



## Lynn Sill has become our Builder-Partner in Serenade:

Lynn Sill is the owner of LTS Building Systems, a firm specializing in Insulated Concrete Formed construction throughout west central and southwest Illinois. Born in Forsyth, Illinois, he grew up immersed in his father's busy construction business in the Decatur area. He has a degree from Richland Community College in Electronics and has graduated from the 5-year IBEW apprenticeship program. Always searching for better ways to do things, Lynn has been part of many construction projects where, in recent years, he came to recognize ICF walled buildings as clearly superior to conventional construction. Because of that special interest, ICF manufacturer Amvic approached Lynn to build with and represent their product, in fact, leading to ICF projects far and wide. One of his most recent was the construction of ICF walls for a large expansion of The Assembly of God Church in nearby O'Fallon. In fact, a stunning 2 story entry tower, made with ICF blocks, has just been submitted for a "World of Concrete" award at that association's annual meeting later this year, the tower is pictured below, waiting its stucco exterior. That project, and our homes have been designed by the same architect...Dennis Schuette, who also specializes in ICF walls, and that in fact, is how we first connected with Lynn.

Lynn and his wife Kay live in Petersburg, Illinois, have been married for 7 years and have 5 children between them. All the children have left the

home but only one of the boys is following in his father's steps in the construction industry. Lynn enjoys hunting, fishing and woodworking, and is a loyal Fighting Illini fan.

These notes from Merrill: (First of all, please note the common devotion to The Fighting Illini!) Then, I truly have enjoyed working with him this far, and believe he is uniquely qualified to make Serenade happen. Then, in interviews with several associates in the construction industry that know him well, our architect included, these were stated:

*"Smart, resourceful, organized", "A very careful planner, coordinates beautifully."*

*"Dedicated to doing it right the first time." "His teamwork and leadership outstanding."*

*"A terrific attitude and work ethic", "Very pleasant and upbeat".*

The General Contractor of the O'Fallon church project in a published 5-star review said, *"Great people to work with, responsive, works independently, and very detailed. Went above and beyond to make me happy,"* all exactly quoted as penned in a review.



All also stated he is deeply dedicated to the ICF concept as basic to buildings that perform at whole new levels, and believes the system will have a popular breakout in the near future years. He sees himself in this project as playing an important role in this popularization, while as he states, "having a great time doing things right."

I personally believe that it was that dedication that brought him to us...a pioneering opportunity to execute a project where all of the homes would be ICF built, and still beautiful. We've joked that it's not that easy to put a pretty face on concrete, but that's what he's doing. And I heartily concur with common opinions that he's a really pleasant guy.

He brings fresh, experienced eyes and he's improved our product, while keeping costs in line, amazingly, with conventional prices. We'll be anxious to share more details soon, here on this site, so stay tuned!! You can register with us on the last page below to receive a periodic newsletter defining details and progress....without "hustling", we promise.