

## **Allen & Lila Torres**

My wife Lila and I married in 1984 and have lived in Melrose for over 30 years. We attended North Miami high school and spent much of our early years in south Florida. After moving to Melrose Lila got a job with the Clerk of the Courts in Gainesville and I started to work for Alachua County Information and Telecommunication Services where we both spent over 30 years. In 2015 we both retired on the same Friday afternoon at 5:00 PM, what a day that was!

Lila and I have always loved to travel, even while we were working we traveled the Caribbean extensively from Mexico to Jamaica to the Leeward Islands and others. After we retired we continued to travel just recently to Ireland and Scotland. One of our favorite spots is Colorado when the aspens change to gold during the fall. Needless to say we're already planning our next trip.

We currently run a wedding photography business, Allen Torres Photography, and enjoy shooting weddings and being part of a couples special day. When we're not behind a camera we enjoy camping at Ginnie Springs and Hog Waller (4 wheelers playing in the mud ). Lila keeps a beautiful garden and I have my bee hives. We joined Genesis Fitness in 2015 when we retired and can't say enough about Todd and staff, great people to be around. We truly believe that our practice of Qigong, Tai chi and working out four days a week will enable us to enjoy our travels and life's passions to the fullest extent for many years to come.