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Life was good.

I had just graduated from Robert Morris College after four years when I quit the job I had for two years to help pay for school, thanked my boss for his faith in me, and was heading to Florida for two weeks before coming home and starting my career—whatever that might be. Then my boss's son called and said his dad had a heart attack and wanted to know if I would be interested in working for their CPA firm—starting tomorrow. I said yes and thus my accounting career began. Their small firm in Pittsburgh gave me the opportunity to use and improve the accounting and tax return preparation skills I had learned in college. For six years, I was an employee and eventually a partner with the firm. In 1977, having moved back to Mount Pleasant, I opened my own firm on the side of my house. In March 1979, I moved the firm to our current location.

Over the years, many smart and friendly employees (currently Jeannie, Suzy, and Paula) have helped make up a great team. Our exceptional and understanding clients have made for a rewarding and pleasant experience. Both of which make it difficult for me to decide to step back. In this decision, I have decided to associate with BKY Financial, Inc., another small firm located in Russellton, PA. This firm, headed by Bill and Kimberly Yanicko, has the enthusiasm of young owners with the accounting and tax experience that will do a great job for our clients. Additionally, they will also be offering financial and investment services to our clients if wanted.

Bill and Kim are a brother-sister team that understands what it takes to keep the family feel of a small-town business while producing a professional product. The two are still part of the small town they grew up in and have taken the steps to create an essential business to the community, just like their father as the owner of a local funeral home and their grand-father who was the town pharmacist.

The pair attended Saint Vincent College in Latrobe for their studies in accounting. Bill went straight to work for Hunter Truck as a Staff Accountant while sitting for his CPA exam and became their Accounting Manager before making his transition back to his home town to be a part of BKY full time in 2019. After graduating from Saint Vincent, Kim studied for her Masters in Taxation at Robert Morris University, the same school I had called home for four years.

In 2015, Bill and Kim associated with the local long-time tax preparer of Russellton and have turned her business into what is seen today. It is important to them to maintain the small town feel of their growing business, as the previous owner's family had done since 1938, while continuing to produce their highly professional products and services. This is what we know they will accomplish with our firm as well and we hope our beloved clients will continue on the journey with us as we become part of the BKY Financial family.

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**P.S. Look out for an invitation to meet this new family at our Meet & Greet event in the Fall!  
Formal invitations to follow.**

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