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Most love stories start with meeting someone on a date (sometimes even a blind date), friends setting you up with someone they know, or even random happenstance. Rarely do they begin with your future mother-in-law introducing you to her son because she thinks you two would be a good match. But, as is often the case, mother knows best! Kay was working as an offset press operator for a printing company in Darien, Connecticut, owned by the Delli Bovi family. Their son, Bob Delli Bovi, was single and his mom just knew that he and Kay would hit it off. Again, mother is always right, and they hit it off from the start. Kay describes the couple as "an immediate perfect match." The two were married in September of 1981, and recently celebrated 37 years of marriage. They have two children, Christopher who lives in Ridgeland, South Carolina, and Robert, who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. The family is over the moon excited to have welcomed their first grandchild, Hannah, this summer.

Kay graduated from East Carolina University School of Art with a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education. She decided after graduation that she wanted to be a children's book illustrator. She moved outside of New York City and decided to print her own book. To learn more about the process and get some experience, she accepted a position at a small commercial printing company in Darien, Connecticut. She also worked as a Graphic Designer for over 35 years, creating logos,

brochures, and other artwork. She had very unique experiences working for Dow Jones in the composing room of The Wall Street Journal. She was working in the newsroom on the night the first bomb hit Kuwait, which started Desert Storm. She says it was "very eerie to be on the newsroom floor that night. Most of the people working there were Vietnam Vets and we all knew what war really meant. Everyone was silent as we waited for reports to come in. I think you could've heard a pin drop." Currently Kay works as a freelance graphic designer. Kay also paints with acrylics and says she loves living in the Savannah art community, as it's a rich environment full of innovative, creative people and the opportunities are endless for artistic growth. Kay is also an air force brat. Her father was a West Virginia Hillbilly and her mother was from Bergerac, France. She's traveled all over the world throughout her life, but grew up mostly in Delaware. However, Savannah, with its tidal creeks and easy access to the beach, make her feel right at home.

While in Western Massachusetts, Kay volunteered as a docent in an 1800's historical house. She reintroduced local history into the fourth grade public school curriculum, gave classroom presentations, wrote a booklet, *The Westfield Story*, and supervised the production of a video to complement the program. This is still being used as a requirement for regional history education.

Continuing with her writing success and creative nature, Kay also managed to publish four young adult paranormal books, all which take place in Savannah. Her books: *Wicked Haints*, *Dead Man's Fingers*, *Zombies Y'all*, and *Heels & Souls*,



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are fun, not scary and full of southern wit and charm. The inspiration for her first book came from a tour she attended with Old Savannah Trolley Tours. The driver spoke about the color Haint Blue and, according to local superstitions, its importance to keep unwanted ghosts out of the house. After the tour, she purchased a book from Schiffer Publishing and inside was a flyer about submitting ghost stories. Although she'd never thought about writing a ghost story before, she wrote *Wicked Haints*, based on what she learned on her tour. To her amazement, the company said they wanted to publish her story! Her next three books were published by Vinspire Publishing, located outside of Charleston. She's excited to be working with them because they understand and appreciate her southern humor. Kay is currently working on her next book, *Claire Buoyant*; a *Ghost Ship*. There's going to be plenty of paranormal mischief and mayhem off the Georgia coast, but you won't believe what happens at The Landings Harbor Marina! Kay's books are available at giftshops in Savannah, and online at [BarnesandNoble.com](http://BarnesandNoble.com) and [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

Bob grew up in Trumbull, Connecticut. He remembers when the Merritt Parkway was a parkway and not a parking lot, or worse a 70mph bumper-to-bumper traffic nightmare. Bob graduated from the University of Bridgeport with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Design. He worked for over 30 years in the Industrial Design Industry. He was employed as a 3D Designer for Research Development for Milton Bradley and Coleco Industries, creating "works-like-looks-like" prototypes for toys such as Simon, Sectaurs, Mister Bucket, Cabbage Patch, and AFX Slot racing cars. Bob worked as a Senior Designer for Hasbro and developed action figures, star-wars, boy's toys and board games. He also holds a number of patents for engineering mechanisms. Bob says "it was a lot of fun working in the toy industry, where else can you go work and play all day?" He also provided models for other companies and built prototypes for Brookstone, Motorola, Bosch and Skil. Since 2007 Bob has been the Model Shop Manager for the School of Building Arts at Savannah College of Art and Design. He assists students with construction of their large topographical site-models and architectural 3D models. The students keep Bob

on his toes with their questions, original concepts, and unique problem-solving techniques. Bob says "It's definitely enjoyable to be surrounded by so much imaginative thinking and when a student's final project is ready to present, it's absolutely fantastic to see what they've accomplished!"

Though the couple are not retired, they still find time for fun. Bob and Kay enjoy boating and fishing, and have a boat at The Landings Harbor Marina. Kay has even mastered using the cast net to catch live bait for when they go out fishing. Though they love living in the deep south, their hearts are true to New England and they are Patriot and Yankee fans. Bob and Kay lived in Westfield, Massachusetts for 30 years where they raised their two sons and enjoyed the many outdoor activities of the Berkshires. They got tired of shoveling snow and decided it was time to move south and seek the warmth. In 2007, as soon as Bob got a job at Savannah College of Art and Design, they sold the house, kicked the kids to the curb and headed south. Once they drove into The Landings, it was immediately agreed that they would live no place except here. They found a house in the Plantation neighborhood that's absolutely perfect and after doing a few renovations they've made this their home. It was something they've never looked back on and, although it might be interesting to visit up north they certainly prefer living down south. Eventually their sons followed them south and now they both live within "hugging distance". They try to



get everyone together for the holidays, but if not, they easily connect using FaceTime and Skype.

Bob and Kay often say that living here is like living in a wildlife sanctuary. They are frequented by deer visiting the yard, owls, hawks and eagles unexpectedly swooping down. Once a family of raccoons lived in one of their trees. They are thankful that they no longer have to shovel any snow, but are very aware that they now have to look out for alligators. They still prefer the alligators. Their family motto is "A Creative Life by Design" and they've certainly lived up to their motto!