



THE LAMOUREUX FAMILY

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Dr. Alissa Lamoureux and Michael Lamoureux's story is proof that everything happens for a reason. Their paths crossed in May 2004 at a Red Sox game in Boston.

Alissa's brother planned to go to the game with his friends and had an extra ticket at the last minute which he gave to Alissa. At the game, the rain led to some changes in seating arrangements, eventually leading to Alissa and Michael's introduction.

After chatting, they soon found many similarities. Despite growing up in Shrewsbury and Worcester, having mutual friends, attending the same parties and events, and both graduating from Brown University, their paths did not cross until that rainy Red Sox game. Looking back on that day, the Lamoureuxs say, "a lucky ticket, great timing, and rain was all that was needed."

Just eight days before their wedding, in June 2009, Dr. Alissa Lamoureux graduated from the University of New England. The couple was married at the Aldrich Mansion Chapel in Warwick Neck, RI, by Monsignor Peter Beaulieu. After a honeymoon in Mexico, the couple landed in Florida to start their new life together as Alissa began her medical residency.

Michael continued his successful career working in corporate finance within the defense industry as Alissa gained critical knowledge and training in internal medicine. She wanted to build a strong foundation in medicine prior to proceeding with specialty training in Dermatology. During a tremendous Dermatology residency at Broward Health Medical Center, she was able to train with some of the best dermatologists in the United States, write and present on her dermatology related publications and solidify her foundation for an amazing career.

During her two residencies, Dr. Lamoureux earned the coveted titles of chief resident, resident of the year, resident teacher of the year, and intern of the year. Her passion for practicing medicine has been a result of the inspiration that stemmed from both her father, an accomplished gastroenterologist and grandfather, a well-respected general practitioner.

After several moves over 10 years that brought the couple from Maine to Florida, with a short stop off in New Hampshire, the Lamoureuxs, with the birth of their second child returned to MA in 2017 and opened Skin Dermatology. With Alissa's extensive recognition and training within the field, as well as Michael's business acumen and focus on healthcare management through his MBA at Northeastern University, the couple have proved to be a great team. On a daily basis Michael uses his expertise gained from working on multi-billion dollar contracts and as a Six Sigma Specialist to help implement and improve processes at their practice. The couple could not be happier to be residing in Shrewsbury, close to friends and family and building their business in such a flourishing community.

The Lamoureux's Catholic Faith has always been important to them. The couple says, "Through the joys and tragedies throughout our lives, faith has been at the center of how we worship and celebrate as a family." Alissa and Michael along with their children Thomas (7) and Alexandra (3), have been parishioners of St. Anne's Parish for the past seven years. Alissa says, "We had been members at other parishes in the various states where we resided during our childhood years but are proud members of St. Anne's along with [my parents]

Peter and Phyllis Tomaiolo.”

Dr. Peter and Phyllis Tomaiolo were married at St. Anne’s, after graduating from Saint Anselm’s College and Ana Maria College. The couple met at Shrewsbury High School. They have been St. Anne’s parishioners most of their lives with the exception of living in Italy, while Peter attended the University of Bologna Medical School. Their faith is at the center of their family. They have strong relationships within the local parish community and have been blessed to call Fr. Ralph DiOrio their dear friend. They support many charities including St. Anne’s Human Services and foster a family of three children in Peru. The Tomaiolos enjoy having their children and grandchildren nearby in Shrewsbury and say their motto to live by is “Live close to your family and friends and enjoy time spent with them.” They are proud that both of their children own successful business in Shrewsbury, with Alissa and Michael owning Skin Dermatology and their son Michael and daughter-in-law, Julia owning Atlantic Poke.

The foundation to live by their Catholic Faith was established early in the Lamoureuxs lives. Their parents gave them the opportunity to attend Catholic schools. Alissa attended Venerini Academy and Notre Dame Academy, where she took on many leadership roles and Michael attended St. Peter-Marian (SPM), where he was recognized as an outstanding athlete. Michael was a five-year football player, a two-time T&G Super Team pick, a Captain, and led SPM to five consecutive

Central MA Division 2 Super Bowls, winning the Most Valuable Player in 1996. He also played basketball and was a Captain, CMC All-Star and T&G All-Star in baseball. He was a National Honor Society member and led the Brown football team to the 1999 Ivy League title, while graduating with honors in economics. He was inducted into the St. Peter-Marian Hall of Fame in 2011, with his proud and supportive parents, Paul and Suzanne Lamoureux of Worcester by his side.

To carry on the tradition, the Lamoureux children, Thomas and Alexandra, currently attend Venerini Academy. Alissa and Michael say, “Faith has always been a significant part of our everyday life and we continue to place a strong value on faith by bringing our children up in the Catholic Faith and enrolling them in a Catholic school.”

As proud Shrewsbury residents, the Lamoureuxs enjoy participating in community events such as the Shrewsbury Fall Festival. They enjoy spending time with friends and family and visiting Cape Cod. They have volunteered for the American Academy of Dermatology and donate goods and services to local charities on behalf of Skin Dermatology.

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