

Steve Khalaf - 30 years of making memories

The world of photography has changed radically following the advent of the digital age, but the urge to record and preserve memories for a lifetime will never go out of style. Steve Khalaf of Kingwood Photo Lab is on a mission to help customers do just that.

His shop does everything that you would expect from a photo lab including digital printing, film processing, reprints, scanning from all media and negative sizes, enlargements, photo restoration, calendars and photo books. You may not know that he also offers a myriad of other services that include transfers from tape to DVD, large format scanning and printing, as well as memory card recovery. He can make prints as small as a locket or as large as a wall banner.

Canvas wraps also available for those special photos and commercial accounts are welcome.

The internet is a go-to for busy people these days and Kingwood Photo Lab offers a robust online ordering system for the convenience of customers, it's as easy as visiting www.kingwoodphotolab.com.

"Our biggest area of focus is digitizing old memories. We convert home movies and negatives to a digital format which saves space, preserves the quality and makes it easier to share memories. We are even able to digitize slides, audio tapes or reels, and boxes

of photos. I especially love seeing our customers' reactions after we've restored an old photo or prepared a video slide show for them. Our work has brought tears of happiness – these interactions with our customers keep me and my team motivated. Another popular service is that we are able to copy photos from prints when the customer doesn't have a negative or digital file and we are often able to improve the quality of the photo."



L to R: Marsha Gatling, Steve Khalaf, Dylan Wilson.

One of the primary benefits is that the work is done locally, in house and not sent out. "No one else can compete with our range of services or the attention to detail that we give each and every customer who walks through our doors. This is a point of pride for us," said Khalaf.

"The requirements for European, Canadian, and other countries' passport photos are quite detailed, and we can fulfill all the requirements for their specifications in addition to the requirements of standard US passport photos. Customers come in from all over the Houston area

because they know we're going to get these important documents photos right the first time," said Khalaf noting the store's passport photo specialty.

Kingwood Photo Lab's most famous customers include President George H. Bush, George Foreman and the Houston Texans. "Our primary focus is to give the customer the quality they deserve so they keep coming back."

Khalaf founded Kingwood Photo Lab 30 years ago and partnered with Kodak to form a custom photo specialty store after attending the University of Houston Law School. He grew up in Jerusalem and moved to Houston in 1967.

"When my father passed away, I started the business to support my family. I was born and raised in a city with so much history that I was inspired to help families preserve their history and memories through photography," said Khalaf.

Khalaf has been married since 1977 to his wife, Yvette. The pair have three children: Abe, Serena, and Tanya, and six grandchildren.

Kingwood Photo Lab is located at 2714 West Lake Houston Pkwy, near Kingwood Drive, and can be reached at 281-360-8998. More information is available at www.kingwoodphotolab.com or email directly to kingwoodphotolab@gmail.com.



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Steve Khalaf
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"Life is good."