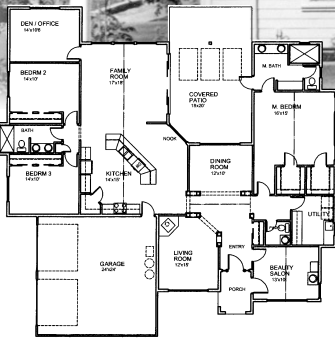


# Custom HOME OF THE WEEK



- 2563 sq. ft. home
- 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Den + beauty shop
- 2 car garage



## Home perfect for family, business

When Ed and Diane McClanahan decided to have Mike Cohen design their new home, they had some specific needs in mind. The home needed to have plenty of light, have a private entry for Diane's home business clients, and the master bedroom had to be separated from the other living areas because of Ed's sometimes unusual work shifts.

Cohen and his staff at MC Construction Consultants met all the family's needs and then some, Diane says.

"They were wonderful and they did everything they possibly could to keep us happy and make us comfortable," she says. "For example, my home business is very people-friendly because it's right next to the front door. It's light and spacious, and has its own bathroom, so it's very non-intrusive on the family space."

Nearly the whole house has vaulted ceilings, which makes the home feel open and airy — another must-have.

"Living in this part of the country, we were ready for light and bright," Diane says. "We wanted an open, airy feeling, and this house definitely accommodates that. It was a very difficult framing job,

but Mike made it happen."

To accent the lines of the ceiling, Cohen also installed plant shelves to frame the dramatic entry.

"We decorate them with large boxes at Christmas, and the kids never know which ones are full and which ones aren't," she says, then adds with a laugh, "and they can't get to them because they're 12 feet in the air."

Another feature the entire family enjoys is the covered patio at the rear of the house. Three skylights let in light during the daytime, while lights built into the vaulted patio ceiling illuminate the area at night. Because of the location of the master bath, the couple had a door installed that allows easy access to the hot tub on the patio.

The patio is a popular place for the family to entertain, but when the temperature is too cool or the weather too wet, there's plenty of room in the open family room/kitchen area. Guests can sit along the kitchen bar, in the informal eating area in the nook, or in the family room seating.

"When we entertain it's very comfortable because people can spread out but

still be a part of the gathering."

However, the family room isn't just for entertaining guests.

"We have two daughters, ages 14 and 11, and they live in that end of the house. They're in the family room, in the den, or in their bedrooms."

A description of the home wouldn't be complete without mentioning the central vacuum system, which Diane describes as "just fabulous." Each room has an opening where, with a tap on the kickplate, the system vacuums dust and debris into the central holding canister in the garage.

"That's been a real treat," Diane says. "With all the pine needles and pet hair, that central vac is worth its weight in gold."

Conveniences are plentiful, but MC Construction also made sure the house was built to last.

"This house has held up through four earthquakes in the three years we've lived here — there's not a crack anywhere."

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