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For Scott and Beth Sprayberry, life in Auburn has been shaped by faith, friendship, and a deep appreciation for steady, everyday moments.

Married for 30 years, Scott and Beth met at an ice cream social after evening services at Dawson Baptist Church in Birmingham. At the time, Scott was a second-year dental student, and Beth was working toward her master's degree in speech pathology.

Scott's path brought him from Auburn University, where he earned a degree in zoology, to UAB for dental school and a three-year orthodontic residency. In 1999, with the help and encouragement of many, he opened his orthodontic practice in Auburn. Over the years, he has loved serving families throughout Auburn and Opelika alongside a faithful team and loyal patients.

Beth worked as a speech-language pathologist in nursing homes for three years while Scott completed his residency. She later stayed home to raise their children while Scott built his practice.





"I found a sense of purpose in serving the elderly in nursing homes," Beth said. "Therapy wasn't always easy, and progress was sometimes slow, but I saw real value in helping preserve dignity, comfort, and quality of life. I learned to focus on those things rather than feeling like I had to fix everything that was wrong. Those years taught me lessons I still carry today."

While they've shared many special experiences over the years, their favorite memories aren't tied to one big trip or milestone. Instead, they look back most fondly on the years of raising their four children: Mary Grace (26), Tucker (25), Ellie (23), and Hutch (21) in a home where church, family dinners, ballgames, and simple traditions matter most.

Sports played a big role in the Sprayberry family life. Mary Grace and Ellie both played tennis at Lee-Scott Academy, while Tucker and Hutch each spent 6 years on the baseball field, with Hutch also playing basketball. Tucker and Hutch both held the center-field position, which meant countless spring afternoons at the ballpark, memories Scott and Beth still cherish.

The Sprayberrys also love Auburn sports and have even tailgated with the same group of neighbors for over 15 years!

"Over the years of tailgating, we've seen some great seasons and some lean ones, but football was never the main thing," Beth added. "The main thing was time together with friends who feel like family. Our first year, the oldest child in our group was a freshman at Auburn; now the youngest is a sophomore. It's been fun watching these college-age kids navigate Auburn and bring their friends to our tailgate. These are memories we'll always cherish."

Scott and Beth are also involved with the University. Scott, a former SGA Vice President, now serves on the Dean's Advisory Board for Auburn University's College of Sciences and Mathematics and enjoys working with COSAM students and faculty/staff at COSAM events.

"I'll always be grateful for my years as an Auburn undergraduate, and I'm thankful to have stayed connected to Auburn and COSAM over



the years," Scott said. "Auburn's College of Sciences and Mathematics gave me a strong foundation for dental school and residency at UAB, and I'm thankful for the professors and classmates who challenged me and helped me grow. COSAM, Phi Gamma Delta, SGA, and Reformed University Fellowship were all formative in my life."

Beth and Scott are active members of Christ Presbyterian Church of Auburn, where they were part of the early home-meeting days of the church's beginning. Faith has always been central to their family life. Scott and Beth are grateful for parents and mentors who invested in them and helped guide their home.

When they are not working or at church, Scott enjoys quail hunting with the family's two Brittany's, Camp (10) and Tank (2). He also enjoys caring for their land outside Camp Hill, transitioning it to longleaf pines and watching wildlife return. The learning process, he says, has been just as rewarding as the results.

Beth enjoys cooking, walking with friends, working out, spending time with young moms, and sewing. She learned smocking when the children were young and made many of their outfits. She now enjoys working on sewing projects for their daughters as they set up their own homes.

Today, each of their children is building a life of their own:

Mary Grace works as an accountant with PwC in Birmingham and is engaged to Brady Tuten, a dental student at UAB. They will be married in June 2026. She loves reading and running.



Tucker married his high school sweetheart, Kenedi, and is now a third-year dental student at Penn Dental Medicine in Philadelphia. Kenedi works with the Penn Venture Lab at Wharton. The two have embraced life in a new city and even learned to cheer for the Eagles and Phillies.

Ellie teaches first grade at Woodland Pines Elementary in Auburn and married Ford Fuller in February 2026. She loves baking, especially decorating cookies, and enjoys staying active.



Hutch is a junior at Auburn University majoring in finance. He serves as president of Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI), is involved in War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen, and enjoys hunting and working out.

The Sprayberrys have lived on Stoneridge Drive for 22 years, drawn there by close friends and the promise of a neighborhood where relationships could grow. With just two streets, Stoneridge has remained a close-knit community. Each Christmas, the "Stoneridge Gang" still finds a way to reunite when everyone is back in town.



Scott says what he values most about the neighborhood is its steadiness; neighbors who stay, friendships that deepen, and a shared sense of care.

Looking back, they both agree that the years with children under their roof passed far too quickly.



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Among some of their favorite family memories, Scott had the honor of walking both daughters onto the football field as they were crowned Homecoming Queens at Lee-Scott. And as a former Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) himself, he has loved watching both sons serve as presidents of the fraternity's Auburn chapter. The kids, meanwhile, still tease him about the "old-school" encyclopedia research reports he assigned at home.

Scott and Beth celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in December 2025, thankful for the life they've built together and excited for what lies ahead.

Though Scott once claimed everything he needed to see was in Alabama, the couple has grown to love traveling together, especially on beach trips and any chance to gather the whole family under one roof.

When asked what message they'd like to share with their neighbors, Scott says it simply:

"We're thankful to live in a city where people still wave, check on each other, and lend a hand. Beth and I feel blessed to have raised our family in Auburn, where we've tried to keep our home a welcoming place for friends and neighbors."

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