

CANYON CREEK LIFE

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Family of the Month

The Miles Family



Share with us the names and ages of everyone living in your house, including your pets.

Ryan, Monica, Jude - 7, Jonah - 5

Where and how did you meet your spouse?

We were setup on a blind date by a mutual friend we've both known for a long time in 2009. It turns out that we were at the same school when we were in our 8th & 9th grade, but we did not know each other. After dinner, we went to a local bar to listen to a live band and an older woman there tried to hit on Ryan. He immediately grabbed my arm and said I was his girlfriend. We stayed tied at the hip for the rest of the night.

How long have you been married?

8 years

What schools do your children attend?

Math Science Technology Magnet Elementary School in East Richardson

What are the kids involved in?

Taekwondo, Soccer, baseball, Adventure Guides

Tell us a favorite story or two about your family.

Ryan loves weather. If he could redo his career, he would probably be a meteorologist

and/or storm chaser. Several years ago, we were eating dinner at Amore in Richardson and Troy Dungan was there, Ryan's all-time favorite weatherman. I've never seen him more aw struck. If you know Ryan, you know he's a talker, he could barely speak during dinner and stared at that poor man the entire night. Finally, at the end of the dinner, when Troy was leaving, Ryan got the courage to get it up and say a few words to him.

Tell us about any organizations that you are involved with.

Ryan is involved in Watch D.O.G.S., SW quadrant leader for Crime Watch, block captain, Adventure Guides. I am a member of PTA Board.

What are your careers and where do you work?

Ryan is a residential mortgage banker at Primelending. I am a Product Manager at Homecare Homebase, LLC.

What are your hobbies?

Ryan loves to play golf and cornhole. When he's not coaching Jonah's soccer team or leading his Adventure Guide group, he enjoys hanging out with the boys playing board games or building Legos. I love hiking and is currently on a mission to visit all of the National Parks. As a couple, Ryan

and I enjoy going to concerts and are Dallas Stars fans.

The entire family loves to travel or camp and we're always planning our next trip. Jude loves to read, play video games and conduct science experiments. Jonah loves playing sports, music and movies.

What's your favorite neighborhood spot of Canyon Creek?

Wine Authority

What are the biggest changes you have seen in the neighborhood?

The amount of new families and home remodels.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Because we're working parents, our free time revolves around spending time together as a family. When we're not travelling or attending one of the kids' activities, we love going to our local favorites; the Dallas Zoo, Perot or Heard Museum. When we don't feel like leaving the house, we love to order in and watch movies together. Lately, we've been watching movies from our childhood with the boys. Star Wars (the original trilogy) and The Goonies are family favorites.

Tell me your favorite family tradition?

I have a large extended family that lives in the metroplex and every Easter, we travel to spend

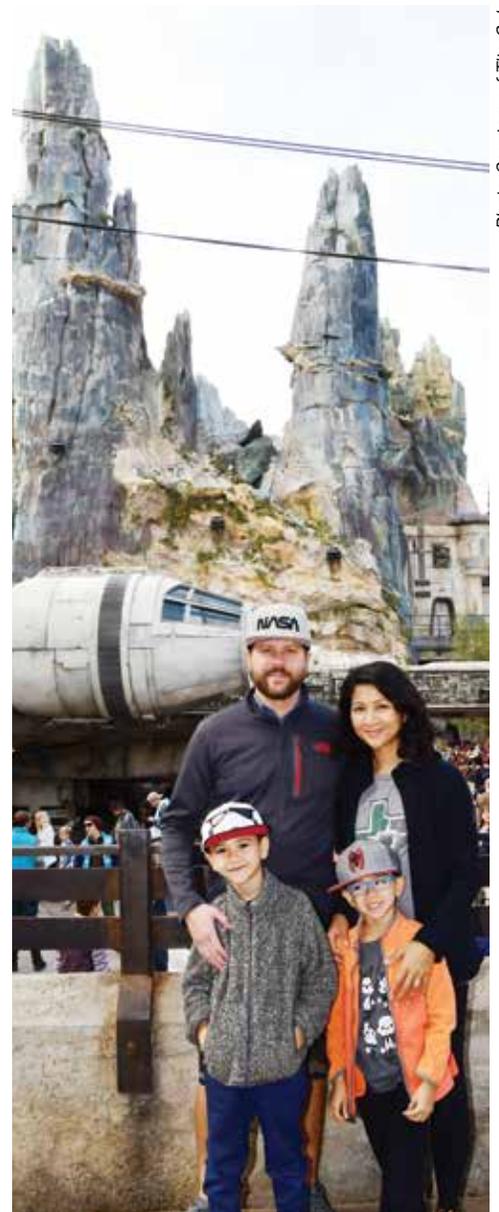


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the holiday together. Last year, we went to Broken Bow, Oklahoma and the year before we camped in Arkansas. It's always a great bonding experience and the kids love spending time with their aunts, uncles and cousins.

One interesting fact about your family?

My parents and oldest brother fled Cambodia in 1975 in order to escape the Khmer Rouge, a communist regime that ruled over the country. They were taken in by a family near Odessa, Texas where we lived until I was about 4 before moving to Dallas. The following is from one of My FB posts.

My parents and my oldest brother fled Cambodia in August 1975, four months after the Communist Khmer Rouge seizure of the capitol, Phnom Penh

and ultimately the entire country. My parents had to leave their family behind, which included their infant daughter. Over the next 3 years, it is estimated that 1.7 MILLION people perished from starvation, disease, exhaustion and EXECUTION.

My mother's parents were executed for being a part of the educated middle class. She was never able to find their remains and put them to rest.

My sister died from starvation because she was unable to eat due to an untreated case of thrush. There was zero access to healthcare. She was buried in an unmarked grave in a Communist communal farm in the Cambodian countryside. My parents never found her.

My Uncle Seihak survived execution. He regained consciousness in a mass grave surrounded by a sea of dead bodies.

My parents were eventually able to sponsor my father's parents and siblings after years of hard work and establishing themselves.

My parents moved back to Cambodia in 1993 but I stayed in Dallas and lived with my Uncle Seihak (my father's brother). We lived in Dallas and Plano but I spent my senior year in Cambodia with my parents and graduated high school from an international school.

Anything else you would love for your neighbors to know about you?

We love meeting new people. If you see us, please say hi!