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The Armitage Family: *At Home in Maple Valley*



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Jason and Christie Armitage are longtime Maple Valley residents who began their journey through life together in high school. Both Jason and Christie attended Spanaway Lake High School and met through mutual friends. According to Christie, “His best friend and my best friend started dating, so we all hung out a lot and that’s how we met and became friends.” After high school, Christie and Jason ventured off to different colleges, but were able to remain friends and eventually started dating. They were married in July 2003.

Christie attended the University of Puget Sound where she graduated from the occupational therapy program in 1999. Since college, Christie has worked in pediatrics and is currently a licensed occupational therapist. “I started in a local school district and eventually transitioned to private practice where I worked for five years at a private clinic in Issaquah,” said Christie. “After hearing excellent reviews about Maple Valley Pediatric Therapy, I decided

to explore employment options closer to my home. I worked at Maple Valley Pediatric Therapy for approximately four years before my business partner, Billie, and I decided to take the reins from our amazing mentor and founder of the clinic. For the past three years, I have been so proud to own an amazing business and serve those right here in the community I know and love. We have been able to grow and increase our services to include: occupational therapy, speech therapy, and aquatic therapy. We also recently opened a second location in the Lake Morton area.”

Jason, who is a graduate of Western Washington University, currently works for United Parcel Service as a driver. He is also very supportive of Christie’s business venture and does handyman work around the clinic to help keep it in tip-top shape.

Jason and Christie’s family has grown over the years to include their two sons: Tyler (15) and Preston (12).

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Tyler is a sports enthusiast, but his true passion is football. He played football for Summit Trail Middle School, where he was voted Most Valuable Player (MVP). He also played for the Tahoma High School freshman team last year. Tyler is anxiously awaiting the start of a late football season at the high school once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Preston loves singing and has participated in two years of the Maple Valley Idol, Junior, competition. "He was voted the People's Choice winner," said Christie. "That honor allowed him to perform at Maple Valley Days and the Farmers Market."

The Armitage family also includes their pets, Jax and Kermit. Jax is a nine-year-old Cockapoo (Cocker Spaniel and Poodle mix). Kermit is a Green-Cheeked Conure (parakeet) that Preston enjoys training to do tricks. The latest trick he's learned is to dance while Preston sings.

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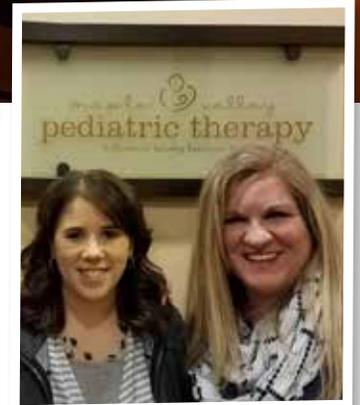
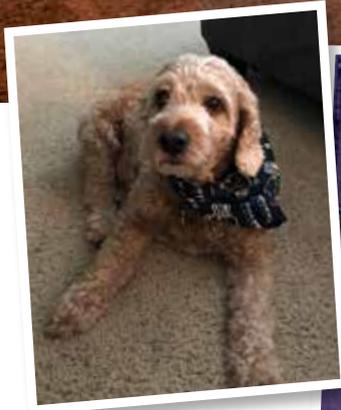


Top 5 Favorite Things:

1. Traveling
2. Fishing
3. Watching movies together
4. Family game night
5. Skiing



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In their free time, Christie and Jason enjoy being outside and staying active. Christie enjoys running, traveling, and since spending more time at home due to the COVID-19 restrictions, has recently become interested in gardening. Jason enjoys fishing and golfing. One of his favorite activities is taking the boys out on Puget Sound to cruise around in their boat.

Spending time together as a family is a priority for the Armitages and they make sure to take family vacations each year. One of their family favorites is going to Sunriver, Oregon, with extended family: grandma, aunts, uncles, and cousins. “We like to take family vacations with my sister and her family, as all of the kids are the same ages,” said Christie. “We have gone on Caribbean and Alaska cruises, as well as trips to Disneyland and Universal Studios, Orlando, a couple of times. We are anxiously awaiting our next vacation, which is a trip to Hawaii when restrictions are lifted.”

The Armitages have lived in the Maple Woods neighborhood for almost 16 years. “We moved to Maple Valley to be closer to my sister

and her family who are also Maple Valley residents,” said Christie. “We are original homeowners in Maple Woods and our kids have grown up making great friendships and participating in many neighborhood events over the years. We love the trail system and occasionally go on hikes or bike rides right from our neighborhood. The boys love that they can walk to many of the local stores and food establishments with their friends.”

Christie and Jason are thankful for their life in Maple Valley and are happy to say that many of their family’s closest friendships are people they have met in their neighborhood, as well as the local community. If you happen to cross paths with the Armitages, say hello. They appreciate you!

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