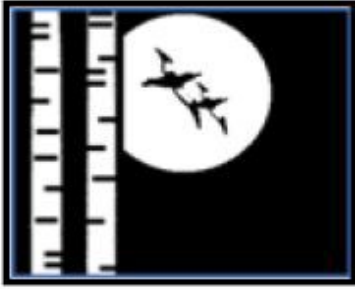


Ten Mile Lake Association



Newsletter

Spring 2019

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

From the Editor: Call for Submissions

Currently the newsletter is seeking submissions from members regarding:

- Artwork, visual or written, involving Ten Mile Lake and experiences with it. If you'd like to see your art featured in The Artist's Inlet, please submit your short stories, photos, paintings or other items to 10milenewsletter@gmail.com
- A "What's Biting" columnist, writing about all things Ten Mile and fishy
- And finally, entries into a Summer Recipe Challenge: Send us your favorite summer recipes to beat the heat!

Artist's Inlet

Pileated Spring Surprise

One April, about 10 years ago, we arrived at our cabin to find a big vertical oblong hole in the side. It went all the way through and into the attic. We knew the local pileated woodpeckers had been taking slivers out of the siding for some time and always in the same place. They liked the back side and up in the peak under the eaves. Now they had gone to town on the cabin while we were gone, and with no one to chase them away, they had made their signature hole all the way through. We learned that pileateds especially love stained wood as opposed to painted wood, and cedar is one of their favorites.

We called our handy man, Pete Bundy, and asked him to repair it. We told him it was half-log cedar siding. After looking for the lumber to do the repair, he came back to us and said that it must be pine as they had never sold half-log cedar siding in our area. I called Charlie Mayer who had done the building and he told me he had got it specially milled for us in Idaho and had some more in his storage area. So, we were lucky to be able to get the same siding. Pete Bundy took the old siding with the hole down and patched the hole with a piece of metal from an old big can top and then re-sided. It looks pretty good.

But now I needed to find a way to prevent further destruction by the pileated woodpeckers. I cruised the internet and asked around but didn't find a good way. But then it came to me that very likely the birds wouldn't fly up there if I hung garden netting from the eaves over that triangle-shaped area. Pete did this for me too and I haven't been troubled by the pileated woodpeckers since. Of course, I'm pushing my luck a little as I didn't hang netting from the rest of the eaves, and they may decide to try another side of the cabin, so this is a story to be continued. In the meantime, I've bought some extra siding for my cabin from Charlie, just in case.

Karin Arsan, President

Ten Mile Lake Association Spring and Summer Calendar

Saturday, May 18 th , 9-11 AM	TMLA Board Meeting, all members are welcome to attend	Home of Bob and Cathy Iversen See details on the website calendar
Saturday, May 18 th , 5 PM	Spring Fling at Tianna Golf Club. Social event begins at 5:00 pm (cash bar) followed by an hors d'oeuvre dinner at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$25.00 per person.	See details on the website calendar
Monday, May 20 th	Deadline for Summer Newsletter – extended one week	Send submissions to 10milenewsletter@gmail.com
Saturday, June 15 th , 9-11AM	TMLA Board Meeting, all members are welcome to attend	Home of John and Diane Power See details on the website calendar
Wednesday, July 3 rd , 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Watercraft Operator Permit Training provided by the Cass County Sheriff Department. Lunch provided. Free to anyone ages 12-17.	8:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Hub in Hackensack. See details on the website calendar.
July 4 th Holiday Boat Parade	Details to be determined, see website calendar	North gathering point: south end of Long's Bay South gathering point: public access
Saturday, July 13 th , 9 AM – 3 PM	Residents may have their water tested for bacteria and nitrates. Cost is \$25, testing done by RMB Labs	See details on the website calendar
Saturday, July 20 th , 9-11 AM	TMLA Board Meeting, all members are welcome to attend	Home of Steve and Marilyn Erickson See details on the website calendar
Saturday, August 3 rd , 10 AM	TMLA Annual Meeting, all members are welcome to attend	See details on the website calendar
Saturday, August 17 th , 9-11 AM	TMLA Board Meeting, all members are welcome to attend	Home of Justin Krueger See details on the website calendar
Monday, September 16 th	Deadline for Fall Newsletter	Send submissions to 10milenewsletter@gmail.com
Saturday, September 21 st , 9-11 AM	TMLA Board Meeting, all members are welcome to attend	Home of Mike and Linda Schwartz See details on the website calendar

President's Corner

It's been a really snowy February in Minnesota with some daytime temps way below zero. So if we're having 'global warming', why is this? Well, I think 'climate change' is an even better term for what's happening to our weather. As you've probably heard, our weather this winter is partly due to the polar vortex taking a plunge southward as the north pole warms as the ice melts. So even this is due to global warming, but it's better to just expect more extreme weather of all kinds.

I spoke with the senior climatologist at the Minnesota State Climatology Office which is part of the DNR, Kenneth Blumenfeld, on Jan 14, 2019. I wanted to understand better what we can expect at Ten Mile... wetter weather or drought. The answer was both! The overall trend is to warmer and wetter weather BUT we can also expect some droughts along the way. Below are Kenneth's words on this from his e-mail:

"The short answer is that both drought and heavy rains are part of Minnesota's climate, so communities definitely should be prepared for both. The longer answer is that sure, there have been some modestly dry conditions in parts of northern and northwestern Minnesota in the last few years, but that the main trend has been towards more precipitation and more heavy precipitation throughout the state. Based on the most

up-to-date science, we would expect periodic droughts--even some major ones--in the decades ahead, just as we've always had, but that precipitation will continue increasing, along with the frequency and intensity of heavy precipitation."

I think this is one reason we need to be sure to keep the Boy River open and flowing in coming years. Ten Mile will then be able to maintain a more normal water level.

– Karin Arsan, President

Loon Journal

Common Loon. Species: Gavia Immer

Loons are highly aquatic birds. They go to shore only to mate and incubate their eggs. They are very clumsy and awkward on land. Loons can propel themselves very fast using their webbed feet.

Loons are large and heavy birds. Unlike most birds, loons have solid bones. They can weigh 6.5 to 12 pounds. Body length can reach 3 feet. Their wingspan can measure up to 5 feet wide.

Migrating loon flying speed has been clocked at 70 mph. The lifespan of a loon may reach 29+ years of age.

A loon's diet consists of fish and small crustaceans. Two parents and two chicks can eat a 1/2 ton of fish in 15 weeks. The roof of a loon's mouth and tongue have rear pointing properties to get a firm grip on the slippery fish they are chasing. Most of their prey is eaten underwater.

Loons are loud and vocal during the spring and summer months. They become quiet in the winter months.

Loons need about 1/4 of a mile to get up speed to become airborne. They use wing flapping and their feet to get up enough momentum to take flight.

Loons are flightless after molting all their wing feathers in the mid-winter months.

In the spring and summer months, loons are colorful with black and white checkerboard-like feather patterns. In the winter months they lose these colored feathers and become a drab grey bird.

The eyes of loons are red in color. Their eyes can focus extremely well and quickly, and tolerate air speed, fresh and salt water. While migrating, a loon was tracked and noted to fly 670 miles in one day.

Minnesota has the largest loon population in the United States. The LOON is the Official State Bird of Minnesota.

- Kim Moe, Loon Committee Chair

Well Water Testing



The TMLA E&E Committee is once again sponsoring an opportunity for residents to have their well water tested for bacteria and nitrates. The collection will take place on Sat. July 13 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Testing is recommended for sites for new residents or for sites that have had new wells or septic systems within the past 2 years. The cost will be

\$25 and the test will be done by RMB Laboratory in Detroit Lakes. The procedure is to come to one of the two collection locations to obtain a sterile bottle and pay the fee. The instructions for taking the well sample will be provided. The bottles will need to be returned by 3:00 pm when they will be delivered to the lab the same day. The residents will be notified by the lab within 7-10 days of the results of the exam. There will be 80 sample bottles available on a first-come, first-served basis.

-John Hallberg, Environment and Ecology Chair

Anchor **F**requently **A**sKed **Q**uestions (FAQs)

How do I know what information will print in the DIRECTORY?

In this system, all family memberships have *multiple online listings (this family has 6)*:

- One for the **family unit** which shows both addresses, all phone numbers and all emails:

Example John and Mary Doe, TML address and phones, Florida address and phones, all emails

- One for each spouse, which shows personal cell numbers, personal email, personal websites:

Examples John Doe, 2 addresses, 3 phones, 1 email

Mary Doe, 2 addresses, 2 phones, 1 email, 1 website

- One for each child under 18, if you want that.

Examples John Jr, cell phone, home email, work email

Mary Jr, cell phone, email, website

Nancy, cell phone, college address, email

The family unit information is what prints in the directory

The multiple listings make it easy for people to find you in the online directory even if they only know your first name, or last name, or your spouse's name. If you do not want your personal cell or email listed in the printed Directory but would like it available online, do not include it in your family listing but only on your personal listing.

Individual memberships have only one listing. This would normally include two addresses, two phones and one email. However, you may edit as you please if you want more or less information available.

How do I know how to LABEL my addresses and phone numbers?

Since this is a lake association, I look at it from that position. Your TML data is most important. I have followed these conventions – please don't change them. Thanks!

- The hardwired cabin phone is MAIN
- Your hardwired phone at your permanent residence is HOME
- Your work phone is WORK
- Your cell phone is CELL- if you want your personal cell phone number listed in the family listing for the directory, please identify which cell phone belongs to which person by entering them in the correct personal listing as well.
- Your lake home is your PHYSICAL address. Your permanent residence is your MAILING address. If you are lucky enough to live on TML all the time, your address should be noted as PHYSICAL and MAILING.

This last item is particularly important – I provide mailing addresses for the newsletters 4 times a year. Those need to go to your permanent address – your MAILING address.

Why is only one of us listed as the OWNER?

The label "OWNER" refers to the person who owns the **membership**, not who owns the property. In accordance with our bylaws as a non-profit organization, we identify one person (one vote) as the owner of the membership.

Web Updates

WWW.TENMILELAKE.ORG has a new look!

Our website has been rebuilt in order to perform more seamlessly with The Anchor, our membership system. Same address – much different look! When you visit www.tenmilelake.org don't panic just because it doesn't look the same! We launched the new site on March 14th – All the same information is there but the format is more secure, more user-friendly and easier to navigate.

- Want to check the weather (!!) at Ten Mile? Click on the WEBCAM icon under the pictures on the HOME page.
- Want to know what's happening in the Ten Mile Neighborhood? Click on the Things To Do and See tile, halfway down the HOME page.
- Want to check out the TMLA Library? Click on the Resources tab at the top of the page and choose Library (this is a work in progress and will contain many more documents over time).
- If you want to pay your dues online, page to the bottom of the HOME page and read through Signing Into the Anchor, and Information on Paying Dues.
- Read about your officers (ABOUT US), check obituaries (NEWS), plan your summer (EVENTS).

Explore! Comments and questions welcome at any time – membership@tenmilelake.org

The Ten Mile Lake Calendar is available on the new site and will be handled by TMLA member Jill Ripken Anderson. If you have items for the Calendar, please send them to her at calendar@tenmilelake.org. Include dates, times, location, contact info, emails, phones and a description of the event or other pertinent data.

NOTE: we now have the ability to create one general calendar and several event-specific calendars. Some are available to the general public and some are for members only, since they contain members names, emails and addresses. The latter calendars are accessible through the Anchor. Just go to Log In, put in your password and look at the calendar in the Anchor. Jill can help you with choosing the correct calendar and accessing each one. You can reach her at calendar@tenmilelake.org.

UPCOMING later this summer will be publication of the **Ten Mile Lake Directory for 2019**. Since we sent the Interim Directory last fall many of you have updated your information – THANK YOU! But some of the data in The Anchor is not complete – please check and make sure yours is up to date. At the bottom of the HOME page on the new website you will find directions for signing into the Anchor and a video about Editing your Personal Profile. For those of you who are unable to use the Anchor, please contact me if you are unsure of your listing. See you at the Lake!

– Annie Swanstrom, Membership Coordinator

Spring AIS Report

After a long, hard Minnesota winter, the snow is melting and open water season won't be too far behind, bringing the wonderful months we love to spend at Ten Mile. And, it's also time to remember the steps we all (and our visitors) need to take to keep Ten Mile free of Aquatic Invasive Species. The key steps are the same:

- **CLEAN** – make sure all your watercraft and trailers are free of all aquatic plants or animals (including in the bilge or live well) when entering the lake and when leaving.
- **DRAIN** – empty the bilge and remove the drain plug and drain any live wells.
- **DRY** – ideally, let watercraft and trailers dry (to kill any unseen AIS) for at least 5 days before launching in a new waterbody.

While many of us have been at our homes away from the lake this winter, the researchers at the Minnesota AIS Research Center (MAISRC) have been hard at work, devising new methods for AIS control and possible eradication. For zebra mussels, researchers have evaluated several chemical treatments that could be useful in controlling or eliminating small, new ZM infestations. A long-term strategy that sounds intriguing is searching for genetic “weak links” that can be exploited to potentially eliminate ZM from a waterbody without affecting other aquatic life. More about the Center’s work can be found at www.maisrcumn.edu.

Until these research efforts come to fruition, the most effective ways to control the spread of AIS are through public awareness and education, watercraft inspection and, as needed, decontamination. As in past years, Ten Mile will benefit from a state-funded, county-administrated AIS inspection program at the DNR boat access. We expect to have about the same coverage as previously: most Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays plus some holidays. (Our motion-activated video camera covers the launch the rest of the time.) These inspections are key to keeping bad stuff out of the lake. In past years, inspectors have found suspect contamination (including wakeboard boats with gallons of water in their ballast tanks). The inspectors have the authority to require decontamination before entering any lake. Fortunately, Northwoods Dock on MN 371 is an authorized decontamination center. Inspection and decontamination are even more important as AIS is discovered closer and closer to Ten Mile: Leech Lake has confirmed zebra mussels and Eurasian Water Milfoil, and in addition to ZM, Upper Red Lake now has an infestation of starry stonewort, a particularly invasive grass-like algae.

One area in which we would like to increase AIS awareness and education is rental property guests. I know of several rentals around the lake, but I’m sure there are many more. If you know of one, please send me an email (bob@iversenconsulting.net) with the contact information and I’ll make sure educational materials are provided.

Happy Summer!

- Bob Iversen, AIS committee chair

Northern Water Alliance Update

2018 Citizens' Petition for Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) in the Pineland Sands Area

On April 10, 2019 the Mn DNR denied the latest petition for Environmental Review in the *Pineland Sands, which was put together by citizens primarily to address chemical contamination of surface and groundwater, and aerial overspray of chemical by irrigated agriculture operations which are deforesting the area. This was the fourth official attempt at drawing government attention to the Pineland Sands environment.

The reasons the department provided for the unprecedented delay in this decision included:

- RD Offutt Company (RDO) withdrew 3 pending water appropriation permits after DNR approved the petition July 23, 2018.
- Lack of pumping data for DNR to analyze, which was provided last fall by RDO.
- DNR questioned being placed in the role of responsible governmental unit.
- The petition was found to be overly vague late in March 2019 by DNR.
- After originally approving the petition on its merits, DNR then had difficulty finding “that there may be the potential for environmental effect” for the project being conducted by RDO and others similar. Please remember the Pineland Sands Aquifer hosts 444 known irrigation wells pumping out over 19 billion (self-reported) gallons per year on over 50,000 acres of field.

Personal experiences during recent years have revealed different reasons that I believe may better explain the delay which include:

- RDO is very happy to see no public attention brought to company operations.
- Influence by RDO as a multi-national entity is undeniable within political circles.
- DNR does not want to voluntarily call RDO operations into Environmental Review due to reprisal in the form of budget cuts (or worse) by the legislature.
- Information compiled by multiple state agencies shows the problem of water contamination by industrial agriculture is well known and growing, and seriously addressing the issue now would force government to lead societal change.
- DNR has “developed a study concept” for the Pineland Sands (and other areas of the state affected by chemical contamination of water) which DNR prefers to the Environmental Review process laid out in Mn statutes. This study concept allows permitting activity to continue unimpeded.
- DNR is unfamiliar with regenerative agriculture as a reasonable alternative to current conventional practices.

Ironically, the Record of Decision, in which DNR denies the need for preparation of a basic EAW, is packed full of reasons for preparing an EAW.

Doubling down on the strangeness of the situation, DNR and MPCA (Mn Pollution Control Agency) called for the next step beyond an EAW when, in 2013, both agencies indicated the need for an Environmental Impact Statement under identical conditions.

This all begs the question; does DNR want to be court-ordered to fulfill its statutory mandate to protect Minnesotans and their environment, and thus escape the political liabilities that come with an upfront questioning of RDO policy?

If the answer to this question is yes, an extended delay for decision followed by the denial of the petition starts to make sense from a DNR perspective, but should citizens have to pay court costs to get a unit of their government to follow its own laws?

In the end, if you wonder why some people would jump through all these hoops, it is an attempt to peacefully preserve what is left of one of the most pristine areas in America.

If you don't mind that generations to follow, along with many of our neighbors today, won't be able to safely drink the water or breathe the air, then you may carry on; add a pipeline here, clear a forest there, mine for minerals in wetlands, run a new mudder trail through unbroken wilderness, put a mega-barn in sinkhole territory, and let the biggest (often foreign) companies take the profits and run while we are left holding the proverbial hot potato, oil spill, dust storm, sulfuric acid wash and impaired water.

If this does bother you, then let's join together to figure out how to get past this dog and pony show our governing bodies produce with industry at citizens' expense.

We will have to start by changing ourselves.

Our Minnesota nice brand of walking softly may well need to be accompanied by carrying a big stick.

Respectfully, Mike Tauber

Northern Water Alliance

*Editor's note: Pinelands Sands Aquifer is intimately related to the groundwater supply of Ten Mile Lake.

THE HISTORY PAGES



A NOTE FROM THE HISTORY COMMITTEE

During the fall and winter, history committee members had the 4-drawer locked file and the two 2-drawer locked files moved to a more accessible location in the basement of UCC Church in Hackensack and spent over 65 hours going through each file, refileing, making new files, or discarding. A large number of files were taken to Haas Printing to be digitized. Also, twenty oral histories on cassettes have been put on CDs and a USB Flash Drive. Past directories were filed, some early newsletters were found, and much interesting information was copied for use by the History Committee for their future history page contributions. It was a...long... cold...snowy winter, perfect for projects.

– Sue Eikenberry, History Committee Chairman

AH GWAH CHING

Have you ever wondered what the sign that used to be along 371 just east of Walker that said AH GWAH CHING was all about? Now you can find out. The buildings were torn down a few years ago but the road is still there. It's called the Ah Gwah Ching cutoff road and connects 371 just west of Shingobee island to 34 near the Tianna Country Club.

Now there's a new book out called THE GIRL IN BUILDING C: The True Story of a Teenage Tuberculosis Patient, and she was at Ah Gwah Ching Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

It's written/edited by Mary Krugerud and uses many of the 303 letters that the patient, Marilyn Barnes, wrote during her stay from 1943-1946. This is such a local story and a good read. I learned a lot about TB and also WWII. And there was a nice surprise at the end. When Marilyn is healed and going home soon, she spends the day on Ten Mile Lake with a family some of you will know: Wes and Amy Kohl and their children Doug and Dorothy. Doug's son Jim is still on Ten Mile.

The author may be coming to the Cass County Historical Society in Walker this summer. I highly recommend you go to hear her speak if she comes and read this book.

– Karin Arsan, President

"TAKE A MULLIGAN"...AT TEN MILE?

Did you ever wonder how that golfing term evolved? Better yet, did you know the namesake is a frequent visitor to our lake? Well here's one version of the origin.

In the 1930s, Jonathan (Ron) Mulligan and his cousin, Buddy, worked as caddies and locker room attendants at Essex Falls Country Club in New Jersey. If no other members appeared, and work was done, they would play a round of golf with the good golfers. One day, Ron's opening tee shot was bad and he begged for another shot since "the others had been practicing all morning" and he had not. After the round, Mulligan proudly exclaimed in the locker room how he had received an extra shot.

The members loved it (including the golf editor of the Newark News) and they soon began giving themselves "Mulligans" in honor of Ron and Buddy Mulligan.

NBC's "Today Show" ran the story in 2007. Ron resides in New Jersey and enjoys swimming in Ten Mile Lake when he visits his son, Dennis (wife Susan), on Long Bay at Las Casitas cabins (next door to the late Walt Kane). Ron is 101 years old.

-Mary Ann Varela, History Committee

ANOTHER BRUSH WITH GREATNESS

In 1922, E.B. White and a friend traveled from New York to Seattle on a leisurely trip west. According to stories told by Dan and Lila DeLury, White stopped overnight at Ten Mile Lake, camping near the old north shore public access.

White was eventually to become a well-known writer for The New Yorker, co-author of the careful writer's bible

– The Elements of Style (familiarily known as Strunk and White) – and author of beloved children's books Charlotte's Web and Stuart Little. In 1922, however, he was 23 years old, recently graduated from Cornell University and according to his letters home, ready "to bum about a bit..."

White recorded his stop in a letter to his parents, "That afternoon we washed dirt from ourselves and our clothes in Ten Mile Lake and slept there in a little pine grove." Unfortunately, during his time at Ten Mile, White slipped and fell, injuring his arm.

Dan DeLury's father gave him a ride to town to see a doctor, and even more important, provided some "moonshine" to help with the pain. White later wrote to Dan DeLury that in bad weather, when his shoulder hurt, he thought of Ten Mile Lake... and no doubt moonshine.

– Christie Dailey, History Committee Member

– w/DeLury information supplied by:

Marna Adams Stevens & Becky Stevens Nett

DISCOVERING THE HEADWATERS OF THE BOY RIVER

By Sarah Cox

In the early days of the Town of Hackensack, MN, on the shores of Birch Lake, a little boy discovered that there was a lovely stream running right through the town. It is a known fact that little boys like to play in streams, and so did he. He would play there every day during the summer, catching frogs and salamanders and being bitten by ticks and mosquitos.

One evening, as his mother was checking him over for ticks he said, "Oh boy! I love that stream! It is so much fun. I think it is MY river!"

So his parents went to the town officials and said, "We think you should name that stream the Boy River, because our little boy loves it so much."

The officials agreed. They said, "Anyway, this stream goes through an area where the lakes are named Mann Lake, Woman Lake, Child Lake, Baby Lake, and Little Girl Lake, so it seems appropriate to call it the Boy River." So they did. And they were very happy because they said that the stream flowed out of Birch Lake, so Birch Lake must be the Headwaters of the Boy River.

However, some professors from the University of Minnesota were not sure about that, and they decided to send some scientists to determine whether or not Birch Lake was the Headwaters of the Boy River. The scientists were met by three natives who said they could help the scientists find the real source of the

Boy River. The three natives were named **Warren** Greygoose, **Jim** Blackbear, and **Malcolm** Bigmoose.

The natives and the scientists all jumped into canoes and paddled around Birch Lake until they found a stream running into the lake from the north. They paddled up the stream until they found another lake. They decided to make camp where the lake emptied into the river, and since they noticed that there were a lot of fish in the lake, they called their camp Camp Fin.

The next day they paddled around the new lake and discovered that it was actually a bay of a much larger lake. Since the Bay was long and narrow they named it Long Bay. They spent the next three days paddling around the bigger lake and finally determined that there were no streams running into the lake and only the one stream running out. They said "This is the true headwaters of the Boy River. We should name it Lake Veriput, from VERitas caPUT, which in Latin means 'True Head.' But the three natives said, "No, we have always called it Ten Mile Lake, because it is ten miles from the nearest Indian Agency on Leech Lake. And we are going to keep on calling it Ten Mile Lake."

So it was determined that Ten Mile Lake was indeed the true Headwaters of the Boy River. If you ever want to rename the lake, you might want to call it Lake Veriput.

**Some Ten Mile members may recognize the "natives" in this parody, who had their own theory about the TRUE source of the Mississippi River - TML.*

Remembering Our Ten Mile Lake Friends

Donald (Don) Willis (1927-2019)



Donald (Don) S. Willis, 91, passed away peacefully February 2nd, 2019, surrounded by family at Largo Hospital. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, June 9th, 1927 to Donald J. and Frances Sears Willis. He served in the Navy during WWII in the Pacific on the USS Mt Baker Ammunition Ship. On his return he attended Drake University. From 1949 until his retirement in 1993, Don spent his working career with Willis and Moore, an independent insurance agency started by his father and now run by his son.

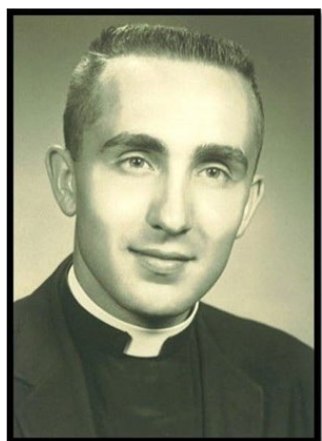
Don is survived by his two sisters, Betty Rae Koch in Des Moines and Harriet Huff in Madison, WI; his three children: Jeff (Teri) Willis in Tampa, FL, as well as Nancy Willis and Joe Willis in Des Moines.

Memorial services for Don will be 10:30 am Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines.

Funeral Home Serenity Funeral Home & Serenity Gardens Memorial Park 13401 Indian Rocks Road Largo, FL 33774 (727) 562-2080

-Published in Des Moines Register on Feb. 24, 2019

Forrest Ellsworth Chaffee (1932-2019)



Forrest was born on April 23, 1932, in Amenia, North Dakota. His early school years were spent in Fargo, Seattle and Poulsbo, Washington. He graduated from Excelsior High School in Minnesota in 1950, where he was valedictorian of his class. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1954.

In 1958 Forrest received his Baccalaureate of Divinity Degree from Augustana Theological Seminary in Rock Island, Illinois. He was ordained into ministry on June 22, 1958, in Jamestown, New York.

He returned to Gustavus to teach Theology for two years as he began his ministry. He was awarded a Master's Degree in Theology in 1972 from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Pastor Chaffee served parishes in New Prague, Olivia, Minneapolis and Stillwater, Minnesota and in Cedar Falls and Nevada, Iowa. Forrest loved preaching and ministering to his congregations and he certainly fulfilled his life's ambition to spread the word of God. He counseled those in need and took great care in providing rich and meaningful sermons.

Forrest spent his summer vacations on Ten Mile Lake in Hackensack, Minnesota, where he was known for getting up early, going into town for a newspaper and breakfast, spending his afternoons at Tianna Golf Course, and his evenings on the pontoon.

Forrest was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Sharon; half-sisters, Carolyn Chaffee and Doris Park. Forrest is survived by his wife Judy; son Jon (Tracy); daughter Kris; stepdaughter Heather (Mark); stepson Trip; grandchildren Sally, Will, Jake, Sara, Natalie, Raymond, Stuart, Quad, Kannon, Holly, and Kiera; and half-siblings John Chaffee, Judith Ojard, Barbara Chaffee and Marilyn Zornado.

-Provided by Sara Chaffee-Bates

Sheldon "Jim" Becher (1926-2018)



Sheldon W. "Jim" Formerly of Bellbrook, Ohio, died October 8th in Lexington, Kentucky after a brief illness. "JB" was born in Chicago on April 3, 1926. After graduating from Taft High School in 1945, he joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Germany for three years. He later graduated with honors from the University of Illinois' first restaurant management class. He married Norma Katherine Young of Ames, Iowa, on June 10, 1950. The couple moved to Dayton, Ohio, in 1952. Over the next 50 years JB worked at, managed, or co-owned a series of restaurants in southwestern Ohio, including Seven Nations, Highview Terrace, Culps Cafeteria, Jay's Seafood Restaurant, Sycamore Creek Country Club, Surf and Turf, the Daytonian, and Bellwood Country Club. During his later

career, JB was active in the Country Club Management Association of America and the Dayton Rotary Club. JB and Norma were also long-time members of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, where he served as deacon, elder, and trustee. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Norma, his daughter Cyndy Lendon, his son Rick (Gail), his daughter Kim Toning (Barry), his grandchildren Emily Lendon Reynolds (Brad), Sam Lendon, Derick Toning, and Shane Toning (Clare), three great-grandchildren (Lainey, Liza, and Chandler Reynolds), and nieces and nephews from across the U.S. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lillian Becher, his father, Frederick Becher, his brother, Don Becher, his sister Shirley Hayes, and a grandchild, Starla Medina Toning. A celebration of life service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, on October 27 at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Westminster Presbyterian Church of Dayton (125 North Wilkinson Street, Dayton OH 45402); the Starla Medina Scholarship Fund (c/o Traditional Bank, Mount Sterling KY 40353), or Hospice (Bluegrass Care Navigators, 2313 Alexandria Drive, Lexington KY 40504). As JB departs this world, his family would like to thank everyone for their love and remind them of how he always liked to say his farewells: "Goodbye and take care, I'm sure glad you got to see me!"

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Norma Catherine (Young) Becher (1925-2018)



Norma Catherine Formerly of Bellbrook, Ohio, died October 14, 2018 in Lexington after a brief illness. "Norm" was born in Winnipeg, Canada on August 3rd, 1925, and grew up in Ames, Iowa, where her grandfather Albert Boynton Storms served as president of Iowa State University. She graduated from ISU in 1947 with degrees in dietetics and restaurant management. Shortly thereafter she met her future husband S.W. "Jim" Becher on a blind date to the homecoming dance at the University of Illinois. The couple married two years later. Both Bechers worked at Harding's Restaurant in Chicago before moving to Dayton, Ohio, in 1952. Norm became an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, and served for many years as deacon. She was also a member of Chapter AN

of the P.E.O. Sisterhood for more than 60 years. The couple and their three children Cyndy, Kim, and Rick vacationed every Summer at the family's cabin on Ten Mile Lake in north central Minnesota, where they entertained friends, pulled young skiers behind "The Shark," and played bridge every chance they got! Norma, and her parents Florence and Lafe Young, first visited Ten Mile Lake in 1925. Her Aunt and Uncle, Edith and Hans Jensen owned and operated Camp Iowa on the North Shore of Ten Mile, where Norma and her family rented a cabin for many years. In 1949, her family built a cabin of their own on the North Shore, near the corner of 50 and 71. Ten Mile meant a great deal to Norma and her parents, her 2 sisters and their husbands, and to each following generation of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Norma often expressed how all her families' lives had been touched by the beauty, the peace, and the happy times that Ten Mile provided. Having the family cabin, The Knoll, was a true blessing.

She leaves behind a sister, Gretchen Plagge Bush; her son Rick and his wife Gail; daughter Cyndy Lendon; daughter Kim Toning and son-in-law Barry; her grandchildren Emily Lendon Reynolds (Brad), Sam Lendon, Derick Toning, and Shane Toning (Clare); three great-grandchildren, Lainey, Liza, and Chandler Reynolds; and nieces and nephews from across the U.S. She was preceded in death by her husband, S.W. "Jim" Becher; her parents, Florence and Harry Young; her

sister Mary Ann Schmidt; and a grandchild, Starla Medina Toning. A joint celebration of life service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, for Norm and her husband of 68 years, Jim, on October 27th at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH 45402; the Starla Medina Scholarship Fund at Traditional Bank, 49 W. Main, Mount Sterling, KY 40353; and Bluegrass Navigator/ Hospice, Jessica Sandler and Staff, 2313 Alexandria Dr, Lexington, KY 40504. As Norma departs this world, her family would like to thank everyone for their love and remind them that she always said if you want to get something done, "Do! It! Now!"

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