

A Lasting Legacy

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Throughout their 47-year marriage, Scott and Barbara Campbell shared a love for many things—their children, their native New Jersey, the outdoors and a wide circle of lifelong friends. They also had a mutual appreciation for distinctive architecture, including log homes. “We always liked the look and feel of a log home,” says Scott. “So about 30 years ago, we decided we were going to buy one.”

A couple's love lives on in this engineered-log home, filled with generous gathering spaces and memorable details.

Outfitted with an outdoor kitchen, gas fireplace and custom touches, like the overhead scissor trusses and vintage reclaimed bricks, the covered patio is a favorite space for gathering with family.



The open-concept great room feels spacious yet warm thanks to the expansive brick hearth, the glow of the circular chandeliers and a lowered ceiling over the kitchen and dining area (the result of the sitting loft above) that creates a welcome sense of intimacy.

DETAILS

HOME

5,200 sq. ft. | BR: 4 BA: 4 full, 1 half
LOG PROVIDER/DESIGNER
Timberhaven Log & Timber Homes
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At that time, the couple designed a home and secured a builder, but they ran into easement issues with the property where they hoped to build. “We abandoned the project before it ever got off the ground,” Scott explains. For nearly three decades, the couple put their dream of log home living on hold.

Then, in 2022, Scott resurrected the conversation. “Out of the blue I said to Barb, ‘You still want to try for that log home? If we’re going to do it, we better get going. We aren’t getting any younger.’”

Barbara agreed, and after a two-year-long property search, they placed an offer on a rural piece of land that had been used as a rescue farm. “There was a house, animal enclosures, chicken coops and a swimming pool,” says Scott. With the exception of a stable now used as a workshop, they demolished everything to create a blank slate for their new log home.

The couple teamed up with Timberhaven Log & Timber Homes to design a personalized retreat that would bring together their close-knit family of three adult children, their spouses and grandchildren—all of whom live within 30 minutes of the New Jersey home. An open layout provides plenty of room for everyone to gather. Favorite spaces include a generous great room, sprawling kitchen



island and adjacent dining table that seats 10, and a 30-foot-wide rear covered porch. “Being able to comfortably host the whole family was so important to Scott and Barbara,” shares Timberhaven sales representative Bob Romano.

The open layout also showcases the home’s engineered pine logs and timbers, along with distinctive architectural details, like the prow front, expansive brick hearth in the great room and network of scissor trusses that extend through the center of the home to the exterior porch.

LEFT Far from an afterthought, the home’s only hallway features special details, including reclaimed red barnwood and brick that matches the type used at Scott and Barbara’s favorite restaurant.

BELOW The kitchen is a study in balance, blending rustic character with refined craftsmanship. Rich cherry-toned cabinetry, ogee-edge granite counter-tops and a copper range hood come together with a brick backsplash, twig-style barstools and lantern-style pendant light fixtures.



The home’s design includes a pair of identical primary bedrooms — one downstairs and the other upstairs — with an elevator providing easy accessibility.



ABOVE LEFT The primary bath is a spa-like escape, with its quiet palette of warm wood walls and neutral-toned tile work. A rainfall showerhead in the walk-in shower and a separate soaking tub reinforce the serene setting.



ABOVE RIGHT The main floor half-bath, designed to mimic an old-school outhouse, was one of Barbara’s more whimsical touches. Rustic paneling, a log vanity and a custom wood-encased toilet round out the aesthetic.



ABOVE Centered around the home's dramatic prow front, the twin entrances create an appealing sense of symmetry while also hinting at the welcoming spirit within.

"Those are beautiful, unique timbers," shares Timberhaven owner Lynda Tompkins. "The scissor trusses are less common than other designs, and then on top of choosing a rarer style, they opted for the heavier timbers—8-by-12s—and had the purlins dovetailed down into the truss rather than sitting on top." Inside and out, the couple continued their creative approach, layering other special materials into the design, such as bricks sourced from old buildings in the Bronx, cobblestone from excavated streets, reclaimed barnwood and custom finishes made by Amish craftsman, including hand-forged railings and twig-style furnishings.

Through the entire process, Scott says there was a mutual respect between him and Barbara: "We each took our own little areas and designed them. She was okay with what I decided, and I was okay with whatever she decided." After decades of dreaming and two years of construction, the home was complete. With abundant natural materials and spacious areas for gathering at every turn, the final result fulfilled the couple's ultimate wish: "We wanted it to be warm and welcoming," says Scott. With years of memories already in the books—and many more to come—the home has proven to be just that.

In Loving Memory

Barbara Campbell passed away unexpectedly in April 2026, after two beautiful years in the couple's dream home. Scott fondly recalls his wife "always making something for somebody," from the works of art she labored over in her designated quilting room to the hearty meals she prepared around their inviting kitchen island. But of all her creations, the retreat she lovingly designed alongside Scott may be her most lasting legacy. It's a testament to the enduring beauty of bringing people together. We dedicate this article to her memory.

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ABOVE The original Timberhaven concept included the covered porch, but the Campbells doubled its size to ensure there's room for everyone.

LEFT The three-acre lot is primarily wooded, but immaculately manicured areas frame the front and rear of the home as well as a log accessory building. "We hired a landscaper and told him the areas outside the house were as important to us as the inside of the home," Scott says.