

Dear Doug,

As we sit in our incredible new home and think back on our journey to get here, it is impossible to imagine taking this journey without you. We started with the idea of building a home in which we could be comfortable but have ended up with a dream home in a dream setting. We have so many things for which we are thankful and many of them are the result of your involvement.

First, we would not have found this perfect site without your knowing the owner and finding out if he was willing to sell. Having looked at other sites, we probably would not have found one we would have purchased without your help. From the first day we saw this property, we believed that it was meant for us. We were also fortunate to have you involved since you had such intimate knowledge of the site having been instrumental in its development.

Having your expertise as both an architect and a builder was an absolute key for our building a home while we lived one thousand miles away. We knew that you would make sure the home was built according to the plans since you drew up those plans and knew them better than anyone.

Also instrumental to our level of comfort in this project was your accessibility and communication with us. There was no time when we were not able to discuss any issue with you.

We were amazed and so appreciative of your seeking our input regarding every aspect of the project. There was no issue of design or construction upon which you did not illicit our opinion and take into consideration our wishes. While you were willing to give us your advice, you made it clear that it was our home and you wanted it to be exactly what we wanted. Whenever we had suggestions regarding design, you incorporated them into your design with a wonderful result.

You did a magnificent job of designing a home that incorporated all that we wanted in an architectural masterpiece. You knew what we wanted and how to put all our wishes into a home of remarkable beauty. We could not be happier with the design and construction on both the outside and the inside.

Your attention to detail in both the construction and design was amazing. We learned to appreciate so much your ability to envision what was to be built and how to design every detail to achieve a cohesive, visually appealing result.

We are grateful for your willingness to take on the design and construction of the unusual waterfall feature we sought. We know this was not something that you had done before and that without your willingness to tackle this project, we would have been forced to forego its inclusion. As you know it is the signature feature in our home.

We also appreciate so much the relationship that we developed over the past two years. We sincerely hope and expect that we will always be friends. It has been such a pleasure to work with you and your wife, Wendy. Our arrangement was both a highly successful business venture and a journey with a good friend to a dream destination. Thank you for all that your involvement has meant to us.