



A love of the water, salty air and laid-back attitude form the cornerstone of every beach house. For Normandy Beach homeowners Cassandra and Wyatt Vince and their extended family, it is that and much more: a place where families return year after year and friendships grow.

Says Cassandra Vince: "Wyatt and his three brothers spent summers in his parents' beach house, just a block away from Grandma's, so they were always visiting her and making memories there." During that time he made lifelong friends. "It was his dream," she says, to give their two young daughters, Audrey and Maddie, "the same opportunity to spend summers forging friendships down the shore."

After Grandma passed, her single-story "cozy little two-bedroom nook"

remained in the family. "We fixed it up and enjoyed living there for two summers, sharing stories about Grandma," says Vince, knowing one day they would build up. "When Hurricane Sandy destroyed the house, it just happened sooner than we expected."

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Architect Michael Moritz, a member of the American Institute of Architects and principal of Stonewater Architecture in Colonia, gave the couple exactly what they wanted: a Nantucket-style, two-story beach house with classic white trim and gray cedar shingles that would age naturally. Working in synergy with the architect was builder Brian Furey and his team at Falcon Industries in Brick and interior designer Jenny Madden of Jersey City-based Jenny Madden Design. "We had an awesome team," Vince says.

Located just 100 yards from the beach and elevated to prevent flooding