Ten Mile Lake Association

Newsletter

Summer, 2008

Dedicated to the Preservation and Improvement of Ten Mile Lake and its Environment

ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Coffee and Social Time: 9:30 a.m.

Meeting: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Bruce Carlson

Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan Medical School

BRUCE CARLSON WILL BE THE FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE TEN MILE LAKE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING

DR BRUCE CARLSON WILL BE the featured speaker at the Ten Mile Lake Association's Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 2, at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack.

Bruce is a recently retired professor at the University of Michigan Medical School, where he was Chairman of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology and Director of the Institute of Gerontology. He has written extensively on embryology and regeneration. In a former life, he was an aquatic biologist for the Minnesota DNR (when it was still called the Conservation Department) and got an MS degree in ichthyology (fish biology). Has has been a regular contributor to In-Fisherman Magazine, with articles that integrate scientific principles with fishing techniques. He has visited and fished on Ten Mile Lake every summer since 1955 and has spent many hours on the lake

studying the fascinating parade of life beneath the surface of the lake. Many of his observations were recorded in his recent book, *Beneath the Surface* (2007). Bruce is also the chair of the TMLA Environment and Ecology Committee.

AT THE MEETING HALL, members will find displays with handouts and information presented by several of the Association's committees, including Fisheries, Environment and Ecology, History, Lake Safety, and Conservation. During the meeting they will hear brief reports from committee chairs. The nominating committee will be presenting a slate of officers and directors for the coming year.

PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE MEETING By 9:30 so you will have time to get some coffee, visit with fellow members, and view the exhibits prepared by the various committees. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and end by 11:30 a.m.

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FISHING CHATTER

by Bob Horn, Co-Chair, Fisheries Committee

FISHING SO FAR THIS YEAR has been wacky! Here we are on June 16th with a water temperature in the 50s! The only good news has been a mild resurgence in the crappie bite. Some walleyes have been caught but not with the consistency of most years in the spring.

The Minnesota Conservation magazine for May-June 2008 had two articles of concern related to fishing in Minnesota.

1. ON CLIMATE CHANGE

How will Minnesota fish, anglers, and fish managers adapt to warmer lakes and streams? The author summarizes by saying "with climate change and development both stressing lake ecosystems, lakes are becoming more vulnerable. The future of fish populations depends on what happens ABOVE the surface of our water."

Because Ten Mile has been selected as a "sentinel lake", for the next 4 years the DNR & PCA will take frequent water samples to determine how climate change and other factors are affecting all the indicators. (See pages 16 – 23 in the magazine for more information)

2. A FISH DISEASE

The second article is about a new fish disease that could turn up in Minnesota waters: Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia, or VHS virus, which attacks both saltwater and freshwater fish, causing them to bleed to death. It has shown up in all of the Great Lakes except Lake Superior, as well as in waters in other states, including Lake Winnebago in Wisconsin. It has caused fish kills in muskies, walleyes, lake whitefish, and yellow perch, and can also infect other game fish. More information can be found in the article on page 64-65 in the magazine.

A REMINDER TO ALL TEN MILE fisher people: Don't forget to attend the August 2nd annual meeting to hear our own fishing expert Bruce Carlson sharpen our skills on how to catch fish in our beautiful Ten Mile Lake.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . . by Al Griggs, TMLA President

This will be a short article! We've had a very cold spring, and the lake water temperature reflects that. At this writing it is still much too cold for swimming. And at least in my experience, thanks to the cold water temperature, the walleye fishing leaves something to be desired.

CASS Co. LAND USE ORDINANCE: As you all probably know, the County Board passed the revised Section 1116 of the Cass County Land Use Ordinance. Planned Unit Developments are no more. Developers now must choose between Conservation Developments which promise to be much more ecofriendly to our lakes than PUDs were, or conventional Lot and Block Developments. The latter now require 25% larger minimum lot sizes than before, and 50% more open space. This does not mean that newly platted riparian lots would be required to have 25% more of frontage; the lots could be deeper.

INTRALAKE ZONING IS LOOMING CLOSER, Both Cass County and the DNR have invested considerable time and money in evaluating the relative environmental sensitivities of our shorelands. The evaluation of Ten Mile is complete, along with Woman Lake. Other area lakes are currently being evaluated. I have asked John Sumption to begin the actual zoning process with Ten Mile Lake. He responded positively, but indicated that the County still has some minor issues to clear up. The County Web Site (http://www.co.cass.mn.us/) has a map of Ten Mile that shows the tentative Resource Protection Districts outlined. In my view, this will be an evolutionary process with issues to be resolved

and questions to be answered. In the final analysis, Ten Mile and all our lakes will be far better protected when intralake zoning is in place.

AFTER A SLOW START, THE SENTINEL LAKES (SLICE) program will be more active. We are starting a process to incorporate our considerable water quality data and history into MPCA's STORET database. Indications are that these data will ultimately be useful in establishing a baseline for Ten Mile. The SLICE program which is a joint effort of the DNR and MPCA will monitor the 22 chosen Minnesota lakes for long term environmental (global warming!), and developmental impacts.

I WAS RECENTLY INVITED TO SPEAK at the Ada Lake Association annual meeting. As I talked about our Association's activities, I was struck by the similarity of concerns between our two Associations. And I was impressed by the dedication of the Ada Lake people in protecting their lake. Ada is in the process of shoreland sensitivity evaluations by Donna Perlberg for the Intralake Zoning program, and has concerns about the possibility of exotic species contamination, how to get more walleye stocking, and lastly, how to grow their Associationmade me feel right at home!

OUR TMLA ANNUAL MEETING is August 2 at the UCC Friendship Hall. Bruce Carlson will be our featured speaker and will speak on lake ecology and, (I hope!) how to catch more walleyes in Ten Mile.

TML HISTORY BOOK STILL AVAILABLE: TEN MILE LAKE HISTORY, 200 YEARS

Copies of the history book published by the Ten Mile Lake Association's History Committee are still available. Ten Mile Lake History. 200 Years has been enthusiastically received by everyone who has seen it. Every Ten Mile Lake cabin should have one of these books on the coffee table! You will also want them for family and friends who have come to love Ten Mile Lake.

Copies are available at Swanson's Bait in Hackensack, at the Little Apple Book Store and the Cass County History Museum in Walker and at the Northwoods Arts Council Arts Festival and Book Fair on August 23rd in Hackensack. You may also

purchase the book directly from the following History Committee members:

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mailed to you.

THE HISTORY PAGE

THE HOLLE FAMILY HISTORY — NORTH SHORE, CRESCENT BEACH

by Natalie Holle, September 2004

(Note: Though Natalie made timely submission of her family history to the History Committee, somehow her story wasn't included in the Ten Mile History book published in August, 2007. The Holle family history is published here in the hope that it will receive a wide readership through the Ten Mile Lake Newsletter. — Tom Cox, Editor, Ten Mile History: 200 Years.)

OUR INTRODUCTION TO TEN MILE LAKE began with the phone call from old neighbors of St. Louis Park days. "Where are you two? We're all at Ten Mile Lake at a resort which our friends, Joe and Phyllis Bock, just bought. Everyone here is from Iowa. The fishing is great. The beach is perfect. You'll love it!" Right they were! Earl and I and our four children had just returned to Des Moines exhausted from a 4 week camping trip to California. We were ready for a Minnesota cabin. We had heard praises of Ten Mile Lake from Tom Cox's father, Harold Cox, when we lived in the Twin Cities in the 1950's. It was time to see for ourselves. We made our reservation for August 1967¹ and the rest is history.

In The Next Few Years we returned several limes a year at different seasons to Bock's Blue Haven on the north shore of Ten Mile Lake. One Christmas a friend gave us a Better Homes and Gardens book entitled *Fish and Fishing* by Maynard Reese, an award winning wildlife artist-author from Des Moines (Meredith Printing, 1963). This authoritative hook on fresh water angling contained many photographs. Our youngest son was looking at it one day and declared, "There's a picture of our boat and the resort in this book." And there it was: the

A SEARCH OF OUR ABSTRACT SHOWS Thomas B. Walker acquired the large tract of land which included our property in 1887 from the US Govt. Another familiar name, **Healey C. Akeley**, appears on the Abstract as his co-partner. The abstract refers to legal struggles of their heirs, a foreclosure, and a sale in 1937 to Andrew and Bessie Christie who farmed the land and cut ice from the lake for sale in the summer; they packed it in straw and stored it underground. Spencer and Alvina Kubo purchased the farm from the Christies in 1947. In 1953 the beach portion was sold to Frederic and Macie Zweifel who developed a small family resort on the beautiful sand beach. After the death of Fred, Macie kept one large lot and sold the resort to Joe and Phyllis Bock in 1966. They called their resort Bock's Blue Haven, which they operated until they retired in October of 1972 when they subdivided it into separate properties.

OURS WAS THE NEWEST of the four cabins, but we are not sure what year it was built. We think it was early in the 1960s. A man appeared at our door one day about 20 years ago and asked if the Zweifels had built our cabin. He and his wife had spent their honeymoon here the year it was built. Unfortunately I didn't write down what year that was.

WE PROBABLY HAD MORE BUILDING PERMITS than anyone on the North Shore because we undertook a project a year for many years. First we added a fireplace surrounded by tiles depicting many of the birds seen here. Next came a utility room for storage. A need for still more storage found us

familiar patio, the blue cabins, and the boat that went with our favorite cabin! In 1972 the Bock's decided to sell four of the cabins. We were happy to purchase our favorite cabin on October 2, 1972. It was a dream come true!

¹ In a note in the fall of 2005, Natalie wrote: "I see I said in the story that we first came in 1967, but I don't think that is right. I'm pretty sure we went to Chicago to pick up David (who was a junior in high school and had been attending a summer program at the U. of Chicago) and then went on to Door County, Wisconsin for our vacation in 1967."

building a garage designed by a friend, Des Moines architect **Bill Meehan**. It's a split level design with a sleeping loft and 1/2 bath for family and guests. **Ed Ytzen** built the garage and also did some of our remodeling. He commented on **Fred Zweifel**'s extensive use of screws in the construction. Macie once told me she and Fred had planned to live in this solidly built cabin.

As Our Retirement Approached In 1980, we became convinced we wanted to retire to Ten Mile despite Des Moines associates who couldn't believe anyone would move *north* to retire. Both bedrooms were too small, so we added a large addition to one bedroom creating a larger bedroom and a walkthrough den and eventually a second bath. The smallest project was a fish cleaning spot which houses an old farm sink from an Iowa farm house. Our largest project was adding a living room with a Hearthstone wood stove. Joe Major helped Earl with the finishing work on that project. The dining room fireplace was later converted to gas and dual fuel electric heat was added to each room. With added insulation, the cabin became a year-round house.

Early Photos Show A Small Little Blue Cabin in a field of tall grass with tiny pine trees we had planted soon after buying the place. The year we bought it, we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. That day, when bagging the tall grass we had cut, I lost my diamond ring. We retrieved the bags of grass from the Hackensack dump and looked for it in vain. Earl borrowed a metal detector from Cub Stromquist to try to find it. Suddenly the metal detector started clicking madly. He stopped and dug down and hit metal. It was not my ring but a large

metal box with a lid which had been flattened. Certain he had found "buried treasure", Earl pried it open. It was filled with dried horse manure! That was how we discovered the probable location of Christie's barn. My ring was never found.

TEN MILE LAKE IS A WONDERFUL PLACE for retirement. We soon got very involved in wild ricing, tapping maple trees and making syrup, cross-country skiing, the activities of the Union Congregational Church in Hackensack, and the Countryside Co-op which had been started by fellow Ten Miler, George Hoppe. Earl served as Manager and Treasurer for about 20 years. Some people still call him "Mr. Co-op" or the "Earl of Cribbage," titles to which he readily responds with a laugh. (As I write this, he just got his first "29" hand - the highest possible in cribbage. Perhaps he'll now want to be called the "King of Cribbage"!)

THE NORTH TEN MILE SANITARY SEWER
PROJECT and the current changes to Hwy 50 have
been signs of inevitable changes happening in the
area. But Ten Mile Lake remains a very special place
for us, our children and our grandchildren.

THE HOUSE AND GARAGE have been painted brown for many years. The neighborhood has seen vast changes. The tiny pines we planted have grown to mature trees. We, too, have aged. Viewing magnificent sunsets from our floor-to-ceiling windows, we truly feel we have been blessed to live *On Golden Pond*.

DON'T FORGET THE
SHORE LAND BUFFER ZONE EXPO
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2008
8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
AT DEEP PORTAGE

See the Spring 2008 Issue of the Newsletter for details

IF YOU'RE BURNING GARBAGE, YOU'RE MAKING POISON

By May Xiong, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

FOR GENERATIONS, many rural Minnesotans have burned their own garbage on-site; usually in a burn barrel. It was free, convenient, and easy to do. The problem is that burning your garbage is far more harmful to your health, our health, and the environment than previously thought. Whether it's done in a traditional burn barrel, wood stove, fire-pit, or at the cabin... if you're burning garbage, you're making poison.

FIFTY TO A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, most household garbage contained only untreated paper, wood, metal, and glass. Today's garbage, however, contains plastics, chemically treated materials, and other types of packaging waste that release a hazardous mix of toxic materials, such as dioxin, lead, mercury, and arsenic, when burned. Even seemingly harmless items, like paper, mail, packaging, and cardboard can give off toxic emissions.

AMONG THE HEALTH RISKS posed by backyard garbage burning, dioxin, a cancer-causing substance, is one of the main concerns. Dioxin is classified as a persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic pollutant because it is a long lasting substance that can build up to harmful levels in the food chain. Dioxin is formed through many natural and industrial processes including backyard garbage burning. In fact, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) now estimates backyard garbage burning to be the number one source of dioxin in the United States. The EPA has found that one family's burn barrel can actually produce as much dioxin as a fullscale, 200 ton-per-day municipal waste combustor! That's because municipal waste combustors burn at a very high temperature (over 2000 degrees) and have sophisticated emission controls to minimize and collect pollutants before they enter the environment. Burn barrels burn at a very low temperature (which is ideal for dioxins to form) and don't have emission controls to minimize and trap pollutants before they enter the environment.

FROM THERE, DIOXINS settle onto our plants, water, and soil. Animals eat the plants and the dioxin builds up in the food chain. When people eat meat and dairy products, the dioxin is absorbed into our bodies. The EPA estimates that over 90 percent of our dioxin exposure occurs through our diet. Small amounts of exposure occur from directly breathing contaminated smoke and from absorption through the skin by coming into contact with contaminated air, soil, or water. Backyard garbage burning is hazardous because it can have significant impacts on our immune, developmental, and reproductive systems.

ACCORDING TO MINNESOTA DNR, backyard garbage burning also contributes to nearly half of all wildfires in Minnesota each year. Moreover, open burning of household garbage is illegal for most Minnesotans and it has been since 1969. Despite these risks, nearly 45% of rural Minnesotans still burn their garbage on-site today creating a serious source of pollution that impacts all Minnesotans.

What can you do?

DON'T BURN GARBAGE!! Use local recycling and garbage service or drop-sites. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. Reduce your waste when possible; compost or chip yard waste; buy items with less packaging; and educate your family and neighbors about the hazards of backyard garbage burning. Not sure where to go to recycle or dispose of your garbage at home or at the lake??? Call your local county solid waste or environmental office or visit www.pca.state.mn.us/burnbarrel for contact information for all 87 Minnesota counties. Remember... if you're burning garbage, you're making poison.

(Editor's note: May Xiong is a student intern working at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, where she has been focusing on the problem of burn barrels.)

A SWAN SAGA

By Karin Arsan

On May 28, 2008 at 9 a.m., I was sitting in my cabin at a window with a view of the lake. Through the trees I saw something white coming into the bay by the Loufek property. I didn't have a good view and thought it might even be a pontoon boat roof. Being always curious, I went out on my dock and was amazed to find three beautiful Trumpeter Swans in the glassy, sunny, 50-degree bay. It was a peaceful, glorious sight.

I RAN IN AND CALLED MY PARENTS who live next door and even closer to the bay. When I went back to the dock with my binoculars, I found that the swans were slowly moving toward the water in front of my parents' shore (they did not have a dock in the water at that time). The swans were quite close in. All was very peaceful except for an occasional call which sounded just as my SIBLEY GUIDE TO BIRDS describes it: "Gentle nasal honking, slightly hoarse 'hurp' or 'hurp di di', like the honk of a European taxi; lower-pitched and less urgent than Canada Goose." My guide also tells me Trumpeter Swans are 60" long with a 80" wing spread: a very big bird and sitting rather high in the water like little boats.

I WATCHED FOR HALF AN HOUR until they were in front of my parents place and then very suddenly there was chaos! At first I couldn't even tell what was happening, but soon saw that two more swans had flown in right on top of the first three; it was not a peaceful gathering. Two were fighting (must have been the two males) and the other three were off to the side quietly preening their feathers (surely the

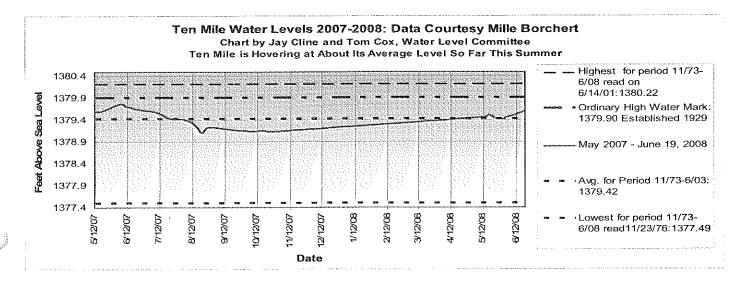
females). They all looked alike but the behavior really gave away their gender.

By This Time It Was About 9:30 a.m. The fight went on for about 15 minutes with great noise and flapping of those huge wings as they stood on the water facing each other and tried to see who could stretch his neck the highest and hit the other swan with it: It was a real neck fight!

However, After All The Fighting, the two groups parted; two swam toward the trees at Loufek's and three swam toward the beach. My attention waned and the next thing I knew all 5 were flying right at me from the north as one flock. They were flying low, almost directly overhead, in a straight line back toward the bay. I could see each one individually as it passed and hear the beating of its wings. I felt I could almost reach out and touch them. They were so close! They circled the bay and flew off to the east over the swampy area between my parents' cabin and Peg Anderson's.

THEY WERE BEAUTIFUL BIRDS: almost all white except for a black spot on the water line toward the back and black beaks and their necks were almost a beige color. Their honks were on at least two tones.

When I told this to a friend, he said that once when walking in the forest he came upon a pair nesting in a swampy area. I hope some of the swans I saw will decide that our area offers good housing and settle in for the summer. I've been on Ten Mile Lake in the summers since 1949 and this was the first time I've seen swans he



THE BUOYS OF SUMMER

by Brad Putney, Safety Committee Member

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS to navigating Ten Mile, or any other lake, is learning the placement and meaning of the hazard and safety buoys. As of this writing there are 28 such buoys in the water at TML, made up of three different types: black and white point buoys, rock buoys, and nowake buoys.

1. BLACK AND WHITE POINT BUOYS

The black and white, vertically striped Point Buoys tell boaters not to pass between the mark and the closest shore. On Ten Mile we have four of these buoys. They mark Forseman Point, the southeast corner of Angel Island, Boone's Point, and Gainey Point.

The unique situation of the Gainey Point buoy must be noted for new and inexperienced captains. While the buoy is closest to Gainey Point, the caution area actually extends back along the line of rock buoys south to Angel Island. Three of these black and white buoys have warning lights attached and should be visible at night. However, it is important to remember that these lights may not always be functioning. While navigating at night a captain should not rely solely on the lighted buoys.

When placing a point buoy, the goal is to find the end of the reef which is being identified, and to place the marker in approximately five to six feet of water. While this water depth is safe for most boats on Ten Mile, it should be considered that danger could still exist immediately outside of that buoy. Markers move, water levels change, and no reef comes to a perfect point stopping at the buoy.

2. Rock Buoys

The Rock Buoys on Ten Mile, marked by orange triangles, should be considered as reef markers, and not simply as marking one or a small group of rocks. The large reefs on our lake are marked at intervals with these buoys, and it is the responsebility of the captain to know where the rest of the reef lies. As an example, two rock buoys mark the reef across Kenfield Bay. These should **not** be considered channel markers, for the reef is shallow all the way across. These two markers are simply positioned to give boaters an idea of where the reef lies and where caution is required.

3. No-Wake Buoys

The third type of buoy on our lake is the slow or No-Wake Buoy. These buoys mark the entrance to the no-wake zones on Ten mile. You will find these buoys in Kenfield Bay, Lundstrom Bay, The small bay on the north side of Angel Island, Flowerpot Bay, and the back of Long's Bay into the Boy River. All the water behind these buoys (i.e., the entire bay) should be considered a nowake zone, all day, every day.

HAZARD BUOYS ARE BASIC to navigating dangerous water; there is no substitute for having full knowledge of the lake you travel. On Ten Mile, as on other lakes, there are hazards which are not marked, but captains need to be aware of them at all times. Note: your TMLA dues money pays for the purchase, spring placement, and fall retrieval of the buoys, plus maintenance when required.

THE SAFETY COMMITTEE hopes that you have a safe and happy summer on Ten Mile!

THE LOON JOURNAL

by Bob and Kim Moe

We have waited until the last minute to get the Loon report out because everything is at least 3 weeks behind schedule. We rebuilt one nest, and built one new nest platform for the 2008 season. Three of the six platforms were successful, but all of them after June 15 —VERY LATE!

As of this writing, there has been a hatch of at least

six babies, possibly eight or nine. They are distributed as follows: one north of the island road (6/19), two south of the island road (6/20), two in Lundstrom Bay on a natural site (6/22), one in Flowerpot Bay (6/26) and another in Flower Pot (6/27) and probably a successful hatch in the Boy River natural site (unconfirmed). We will monitor and let everyone know for sure as July goes along.

V. REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

Margaret Elizabeth Gits

Margaret "Marty" Elizabeth (Ford) Gits, a longtime resident of Bemidji, MN died Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at Neilson Place in Bemidji. Marty was born September 9, 1930 in Marshall, MN to Dr. Burton Ford and Mary Lauretta "Laura" (Graney) Ford. Marty graduated from Marshall High School in 1948 and from St. Catherine's College in 1952. She did graduate work at the University of Arizona in Tucson, where she received a Master's Degree in Art History. She married Gregory E. Gits on August 13, 1955 in Marshall, MN.

Marty was employed in St. James, MN School District and at St. Ann's in Minneapolis until she retired to raise a family. She was a St. Philip's Trustee and was involved in St. Jude's Circle. Marty was a master knitter and crocheter, enjoyed crossword puzzles, water color and oil painting, and was an avid reader. She was a loving mother, thoughtful person, a creative cook, an avid bridge and cribbage player, and especially loved spending time with her children and grandchildren at Ten Mile Lake. She had spent every summer since she was nine years old at the Gits cabin, formerly the Ford cabin.

Marty is survived by her loving husband, Gregory Gits, of Bemidji, MN; her children, Judy M. Klaers (Pat) of Fargo, ND, Charles J. Gits (Kim) of Edina. MN, Elizabeth A Nelson (Gayle) of Brainerd, MN, Helen P. Yarmoska (Wayne) of Edina, and John G. Gits (Lisa) of Madison, WI; nine granschildren; sister Patricia Murphy of Marshall, MN; numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews; dear friends of the Book Club and neighborhood. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Dr. Jack Ford, and her sister, Eileen Hahn. A funeral service was held at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Bemidji on May 10, 2008, with interment at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery in Marshall, MN.

(Information provided by Marty's husband, Greg Gits.)

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Ned Jeffries Goodwin

Ned Jeffries Goodwin, 73, of Sun City, Arizona, died on May 16, 2008. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1934. In 1949 he moved to Walker, Minnesota where he graduated from high school in 1952. He attended the university of Minnesota and graduated from Brown Institute with a degree in Mass Communication. Ned served in the US Navy during the Korean War. He was editor of the "Kwajaleen Post" Newspaper in the Marshall Islands and spent two years in Hawaii as the official guide for tours of Pearl Harbor. Later he was stationed at the Pentagon on the editorial staff of All Hands Magazine.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he finished his education and in 1958 began his long career in broadcasting in Marshall, Minnesota. In 1959 he was hired by Station KBUN in Bemidji, Minnesota. In 1964 he became General Manager and was named Vice President of Paul Bunyan Broadcasting Company in 1967. He built FM Station KBHP in 1972.

In 1988, Ned had open-heart surgery after a near-fatal heart attack. The company was sold in 1989, but Ned continued on the air with his very popular program, "Musical Memories," which ended in 1994 after 23 years. He worked for Public Television for two years as director of Development, retiring again in 1995.

Ned was active in Bemidji civic affairs, serving as President of the Park Board and Councilman; in 1970 he was elected Mayor of Bemidji. He became an active member of the Minnesota Broadcasting Association in 1964 and served on the Board of Directors, as Secretary/Treasurer, and Vice President. From 1986 to 1988 he served as President of MBA. He received the MBA Pioneer Broadcaster Award in 1989, and was honored as one of the original members of the MBA Hall of Fame in 2001. In addition to his busy professional life he enjoyed acting with the summer stock Paul Bunyan Playhouse in Bemidji for 17 years.

In 1994, Ned married Mariana Elsenpeter. When he retired they moved to Ten Mile Lake, in Hackensack, MN. In 1996 Ned and Mariana bought a home in Sun City, AZ and were "snow birds" for ten years. In 2005 they sold their lake home and became permanent residents of Sun City.

Ned was preceded in death by his father, Ned, Sr., his mother, Orlean Magee, and step-father, Roy Magee; and grandson, Jeremy Goodwin. He is survived by his wife Mariana; two sons, Brad (Amy) Goodwin of Brooten, MN, and Paul (Kim) Goodwin of Bemidji, MN; daughter Julie (Tom) Wollack of Andover, MN; step-mother Marlea Turgeon of Evanston, IL; half-sisters Marlea Jean (Brian) Robb of Buffalo Grove, IL and Pam (Kelly) Gavin of Bradenton, FL; half-brother Jeff Goodwin of Mahomet, IL; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A memorial service will be held in Bemidji at a later date. Inurnment will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Walker, MN.

(Information provided by Ned's wife, Mariana Goodwin)

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