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HOME LIFE INTERIORS

Why did you go into the building industry?

There has been a lot of press in the last few years about people “cocooning” in their homes.

A person’s home is their haven from the stresses of the world. We all need a place to let down and feel comfortable and “at home.” Our homes reflect our personality, whether messy or neat, carefree or more somber. By helping the owner to sort out how their home can most reflect them and meet their needs, I find great meaning and satisfaction. My goal is for my clients to love their home. I’m sure I didn’t define all this when I first started but as I have practiced year after year, it has become more clear to me why I practice interior design.

Kathy Barry earned a B.A. in Design Merchandising from Notre Dame College of Ohio in 1978. Early on she worked as a buyer and designer for Kett’s Hearth and Home and at DeKorne’s Ethan Gallery as an interior designer. She established Home Life Interiors in 1983. In 1998, Kathy passed the CQRID (Council for Qualification of Residential Interior Designers) and is currently a professional member of the Interior Design Society (IDS). She is registered on the Michigan Design List of Professional Interior Designers.

Kathy has been an active member of the Home and Building Association of Greater Grand Rapids since 2001, serving on both the membership and building committees, and is a member of the Remodeler’s Council. She provided the interior design for the HBA’s new building in 2005. Also in 2005, she earned her CAPS certification (Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist), working with those many older adults that desire to stay in their homes as they age. Additional continuing education includes AutoCad for Interior Design and Office Design classes at GRCC.

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