

John and Sue Arntzen
"Steel Away"
5587 Baker Lake Road
Or "Dave Miller's Place"

John and I first visited Stormy Lake in 1990 when we came up for a weekend with our friends, Brad and Terri Kemp. They are part of the clan that belongs to Deer Point, which is in the bay sometimes referred to as "Wurmle Bay". At that time, Deer Point consisted of the one brown cabin and a tiny green cabin. Our first weekend in the north woods was great due in part to the company, the beauty of "up north", and the fact it was a couple's weekend! While we did instantly love the ambiance of the northwoods, we weren't too sure of the five-hour drive for a weekend get away!

John and I continued to go up north with Brad and Terri over the course of the next six years, both in the winter and summer. Each time, the five-hour drive seemed to be less of an issue. Not only would we stay at Deer Point, we also had the pleasure of staying at Terri's family place which is on Birch Lake. During this time we also watched the building of Deer Point's new log "cabin". One of John's memories is being there with the guys during construction. They swept up enough sawdust to lay the sleeping bags on the floor in front of the wood stove and couldn't have felt more comfortable if they were at the Ritz! It was that weekend John called Deer Point's log cabin the Pine Palace.

John and I eventually started bringing our children, Mitch and Wendy, up to the northwoods for family weekends. We enjoyed staying at the Whitetail Inn, but really missed being on the water. It was then we started to toss around the idea of having our own place on the lake. But which lake and where? It took us about a second to realize Stormy had spoiled us for any other lake.

During one of our family weekends in July of 1996, we contacted a realtor and went to a couple of places for sale on Stormy. After looking and re-looking, we decided to sail on Stormy for the afternoon. We needed to clear our heads and think about this giant decision. It was a gorgeous day and what better way to put things in perspective? We had only been on the lake for a short while when this yellow sailboat came near us. This man stood up in his sailboat and started waving his arms at us. He then yelled over to us, "Welcome to Stormy. Are you the new Scott on the lake?" John replied, "No, but we'd like to be!" And that was our first meeting with Dave Miller. Within the course of that sail on the lake, we learned Dave was going to be selling his place and we should come by and look at it. As we followed Dave to his dock, John and I had the feeling of Divine intervention going on! Or, God's bony finger poking us in the back, as I like to put it. We beached our sailboat and got our first glimpse of the outside of his place. The next thing we know, Dave offered to let us keep our sailboat at his dock overnight, he drove us to our car at the boat ramp and we were

scheduled to get the grand tour of 5587 Baker Lake Road on Sunday.

On Sunday, we met Dave's wife, Esther, and saw a cabin with what the Miller's called "their million dollar view". You could see how well the Miller's took care of their cabin and loved their property. As we talked, it was amazing the connections we had and the things we had in common. By the end of the afternoon, not only did we feel we were all brought together for a reason, we had a handshake deal with the Millers to buy their cabin in August of 1997. What a weekend! It was the quickest drive home yet!

Now, we had not told Brad and Terri we were actually looking at places that weekend. We had only talked about being interested in buying maybe someday. We decided to tell people about our plans after we had a contract deal with the Millers. This is where the fun begins! By the next weekend, Brad's parents were up north and heard the Miller's were thinking about selling. Judy Kemp called Terri to let her know about it so Terri could pass that bit of information onto us. Terri called us and talked to John. She started telling John where the cabin was located, who the people were, etc. John couldn't handle the pressure of playing dumb and acting like he knew nothing and passed the phone to me! "Here, talk to Sue." I then started listening and getting all these details about this cabin on Stormy and I broke! "Terri, we are buying Dave's place!" She was stunned and just started laughing. In the meantime, it turns out Judy and Bob Kemp canoed their way over to Dave's dock to tell him about this nice couple from Rockford who were friends of the family that might be interested in his place. Dave smiled and appreciated the information. At this point, Brad was in the dark about all of it! John, Terri and I decided it was time to have a little fun with Brad. We went out to dinner and got Brad talking about Stormy and the Millers. I asked Brad what kind of guy Dave Miller was, exactly location of the cabin, and what it looked like. He started to tell me what he could and I took out some pictures the Millers gave us of the cabin. I showed them to Brad and asked, "Is this what it looks like?" The look of confusion on Brad's face was priceless! We shared our story and celebrated with champagne.

So, seven years after our first visit to Stormy, on August 8, 1997, during another couple's weekend at Deer Point with Brad and Terri, we moved into Dave's place. It amazes us that we own this slice of heaven. Dave and Esther are like family to us and we think of them often while we enjoy our "million dollar view".

Now, about our neighbors next door to us on Stormy, Brad and Terri Kemp – that is a whole other story!

We purchased our property on 7/1/98. We are located at 5593 Baker Lake Rd. We have 5 people in our family, there are 5 points on a star, and we are on the North side of the lake in the North woods. Therefore we named our place "Kemp's North Star".

Cliff & Dorothy Walin built the house in 1977. They purchased the land the year prior from the Bergstroms. The Walin's were very helpful in every way. What wonderful people!

Brad "grew up" in the summers at his parent's cabin (Bob & Judy Kemp – Deer Point) which is located in the same bay on Stormy. His parents purchased their property when he was 1 year old. Brad's best memories are from Stormy Lake, so we have always wanted to buy a place of our own to offer the same to our kids. It is truly our dream come true.

Over the years, we have enjoyed sharing Stormy Lake with friends, especially our closest friends John & Sue Arntzen. Not surprisingly, they immediately fell in love with it. After coming up with us to our parents cabin for about 8 years, they decided to purchase the Dave & Esther Miller place in 1997. We were very excited for them. It was especially gratifying because we had introduced them to Stormy. The Walin place went up for sale right next to the Arntzens the next summer. We feel very fortunate to be so close to our parents cabin and next door to our good friends the Arntzens.

The Kemp's
Brad & Terri
Andy, Kate, & Clay

5601 Baker Lake Road — Stormy History of The Lindberg Clan

By Judy Lindberg Elmer

The Lindberg Family home on Stormy Lake was completed and ready for occupancy early in the Summer of 1973. Our family and extended family were certainly no strangers to this lovely pristine lake in northern Wisconsin. What follows is a short history of how we landed where we are today.

> Late 1940's - early 1950's: My grandfather, Gust Gustafson, was invited to visit a new resort on Stormy Lake in Conover, WI, which had recently been built by Henry Carlson and Bud Berglund. Henry's dad, Oscar Carlson, suggested this to his close friend, Gust, and added that he should encourage his son-in-law, Harry Lindberg, to bring his family up North for a weeks vacation.

> 1953 began our decade of two wonderful weeks in July at the Stormy Lake Resort, located on a large piece of Lake property off of Baker Lake Road. This quickly became the highlight of every year for Harry and Jeanette's family of 5, which included their children, Judy, Jim and Sharon. Other relatives and close friends usually occupied the rest of the 9 charming, rustic cabins....complete with no hot water or showers back then. Each cabin did have its own green wooden row boat, to which everyone usually added a 5 or 6 horsepower motor. Fishing was superb and the beach and lake, second to none! Most of us learned how to waterski (adults included) and could experience horseback riding in the field behind our cabins, thanks to Sharon Carlson. Us kids loved every minute! 1962 marked the end of that era.

> 1966 found us at Stormy Lake once again for a weeks vacation. My Dad's cousins, Clara and Les Hedstrom (also yearly resort renters) had recently purchased their own beautiful "stuga" and we were able to come up as a family and enjoy our beloved Stormy Lake. They were located off of Denton Road, so we had another lovely view to take in. And now the pressure began again to encourage (some might say beg) our parents to also buy a house or property at Stormy Lake. They had consistently refused our requests over the years for a variety of reasons. One of the major ones being that we'd all move to different areas as adults and leave the two of them sitting alone in a house in the Northwoods, rarely having the time to spare for repeated visits up North. Never happened!

> 1970 was the year my husband, Bruce Elmer, and I were invited to go with our new friends, Pat and Pete Werner, to spend a long winter weekend with them at their beautiful family cabin in Wisconsin. What a coincidence!! Yes, it was on Stormy Lake! This was the first visit to Stormy for Bruce. He absolutely loved it! On our second trip up with the Werners, Pat's Mom, Marge

Williams, announced that she had heard through the grapevine that the Carlsons and Berglunds were getting ready to sell a large parcel of properties just east of Stormy Lake Resort. So when we returned to Chicago, I called Violet Carlson to confirm that information. That was their plan and she put us on the list of interested buyers. Turned out that Bruce and I were first on the list. We were very interested, but reality soon set in and we knew the chances of us making it happen were not great. But we were excited nonetheless. We informed my folks of this great news, and within the next couple of months, they responded with a new plan.

Mrs. Carlson called us back later in 1970 and told us that the lots had been plotted out and were being offered for sale. I told her that my parents had decided that they would like to be the buyers instead of Bruce and myself. She was readily agreeable to that new plan. We had first choice of the available lots, and decided on the lot where our house stands today, 5601 Baker Lake Road.

>1972 in the late fall, ground was broken and building began. John Stearns and Co. of Eagle River was chosen as the main builder of the home our family had chosen to build. My Dad, brother Jim and my husband Bruce, all being in the building trade, we very thorough in making decisions on who should be the builder, as well as the design, products used in building, etc., etc.!

> 1973 was the year our family, which now numbered 10 and included 2 grandchildren, Eric and Katie, spent our first summer at 5601 Baker Lake Road. We stood together as Dad and Mom prayed thanks to God for this special place and dedicated it as a home where our family could keep close ties to one another and find much enjoyment for many years to come.

> 2018 means that was 45 years ago! Much has happened, and Stormy has been there through it all, so to speak. Mom Jeanette passed in 1988, (way too soon), and Dad Harry joined her in 2008 (age 90). He spent his last New Years celebrating with family up in Stormy. Our original family of 5 has grown in numbers to 44 and we all still love spending time at Stormy Lake whenever possible!

In 2001 my sister Sharon and her husband Dale Berry bought the lot just to the east of our original home, from Dad Harry. Overcrowding had started to be a problem at 5601. That was also the year Dad's first great grandchild, Jonathan, was born, with many more to be added over the coming years. In 2003 Sharon and Dale Berry built a lovely home on this beautiful wooded lot, 5599 Baker Lake Road.

5625 Baker Lake Rd.

Henry and Violet Carlson purchased 2400' of lake frontage from Wally Adams in 1947 for \$5000. Martin and Barbara Berglund purchased the property with the Carlson's for an additional \$5000 equaling a total of \$10000. The property thus was purchased for \$3.00/foot. They also purchased 240 acres behind the resort from Baker Lake Rd. to the fish hatchery. At the time of purchase, the future resort beach was a public beach. The original purpose was to develop a church camp site for friends from Chicago. Stormy Lake was too far to travel, so the resort was developed. Six cabins were built. Sharon Carlson's grandfather was the carpenter. The Carlson's moved into cabin 5 and the Berglund's were in cabin 6. Later 3 more cabins were built with the Carlson's in cabin 8 and the Berglund's in cabin 9. In 1952, 2 houses were built, one for the Carlson's and the other for the Berglund's, thus leaving 9 cabins for the resort.

The first caretaker for the resort was Ike Johnson. He was known as the "ice man" because he brought a load of ice to the cabins for the "ice boxes". He cut the ice from Blueberry Lake behind his home. The future caretaker's house was the ice house. The next caretaker was Roger Pierson's father followed by Vernoy Johnson.

The resort had no phone, electricity, TV, etc. They used a generator and had a huge gas tank near the back of the resort. Everyone took a bath in the lake because there was no hot water.

In 1966 the resort was sold to the Funks and Lood's. The Berglund's sold their house to Al Smith in the late 70's early 80's and sold the cabins as condos.

Summer Fun at the Resort

Sharon and her family would come up to Stormy as soon as school was out and they would stay until school would begin. She loved to swim and hunt for frogs. Many times she would return home with frogs between every finger which she had collected along the beach. Her parents purchased a Shetland pony for 1 summer. They knew nothing about ponies and had cinched the saddle incorrectly. She went for a ride, the saddle slipped, she fell off and it took 4 men to corral the pony to remove the saddle. She next had a horse for 3 summers. The horse was sold in 1958 and a ski boat was purchased. This was their first ski boat.

Sharon's father would commute by train to the Northwoods from Chicago. He built the rock gardens along the shoreline by hauling rocks, in a boat, from along the shore of the State owned land.

Her Grandfather was a fisherman. He would go out to the North bay to fish for Northern Pike and sometimes Large Mouth Bass. Many times other fishermen would follow her Grandfather

because he knew where to catch the best fish. He would continue to get in the boat and fish even after he lost a leg.

Nels Olson brought waterskiing to the lake. About 1952, he had a 16 ½ HP motor on an Aluminum boast. The kids at the resort would line up along the dock to learn how to ski and take their turn at skiing. Nels would drive until it was dark so the kids could ski.

Many evenings, the adults would be in 1 cabin and the kids would gather in another cabin. Most of the time, the adults were louder than the kids. Sometimes Snipe hunts would be organized for after dark.

One of Sharon's favorite memories was when the men at the resort went skinny dipping after dark. They had left their clothes on the beach where the kids crept in, took the clothes, and threw the clothes into a tree.

Judy Lindberg Elmer and Sharon were great friends. One summer, Judy had a tadpole or frog as a pet which she named "Bruce". Sadly, Bruce died, so they arranged a funeral for him which included a singer, pall bearers, a euology, a small box casket and burial on the beach.

Vernoy Johnson added a lot of fun to the summer when he was a caretaker.

The resort had a garbage dump behind the cabins and near Baker Lake Rd. One evening, Mr. Peterson took their garbage to the pit and was met by a bear. He yelled, dropped the garbage and went running back to the cabins telling all about the bear.

Conover provided many organized activities with dances in the town hall, outdoor movies in the street and street dances/ice cream socials. The Dusalt's had the Dairy Queen for nightly treats. On the way home from town, all would recognize the "Allah, Allah tree" or the "Lonesome Pine" tree which is located across the road from Ike Johnson's and a little toward Hwy K.

At one time, Sharon counted 25 homes on the lake which were owned by people who originally rented at the resort.

Usually, the beach in front of their cottage is no larger than 15'. 2000 – 2009, the lake low point was the lowest she had ever seen. The highest was in the early 70's when many homeowners installed rock seawalls to prevent erosion of the shorelines.

ON REFLECTING THE EARLY YEARS OF STORMY
LAKE RESORT, WE REMEMBER

THE TREMENDOUS NORTHERN & SMALLMOUTH FISHING
WE HAD IN THE EARLY YEARS 1940'S & 50'S.

THE FIRST OF THE TROUT PLANTINGS WERE RAINBOWS
& THEY THRIVED WELL WITH THE NORTHERNS & BASS.
THE NEXT WERE THE COHO'S & THAT WAS ABOUT THE
TIME THAT THE D.N.R. TOOK THE NORTHERN'S OUT
OF THE LAKE TO MAKE IT A TROUT LAKE.

AND THEY HAVE BEEN PUTTING BROWNS, RAINBOWS,
& SOME BROOKIES IN EVER SINCE. (MISS THE NORTHERNS)

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE RESORT, WE HAD
JUST COLD WATER, NO SHOWERS IN CABINS.

A SHOWER HOUSE NEAR THE WELL BY CABIN ① WAS
PUT UP. NOT UNTIL 1967 DID WE GET SHOWERS IN THE
CABINS. (AND HOT WATER). BUT UNTIL THAT TIME THERE
WAS ALWAYS A POT OF HOT WATER ON THE STOVE
FOR WASHING DISHES & THE BATHROOM SINK.

THE BOATS WERE RHINELANDERS & SERVED FOR MANY
YEARS & LEAKED A LOT.

THROUGH THE SUMMER, AS THE SUN WAS GOING DOWN,
SCREEN DOORS & CAR DOORS WERE SLAMING AS PEOPLE & KIDS
WERE HEADING TO THE DUMPS TO SEE THE BEARS THERE.

THEN TOO, THE FELLOSHIP WE HAD WITH MANY OF THE GUESTS
WAS WONDERFUL, SOMETIMES WE GATHERED AROUND A BONFIRE

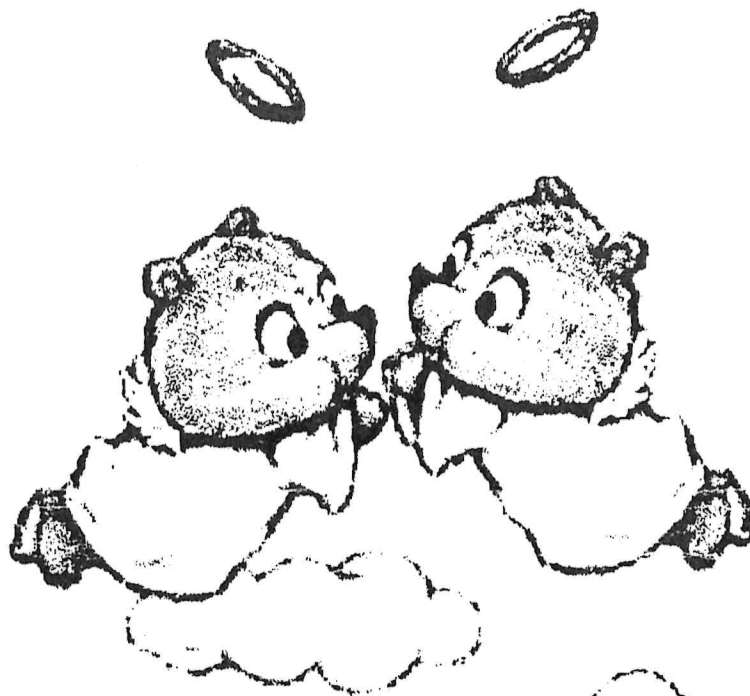
& SANG. STORMY LAKE WAS THE CLOSEST THING NEXT TO

HEAVEN. THE BEST MEMORIES FOR FAMILIES. WE SHALL

NEVER FORGET ALL THESE ENJOYABLE YEARS. FISH FRY'S,

PICNICS, SWIMMING, BOATING. WHAT A PLACE TO RELAX.

Orin & Thelma Junk



Dear God;

**So far today, I've done all right,
I haven't gossiped, lost my temper,
been greedy or grumpy, been nasty,
selfish or overindulgent.
I'm very thankful for that.**

**But, in a few minutes, God,
I'm going to get out of bed.
And from then on, I'm probably
going to need a lot more help.**

Amen

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HISTORY OF STORMY LAKE 1940 - 2000

Martin and Barbara Berglund and Henry and Violet Carlson purchased property on Stormy Lake in the late 1930's. The property extending from Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Brueckner's property to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Urban's property.

In the early 1940's Berglund and Carlson started building Stormy Lake Resort consisting of nine cabins and a caretakers house.

They lived in two of the cabins in the summer seasons. Then in 1949 they decided to build year round homes at 5629 and 5625 Baker Lake Road.

In 1967 Berglund and Carlson sold the resort to Erik and Thelma Funk and Roland and Verona Lood.

Stormy Lake Resort was a place where many families spent their vacations year after year. Many friendships developed and the Christian fellowship made it very special.

In 1973 we sold a portion of the resort to Gilbert and Doris Brueckner, James and Kathy Hismeh and Richard and Donna Schultz.

In 1977 we sold another portion of the resort to Michael and Ellen Kashian, Thomas and Marylou Miller and Bennett and Frances Larson.

In 1986 we sold what was known as the caretakers house to Per and Sherryl Anderas, in 1992 they purchased what was known as cabin #7.

The four homes owned by Per and Sherryl Anderas, Erik and Thelma Funk and Roland and Verona Lood are now known as Harmony Villa Condos.

Submitted by,

Roland and Verona Lood



STORMY LAKE RESORT

Resort Phone 479-8817

Area Code 715

CONOVER, WISCONSIN

Dear Friends of Stormy Lake Resort:

A few lines to let you know what is going on in the North Woods. Same place, same cabins, same wonderful beach and lake, fishing is wonderful. (Just new owners!)

After having spent many wonderful summers here ourselves, we would like to keep the operation of the resort on the same basis as it has been in the past.

Our plan is to gradually improve the facilities to make your stay as comfortable and pleasant as possible.

We expect to open the resort May 25th and continue into October. Rental fees will remain the same as in '67. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Renberg will be the caretakers for the coming season.

An additional service will be offered this year for those who desire rental of sheets, pillow cases and towels.

We are expecting full occupancy again this year. We suggest that you send in your reservations now to assure the dates you desire.

Trusting to see you this summer, we remain,

Respectfully yours,
Roland and Vivian Lord

Rates are as follows:

6/29/68 - 9/2/68 - \$70.00 per week plus Wisconsin State Tax

Before or after season - \$50.00 per week plus Wisconsin State Tax

Check in time - after 1:00 P. M.

Check out time - no later than 10:00 A. M.

Rental fees for linens as follows:

2 sheets, 2 pillow cases - \$2.00

4 bath towels, 4 hand towels, 4 wash cloths - \$2.00

Please return your reservation card and deposit to:

Thelma Funk

180 North East River Road

Des Plaines, Illinois

312 - VA 4 - 2883



History of Stormy Lake Resort

The property was purchased in the late 1930s by Martin and Barbara Berglund and Henry and Violet Carlson. The property extended from where Mr. and Mrs. Brickner to Mr. and Mrs. Urbans property is located.

In 1944 to 1945 Berglunds and Carlsons started building Stormy Lake Resort with nine cabins and a caretakers house.

On September 27, 1967 Erik and Thelma Funk and Roland and Verona Lood purchased this property from the Berglunds and Carlsons.

On October 6, 1973 Funks and Loods sold a portion of this property to Gilbert and Doris Brickner - Cabin 1, James and Kathy Hismeh - Cabin 2 and Richard and Donna Schultz - Cabin 3.

May 27, 1977 Funks and Loods sold another portion of the property to Michael and Ellen Kashian - Cabin 4. Thomas and Marylou Miller - Cabin 5. and to Bennett and Frances Larson - Cabin 6.

August 13, 1984 the name of Stormy Lake Resort was changed to Harmony Villa Condominium, Inc.

In 1986 Pepe and Sherry1 Andāras purchased the caretakers house and then in 1992 they purchased Cabin 7.

September 19, 2001 Roland and Verona Lood sold their Cabin 8 to Amy M. Rossman.
In 2007, The Kashian family bought from Amy Roszman.

Many that rented cabins purchased property on Stormy Lake and built homes that they are enjoying.

We all have wonderful memories of times spent at Stormy Lake.

Roland and Verona Lood
August 7, 2009

Thursday, October 22, 2009 9:20 AM

Don,

Hope it's not too late -- but here's what I found out from my mom re: Loon Call Condominium at Stormy (Larson, Kashian, Kashian properties). You probably have gotten some of this history already from others associated with the old resort. Hope it's not too long.

Submitted by Christine (Larson) DeHaan:

My parents Ben & Fran Larson, were married in 1945. In 1950 they were looking for an affordable family vacation, and a college/business friend of my dad's, Vince Wahlgren, suggested Stormy Lake Resort. Vince's dad had helped in the building of the cottages a few years earlier. My brother, Brad, was not quite two, and my brother, Roly, was born later that year in November. I don't think my parents ever dreamed that first year that Stormy would become our "happy place", and that their grandchildren and great-grandchildren would look forward every year to spending time at Stormy.

Somewhere around 1960 my parents invited a family from our church - Mickey & Ellen Kashian - to come along. My mom remembers that year it rained almost every day, and she thought for sure the Kashian's would never go again. Well, they did; and almost every year after, we vacationed with them at the resort. Throughout all those years, we met and made friends with many families, and our memories (and pictures) include them.

The resort was then sold to the Funk's and Lood's, and they put the cottages up for sale. When us kids found out, we (the Larson's and Kashian's) told our dads they just HAD to buy - they already felt like they were ours! In 1979, our two families, along with the Miller's from Racine, bought cottages 4, 5, and 6. Our dads have since passed away, but their legacy lives on. Some of my fondest memories include waking up and finding VJ had raked the beach; bear-watching at the dump; looking for deer on the back road to dairy maid in LOL; skiing; go-carting; the ski show; the sidewalk sale in ER; roasting marshmallows in the fireplace; and of course, just sitting in the chairs enjoying the lake. And now our own children look forward to doing some of those same things each year - they say they couldn't live without going up to Stormy in the summer. Life just would not be the same without Stormy Lake!

Richard & Donna Schultz
5649 Baker Lake Rd.

We started vacationing at Stormy Lake in 1961, renting cottage #3 in the Stormy Lake Resort. The resort was then owned by Burglunds and Carlson's. We came every year after that, always reserving the week of June 20th one year in advance. One year I rebuilt the chimneys on all the cottages so they gave us an extra week. In 1973 the new owners of the resort put cottages #1-2 & 3 up for sale and Lil Brueckner, Jim Heshmeh and I purchased them. We improved our cottage with a bathroom, fireplace and added room in 1978.

We have many wonderful memories of our children growing up on Stormy and now their children enjoy many of the same experiences. They all love Stormy Lake as we do. We love the fishing, boating and swimming, but what really makes Stormy Lake so special is the people we have gotten to know thru the years and the fellowship and friendships we have enjoyed with them.

Sincerely

Richard & Donna Schultz

Wally Adam's Stormy Lake subdivision Lot # 1.

In 1947 this part of Stormy Lake was divided into mostly 200 foot lots starting at the line west of the old Stormy Lake Resort and continuing on covering both sides of Point Road. Florie Walsh bought Lot #1 in the early 50's. This was vacant property and the kids from the resort often played there and peeled bark off the Birch trees. This angered Mr. Walsh, and so he would not sell any of the land to anyone who would come to the resort. In 1966, we bought the right half of the lot. We had agreed that should he ever sell the other half, we would have first chance. In 1967 we bought the other half. We put an outhouse-changing house on the property, and often came there to swim. In the fall of 1970, Harold Johnson dug a basement and in February of 1971, we had a house put on. It was a Wausau Home that went up in three days. The summer of 1999, we added a garage and in 2003, we added a larger living room to the house. We have named the place "Tomte Två". We used that name because it was the name of the farm where Kay's grandfather was born in Dälsland, Sweden.

Don and Kay Olson

