



# The Starr *Family* Team

## The Starr Family Team Serving all of SW Florida!

Elise and Tom Starr are both real estate advisors on The Starr Team. Elise has over thirty years of successful real estate experience. She has expertise in residential, commercial, industrial sales and construction as well as restoration of historical buildings. Tom brings his military discipline and business expertise to the team. He has experience in sales, marketing, and real estate investing. Tom has also earned the ChFc (Chartered Financial Consultant) designation. He served as Past President Council of Economic Development for Alachua County, Florida.

Growing up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Elise attended Louisiana State University and began her career in 1984 in that fine city. Elise has been in Southwest Florida for over ten years and is an area expert having extensive knowledge regarding location, schools, the arts and shopping. Tom served in the United States Navy and was qualified in the submarine service. He served aboard one of the first Ballistic Missile Nuclear Submarines. USS Abraham Lincoln SSB(N) 602. A native of Pennsylvania, he has been a resident of Florida for over 20 years.

Tom graduated from Otterbein University with a business degree. He also is a Chartered Financial Consultant. Previously, Tom was Vice President Agency Sales with Nationwide Insurance Company. Elise is very active in her profession. She serves on the Grievance Committee and teaches Pathways to Professionalism for the Realtor® Association of Royal Palm Coast Realtor® Association. Graduate REALTOR Institute (GRI) IN 1987. She has served on other committees including Knowledge Services and the Leadership Academy. Professionalism, personal integrity, and taking a very personal interest in each of their clients are the team's priorities.

Elise and Tom live in a boating community and have extensive knowledge of waterfront properties. You may see them boating in the area. Why not preview your next waterfront property by boat with them?



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## Six Decades of Success

When John R. Wood Properties opened their doors in 1958, Naples was a sleepy fishing village with a few thousand residents. Marco Island, Bonita Springs, and Estero, were sparsely settled outlying areas. Home sites in Port Royal could be purchased for as little as \$7,500.

In 1960, the direct hit of Hurricane Donna helped create a boom as insurance money and new buyers poured into the area. Along with the town, John R. Wood Properties began climbing their path of success.

The early 60's saw new subdivisions popping up at the "northern edge" of town, such as Coquina Sands and The Moorings. The Quonset Hut Theater on Third Street and the drive-in on U.S. 41 were the only movie selections. The Rexall Drugstore on 5th Avenue South had the classic soda fountain and luncheonette, and the Swamp Buggy parade in late October was the major event of the year.

In the 70's and 80's, Southwest Florida continued to grow with Park Shore breaking ground, followed by other communities that included Pelican Bay, Bonita Bay, and Pelican Landing. However, the most significant growth period would be prompted by the completion of I-75 and the new airport in Ft. Myers. The area also became known as the golf capital of the world and consistently recognized as a highly desirable destination.

For six decades, John R. Wood Properties has continued to thrive, and holds the distinction of being #1 in Southwest Florida for units sold and sales volume. The agents are highly trained professionals with a dedication to ethics and philanthropy. The company is the oldest brokerage in Southwest Florida and has 14 office locations in the two-county area.



**John R. Wood Properties has been fortunate and blessed for 60 years. The success of the firm can be traced to the culture that was first established in 1958, and has evolved with only minimal changes to their several guiding principles. The main principles being:**

Legendary Service  
Ethics  
Philanthropy

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