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“I wouldn’t have done anything different,” says Dolores Rider about her kitchen renovation by DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen of Winston-Salem, a division of Anderson-Moore Builders, Inc.

Dolores and husband Tom are transplants from Pennsylvania, moving into the area a few years ago. The vivacious retirees made the decision to relocate in order to be “closer to the kids and grandkids” and to enjoy their golden years in a region with milder weather.

When they are not out and about, the Riders spend the rest of the time in their home. “We purchased this house because it was in an established neighborhood with mature trees and it was in good shape,” says Dolores, adding that the roof and other updates were done to the home in recent years.

Although the couple liked the house, they were not crazy about what Dolores describes as the 1980s look of the kitchen. They knew they wanted to overhaul the kitchen, but were uncertain which remodeling company to hire.

“Since we were new to the area, we did not have the database of local knowledge that comes with living in the area for several years,” Dolores explains.

When the time came to renovate, the Riders relied solely on recommendations and word-of-mouth to find a reputable contractor. After speaking to fellow Master Gardeners while volunteering at The Home Builders Association of Winston-Salem’s Triad Home & Garden Show, the couple heard about DreamMaker. The positive recommendations were enough to convince the couple to hire the company.

The remodeling process started with the design. Dolores and Tom worked with DreamMaker’s in-house designer, Julia Cox, to design their new kitchen. “Designing the kitchen was a collaborative effort between us and Julia. We knew what we wanted, but Julia brought everything together,” Dolores says.

The remodeling plan included a complete gut-out of the original kitchen. The Riders had in mind a lighter wood tone for the cabinetry, new floors, new stainless steel appliances and an eat-in bar, which has become their grandchildren’s favorite place to dine. They also wanted new countertops, but were uncertain of the type of material and color. The designer suggested a dark granite countertop. At the time, Dolores was



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not keen on granite, but took the advice and found a dark granite design she absolutely adored.

The Riders started with a budget, but during the process decided to allot more money for items they wanted, such as lighting fixtures. “We discussed it and concluded that this would probably be our last remodel and we would stay in this home for years, so why not spend more and get what we really want,” Dolores explains.

Even though the heart of their home was in shambles for seven weeks during the renovation process, the Riders say the DreamMaker staff was “un-intrusive” to their daily routines.

“All the workers were really nice guys, and they were thorough and neat,” says Dolores, who mentions project site superintendent, Mark Rodgers, in particular. “Mark was really responsive to us. When we had a question or needed something he was always there. DreamMaker is truly committed to the job and their clients.”

As a result of the renovation, Tom and Dolores now have a beautifully updated kitchen that is efficient and functional.

“I catch myself sometimes just sitting and admiring the kitchen,” states Dolores. “My husband, who’s the cook, enjoys the layout, which is more pleasant to work in.”

Working with DreamMaker was such a positive experience that Tom and Dolores want the company to work on their next renovation – their main bathroom.

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