Cities, to love again, to serve, and to still be

learning and growing; it's a gift we don't take for granted."

As their story continues to unfold, one thing is clear: the Burdettes have created a life that's rich in love, grounded in faith, and guided by gratitude. And whether in Paris or Park Cities, they're living it out: side by side.

