



HOME OWNER: Pete Katris ■ **LIVING SQUARE FOOTAGE:** 1,818 in 1st floor, 1,818 in basement, total 3,636 (finish work in basement by others) ■ **ADDITIONAL SQUARE FOOTAGE:** 1,556 (front porch, back porch, garage & patio) ■ **TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE:** 5,192 ■ **YEAR CONSTRUCTED:** 2001/2002

William & Cindy Katris

To whom it may concern:

February 18th, 2002

I have known Larry Olsen since April of 2001. I was first introduced to Mr. Olsen by a personal friend that worked for a local civil engineering company. My relationship began with Larry giving us a tour of several homes he had built in the Southern Illinois area. During this time we developed a level of comfort dealing with Mr. Olsen based on his knowledge and technical expertise of the residential construction business, and our perception of his personal integrity and trust worthiness. Based on this we allowed Larry to bid on our new home.

The construction of this home would be considered a luxury home and required a high degree of detail and very high quality workmanship. This home consisted of:

- 1,818 living square feet on the main floor and 1,818 square feet of walk out basement for a total of 3,636 sq. ft.
- A finished 3 car garage with heat and large concrete patio, the total sq. ft. of the above areas is 5,192 sq. ft.
- This house has very unique details, including different ceiling heights consisting of 14 ft., 9 ft. & 8 ft. Ceilings.
- Intricate ceiling framing consisting of coffered, tray, vaulted and flat ceilings.
- A Variety of moldings including: baseboards, chair rails, crown moldings, window & door casings, fluted casings and rosette blocks.
- Architecturally designed front window consisting of triple unit with triple circle top. The outside of this window is designed with intricate Dryvit moldings including: sills, key stones and stair stepped trim bands that required very exact tolerances.
- Dining Room walls that had a array of circle top cased openings of varying widths. The top of these arches where 13 feet tall and required exact placement of 10 inch round columns to achieve the desired balance and feel of elegance.
- We also requested in excess of 25 different changes to customize the floor plan to meet our needs and life style.

Mr. Olsen completed a detailed Building Proposal & Price Offering that provided us with a level of comfort and that would be legally required to insure that we received a top quality built home in a expedient time frame.

The construction of our home was started in Mid July of 2001 and was completed by Christmas of that year. The Total time frame was about 5 ½ months.

We found Mr. Olsen to be a highly skilled residential General Contractor and showed skills, professionalism and integrity as follows:

- Great organizational skills that showed in scheduling and management of people & time requirements.
- Good communication skills.
- Very high standards of quality.
- Prompt on following up on any issues during or after completion of home.
- Showed conflict resolutions skills, when issues would come up between subcontractors.
- Met all expectations we had going into project.

Our selection of Mr. Olsen was based on the above criteria. I knew from my many years in the restaurant business in the Chicago, IL. area, that a low bid was not always the best bid. We felt that when considering all factors, even though his bid was not the lowest, he would provide the level of service and attention to detail this home required.

I would highly recommend Mr. Olsen to anyone considering building a new home.

Sincerely,

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