

What is your job/role at Lakeside?

*Ceramic tile setter foreman*

How long have you worked for Lakeside?

*Worked for Lakeside well over 10 years. Been in the union for 36 years.*

How did you end up at Lakeside?

*I was looking for a change from a previous company that I worked for. I've always heard great things about Lakeside, so I came on over and never looked back!*

How did you get started in the construction industry/trades?

*I grew up around the construction trades. Many of my family members are/were floorlayers and tile setters. It's kind of a family tradition.*

What is your favorite part of working at Lakeside?

*Lakeside is a family-first company. I've experienced that first hand. I also like how there is open communication between the field workers and office personnel.*

What do you like most about the work we do here?

*I like how we are basically a "do everything" company with multiple trades in one building. I believe we end up putting out high-quality work because of that.*

What are you most proud of in your career so far?

Do you have a favorite/most memorable/interesting project you've worked on?

*I don't really have a favorite project. They all have their unique qualities that make them stand out. I would also say that it's not so much the projects that I'm proud of but watching the apprentices who are just starting out turn into experienced journeyman who can go out and tackle any job given to them. That makes me damn proud!*

What do you think makes our team culture unique?

*Most of our team have known each other for years, so we're like family. We know each others strengths and weaknesses. Together we continue to build on that to make every job better.*

What are three words that describe your work at Lakeside?

*Efficient, organized, fun!*

What piece of advice would you give to your younger self?

*Work smarter, not harder. I've abused this body for 36 years. There's always an easier, safer way to do things.*

What advice would you give to someone considering the trades/construction industry?

*Stay humble and learn from as many journeymen as possible. Every one of them will have a different way of doing things. Learn from them all. You'll eventually find your way of doing things as well.*

Tell us about your family and hobbies.

*I've been married to my wife for 29 years. We have a beautiful 12-year-old daughter. My hobbies include long-distance running and anything off road.*

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

*Mostly country, but when I'm out for a run, anything goes!*

Ohio State, Michigan, or who cares?!

*Go Blue!*

What is one thing people don't know about you that they would be surprised to find out?

*Only a handful of people at work know how big I am into the paranormal.*

What is one thing on your bucket list?

*Would love to make it to the Smithsonian someday.*



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