

# Past & Present Family Portraits



"The Payne Family"

acrylic on canvas

4ft X 7ft



Caitlin



Michael



Jack - Dad



Michael - age 3



Caitlin - age 6



Mary Ellen



Betty - Mom

Mary Ellen Payne was wandering around Old Town Alexandria and happened into the studio/gallery of David Cochran, in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. She was intrigued with his large canvases, especially when she realized that the paintings that he was creating were all Family Portraits. These were a different kind of portrait where the artist mixed old family photos from generations past, along with current images. He worked from photos so there would be no "sittings."

Her visit planted a seed in Ellen's mind. She had seen David's ads in various magazines, prompting her to invite him to her Arlington home to view the potential wall and discuss possibilities. She had no concrete ideas of a background, but David assured her that that would be no problem.

As he scoured a stack of photos, he found that her 18 year old daughter played saxophone and that her family enjoys spending time at the beach. Dave also found two early photos of her children that conjured up favorite memories-he likes incorporating these early images, as it gives a fuller visual depiction of how the subjects have evolved.

Dave also included images of Mary Ellen's Mom (sitting next to her), her Dad (as a bartender, he was a social guy) and the two family dogs, Cringle and Nick.

This 4ft X 7ft acrylic painting was presented at Caitlin's graduation party with friends and family from all over the country. Mary Ellen says, "This painting was the center of conversation, as the whole party piled in the dining room and wandered down memory lane. We all love how we were depicted. This painting will be cherished for generations to come."

Giclee prints were made of the painting for various family members, so they could be enjoyed within the family circle.

"I paint from photos to create a completely unique family portrait, frequently presented for an anniversary or special event."

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