



# Douglas Lake NEWSLETTER

Douglas Lake Improvement Association

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## President's Message

*The August DLIA Annual Meeting had a good turnout. Dr. Knute Nadelhoffer told us about his one-year sabbatical which began September 1, 2016; the UMBS Interim Director is Dr. Linda Greer. Dr. Curt Blankespoor gave an update of Swimmer's Itch research, and Elijah Baker, a Huron Pines Americorps Member, Education & Outreach Specialist, showed us the volunteer, web-based program to help lakefront property owners manage their shoreland with best practices.*

*My first term as President wrapped up this past August. Joan Hartwig, Secretary, and I were reelected for second terms and the newly elected Vice President, Mary Ellen Sheridan, is eager to make the transition from Zone Representative to VP. The Treasurer is elected on odd-numbered years so not to align with the other officers. With appreciation of the Bylaws Committee and our association members, the proposed Bylaws were approved by the membership. They are included with this newsletter, will be printed in our 2017 Douglas Lake Directory, and are always available on our website.*

*Four people who have made a difference for the association were recognized. Mark Paddock for being a good collaborator over the years aiding in the DLIA partnership with UMBS, the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the Little Traverse Conservancy. Marilyn Kelemen has been the Douglas Lake Merchandise Manager for 6 years, and she assisted Kathy Buchweitz for 4 years before that. She and Kathy worked together for 10 years to bring us interesting, creative and functional Douglas Lake wear and products. John Kurkjian has been an outstanding fundraiser by selling ads for our membership directories since 2000. He has a strong drive to help us fund environmental programs and to position us to be prepared for unexpected events. Sue Nelson gave 16 years of dedicated and quality leadership on the DLIA Executive Board in officer and director positions.*

*The association is in good financial standing and our lake is in fine shape. Thank you to our membership for your support and your interest in improving the quality of our lake and of our community.*

*Holly Gedert*, DLIA President

Internet Links of interest:

Biological Station - <http://lsa.umich.edu/umbs/>

MI Shoreland Stewards - <http://www.mishorelandstewards.org/default.asp>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .



## Area Winter Events

### Nov. 19

- *Emmet County Holiday Arts, Crafts and Gifts Show*, Emmet County Fairgrounds, 9am -4pm \$2 admission or a canned food item.

### November 25

- *Arts and Crafts Show and Merchants Open House*  
Inland Lakes School – 10 – 3pm

### Dec. 1

- *Cheboygan Hospitality Night* 3-8

### Dec. 2

- *Petoskey Open House* 6-9 pm
- *Merry Makers Market Place*, Petoskey 10-4

### Dec. 3

- *Harbor Springs Open House* 6-9 pm
- *Merry Makers Market Place*, CTAC, Petoskey 10-4
- *Arts & Crafts Show*, Boyne City High School 9-3pm

### Dec. 9

- *Alanson Open House* 5 – 8pm

### Dec. 17

- *Riggsville Christmas Parade*, 7pm. Non-perishable food donations accepted at Sacred Heart Church on Polish Line.

### Dec. 17 & 18

- *Nutcracker Ballet*, Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center, Dec. 17, 3 pm and 7 pm performances, Dec. 18, 3 pm performance. Call Crooked Tree Arts, 347-4337 for tickets.

### Jan. 12-14

- *Winterfest Mackinaw City* Call 231-436-5664 for details.

### Feb. 17 & 19

- *St. Ignace Pond Hockey Tournament*

### February 24-26

- *Youth St. Ignace Pond Hockey Tournament*

## Spring Newsletter Deadline

**The deadline for submissions  
for the spring newsletter is April 1, 2017**

## WELCOME NEW DLIA MEMBERS 2016

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| Zone 15  | Craig & Cary Seager<br>Chuck & Connie Weasel<br>11104 Pells Island View Dr  |
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| Zone 92  | Mary J. Agnelneri-Franke<br>9081 MacArthur Rd   |
| Zone 102 | Marilyn Gates & Charles Harns<br>8455 Quiet Lane<br>Howard & Pamela Seeburger<br>8409 Quiet Lane  |
| Other    | Leland, Jeff & Liza<br>979 Indian Point Trail Brutus, MI 49716<br>University of Michigan Biological Station<br>9133 Biological Rd Pellston, MI 49769  |



## Area Winter Farmer's Markets

### Petoskey

Fridays Oct. 7-June 9, 10 am– 1pm  
located at Carnegie Building, upper level.

### Charlevoix

Friday 3 - 6pm and Tuesday, November 22  
Holiday Market 3 - 6 pm  
Library Community Building

### Boyne City

Saturdays November - May, from 9am - 12:30pm  
Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St.

# DESTINATION

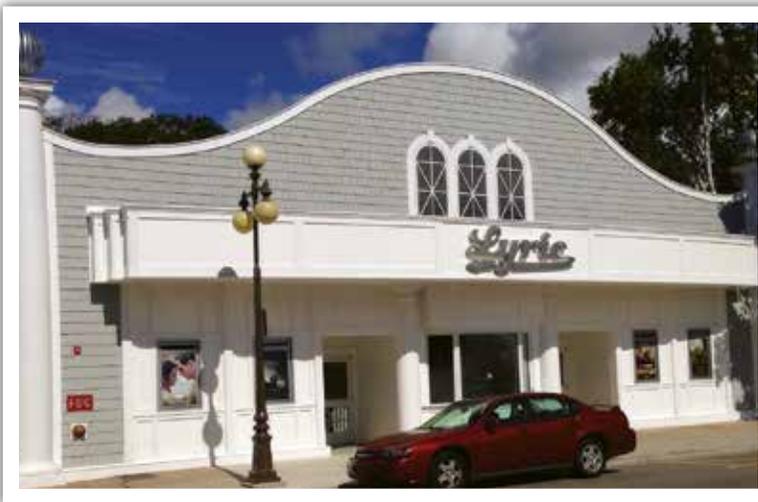
## A Beautiful New Cultural Destination: Harbor Springs' Lyric Theatre

by *Frank Beaver*

For Douglas Lake film lovers of all ages something new and wonderful has recently arrived in Northern Michigan: the Harbor Springs' newly reclaimed Lyric Theatre which began showing films in late July. The old Lyric on Main Street closed in 1981 and is now the site of a sports retail shop and a real-estate management company. The new Lyric, a not-for-profit movie house, is just a block and a half farther east on Main St. And it's more than a typical box-like movie venue. It's also a celebration of "up north" Michigan and its historic past.

Built with the support of area donors and an AT&T Foundation Grant, the Lyric now resides in a 100-year old building that once housed Harbor Springs' Packard auto dealership. Reconfigured, the building contains one large and two smaller screening areas plus a stage for Q and A discussions, lectures, and other public presentations. The three-theater concept is intended to provide diversity in the types of films that will be shown: independent films/"indies," mainstream releases, foreign films, documentaries as well as classics and children's matinees. Happily, the new Lyric will remain open year-round, and daily afternoon screenings will add to the Lyric's significance for local filmgoers.

What's equally impressive is the "Northern Michigan" artistic vision that went into the design of the theater and its interior spaces. The five impressive entrance-way panels and lobby walls incorporate details that were part of early-era interior cottage and public buildings of the area. Also in the lobby are photographs and memorabilia from the Packard dealership's history as well as photos of the original Lyric throughout its 55 year history (1926-1981).



The large 195-seat screening room contains colorful back-to-front wall murals that capture the Little Traverse Bay and Harbor Point on the left wall and the village townscape and rising bluff on the right wall. The ceiling is also a work of art.

Roger W. Blaser, who serves as President of the Lyric, said in an interview: "We wanted (the ceiling) to represent the northern Michigan sky in August looking north, the direction in which the screen is oriented. It features the Milky Way

and 13 constellations and has approximately 35,000 stars. The fact that we have a barrel ceiling [inspired by a London, England movie house] accentuates its effect since it represents the curvature of the earth." Also in the largest theater you'll find plush seats made with mohair material—a special historic throwback to cinema's "golden age."

The visual design of the smallest screening room with its 22 seats, is equally imaginative.

The wall murals and lighting arrangements have been designed to resemble the interior of a rail car which Blaser says was "historically how most people reached northern Michigan before the 1920's." To reinforce the rail car imagery this small theater is the only one of the three screening spaces with flat, non-slanting flooring. Not only is the new Lyric an aesthetic achievement worthy of a visit, but filmgoers will experience state-of-the-art aural and visual technology that was

created and installed by Boston Light and Sound, overseen by its founders Chapin Cutler and Larry Shaw.

The Lyric is a wonderful addition to our area: for its historical significance, its potential cultural value, and its close proximity to Douglas Lake. The Lyric is being staffed primarily by volunteers - another opportunity for Douglas Laker.

The theatre's e-mail contact is [info@lyricharborsprings.org](mailto:info@lyricharborsprings.org).

Check their website for film schedules, volunteer opportunities and other information.

[www.LyricHarborSprings.org](http://www.LyricHarborSprings.org)

# THE VERY FIRST DOUGLAS LAKE HOTEL

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Because of the availability of land grant acreage in the mid-1870s, the establishment of regular ports of call for Great Lakes steamships along the shoreline of northern Michigan, and the arrival of the first major north/south railroad in the early 1880s, the area around Douglas Lake became accessible to tourism for the first time. To promote this tourism, all the while bolstering its own revenues, the transportation industry, and in particular the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad, began advertising the recreational possibilities for would-be visitors. Not surprisingly, local entrepreneurs began to purchase land and to build accommodations to house those visitors who were beginning to arrive.

On Douglas Lake, two locations in particular were the most favorable logistically: the south shore of the lake, given its closeness to the Pellston railroad station and the availability of a relatively level, sandy roadway; and the northwest corner, which was similarly accessible from the Levering train station.

The GR & I railroad, whose revenues from the transportation of lumber and lumber products were declining as the northern forests were being depleted, began to market itself as “The Fishing Line” in the hope of developing a new, more dependable income stream for the future. Tourist guides touting fishing camps, inns and small hotels began to be published. One of the very earliest references to a hotel on Douglas Lake appeared in an 1898 travel booklet, which stated:

Five miles east of Pellston – stage meets every train—lies Douglas Lake, an exceptionally beautiful body of water and famous for fishing (bass and pickerel). Bryant’s is a pleasant fishing Inn on the shore of this lake with daily stage connections with Pellston. A telephone line is also in the course of construction.

This earliest resort was actually situated on the promontory known as Bentley Point, located directly across the lake from the current Douglas Lake Bar and Steakhouse (formerly named the Douglas Lake Hotel). At the time, there was no road access to Bryant’s Hotel, nor would there be for more than 20 years. The only way to reach it was via a 25-passenger steam launch owned and operated by the Bryant family. The launch would ferry travelers and fishermen from a dock located at the end of Douglas Lake road at or near the boat ramp located next to the DLB.

There are few eye-witness accounts of the first Bryant’s Hotel. However, there was a series of taped interviews conducted in the mid-1960s by Mrs. French, who made recordings of

interviews of selected “old timers.” The interviews provide information about life at Douglas Lake between 1900 and 1965. One of the interviewees was Emma Brill Wilson, herself a life-long resident of the area and the widow of Lambert Wilson, the second owner of the Ingleside Inn. When asked about the Bryant’s Hotel, Mrs. Wilson stated:



Mr. Bryant built the first hotel and we always called it Bryant Hotel. It wasn’t anything wonderful but it was all right for the summer time. There wasn’t much of a way to get in and out. His guests would come to Pellston and Mr. Bryant would bring them across the lake. When they got there, there wasn’t much for them to do except walk around and ride

around the lake on the steam launch.

Given the state of the land records, where hand-shake agreements and transactions often preceded the recorded paperwork by a year or more, it would be difficult to state exactly when this first hotel was actually constructed. The reference to it in the 1898 travel booklet suggests that it would have opened for business either that year or the year following. The plat map for the 27-acre parcel containing the hotel, the 60-some adjacent building sites, and the boathouse was prepared in 1899, as was the contract of conveyance between James Bryant and the then-owner Willard Potter. Unfortunately for all concerned, Mr. Potter died before the deed could be signed and recorded, leading to a circuit court action involving Mr. Bryant and the administrator of Mr. Potter’s estate. Title was ultimately transferred to Bryant in 1890. Under the circumstances, the best that can be said is that Bryant’s Hotel probably opened for business sometime between 1898 and 1900. In 1900, the Bryant family also began selling some of the lake front lots on both sides of the hotel along the Bentley Point shoreline. Among the early purchasers at that time was James Gale Inglis, who would later build the Ingleside Inn.

Within the following two years, plans were being made to construct and open a more ambitious hotel and resort complex across the lake adjacent to the boat dock at the end of the Douglas Lake Road. Nevertheless, the Bryant family continued simultaneously operate that first Bryant Hotel and resort for an additional eight years.

Only a few photographs of this earliest hotel have survived. They clearly demonstrate the truly rustic nature of that first Bryant Hotel. These pictures were provided by Allen and Laurie Mercke, whose cottage was constructed on the site of the first Bryant Hotel and was reportedly erected on top of the hotel’s original foundation.

The first picture shows “Bryant’s Hotel” as viewed from the water when approaching the landing. The steam launch, with its gaily striped awning, is moored at the dock. It is unknown when this picture was taken. The remaining four pictures came from Claire Graham’s album and were dated “1907.” Since she first came to Douglas Lake that same year, it is likely that they were taken then. The pictures show the beach area at Bryant’s Point, a close-up view of the launch, the stairway leading down to the beach from the hotel, and a view of the lake taken from the hotel. Newer details in these latter pictures (the covered bench at the head of the steps and the hand rail) would tend to indicate that they dated from a later period than the first photograph.

In the summer of 1908, the various members of the Bryant family deeded the hotel property and the remaining unsold lots to John C. Farnsworth, who continued to run it until it was destroyed by fire in 1911. Thereafter, John Farnsworth sold the property to Lillian G. Farnsworth, who, in turn, sold it to Clarence C. Mercke in June of 1926. The cottage built by the Mercke family still stands today overlooking the bluff on Bentley Point.



Top: Bryant’s Point, Bryant’s Launch  
 Bottom: Hotel Landing, Lake View from Hotel  
 Photographs are from Claire Graham’s album dated 1907

Memories of Douglas Lake, published August, 1992, p.196.

## *Birds Of Winter* by Mark Paddock

I originally wrote this article about 15 years ago. There continues to be basic changes in the Northern Michigan ecosystems, primarily due to climate change and human activities. Some birds that used to live farther south in winter now are around here. One good example is the Red-bellied Woodpecker. This handsome bird with a redcap and white rump, is now rather common around bird feeders. I am sure there will be other examples of birds staying here that formerly stayed south of Northern Michigan, and some species that wintered here will stay north of this region.

During the warm seasons at Douglas Lake, we see and hear many, many birds whether we are “birdwatchers” or not. Just like people, the majority of birds leave for the winter. Only about 10-15% of the species stay. In winter, not only are there fewer birds here, but some are dressed in their drab winter plumage and they don’t sing.



The most common bird at our feeders is the Black-capped Chickadee, of which there are often about 25 at a time. The White-breasted Nuthatch is also a frequent visitor. Its tiny cousin, the Red-Breasted Nuthatch lives in the conifer forests and ventures into my yard far less often. The Tufted Titmouse is a newcomer to Northern Michigan, having gradually moved north as winter

severity decreased and bird feeders proliferated. Since they prefer mature hardwood forests, we see them seldom. All of this family have amazingly good memories. They hide food and remember the locations. Research shows that these birds can remember

hundreds, maybe thousands of hiding places of their food. Since chickadees have such great memories, other birds follow them around during feeding. These are termed “feeding guilds” when several bird species roam through the woods together, led by chickadees.

Other common visitors to our feeders are members of the large finch family Fringillidae. Goldfinches come in flocks of up to forty and then move on for a few days. They are in their winter plumage of dull yellow and black wings. Purple Finches occasionally stop by as does the small Pine Siskin often in the company of other small finches of the far north. If we are lucky, the large and spectacular red-hued Pine Grosbeak comes down from Canada in small numbers and the Evening Grosbeaks with striking black, yellow and white color combination come by in small flocks and gobble up the sunflower seeds with great abandon. For some reason this species has been diminishing in number the last few years and ornithologists are concerned. The much loved Cardinal, also a finch, did not live up north until recently. I see them rarely at my home, but they are rather common in towns where numerous bird feeders, brush and hedges are present. The small Redpoll comes down from Canada in great numbers some years. Very occasionally you may hear and see a flock of Red Cross bills or White-winged Crossbills feeding on spruce and pine cone seeds. These birds have bills that are crossed at the tip which allow them to open the cones to get at the seeds. These flocks move around constantly in conifer forests and are encountered infrequently since we live at the southern edge of their range. Snow Buntings live exclusively in open fields and gather in large flocks in winter. We see them around the Pellston Airport as they swirl over the snowy fields in their almost all white winter garb.

We now have four woodpeckers here in winter. The Red-bellied Woodpecker is our newest arrival. The small Downy Woodpecker and its larger cousin the Hairy Woodpecker, who look almost identical, come to my suet feeder daily. The

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fourth is the large, crow-sized and especially spectacular Pileated Woodpecker. It is a wary bird and comes to suet rarely; some homes have them often. Their presence in a forest is announced by huge, oblong-shaped chiseled out holes in dead trees.

All of the Jay family who spend summers here, also stay all winter. Although our summer Blue Jays move south a couple hundred miles, and some from the Upper Peninsula move down here, they readily come to feeders and are real "piggy" eaters, tossing aside sunflower seeds before filling their cheek pouches. Their cousins, the Crows and Ravens, do not normally frequent bird feeders. Roadkill and deer carcasses are a big source of food for them. The jay family is probably the most intelligent bird family we have in Michigan, and Ravens (who live no farther south than Gaylord) are the smartest of the bunch.

The Mourning Dove is the only native member of the dove family that are found here in winter. It comes to bird feeders readily.

We see the Brown Creeper on tree trunks often in winter but they do not come to our feeder since they feed almost entirely on insects, spiders and insect larvae found in tree bark crevices. Creepers go from tree to tree, always starting at the bottom, working up and around the tree trunk, looking for food before flying to another tree. I guess that is what they do all day!

Some of the tiny Golden-crowned Kinglets spend winters here, but most migrate a bit south. They live in dense spruce forests and are hard to see or hear.

Cedar Waxwings are especially beautiful birds who live here year-round. In winter, they gather in large flocks moving around extensively as they feed on dried fruits left on trees and shrubs. Unless you have a tree or shrub with large quantities of fruit, chances are you won't see them in winter.

The Northern Shrike is a robin-sized song bird that acts and feeds like a hawk. They prey on small birds in winter using their hook-tipped bills. I see them come to my feeder area occasionally and perch in nearby trees, waiting for an opportunity to catch an unwary bird. The small feeding birds instinctively recognize a shrike (and a hawk) and hide or freeze in place until the coast is clear.

We have only two species of the ground dwelling, chicken-like birds that remain locally all year. The Ruffed Grouse, called "Pats" by locals, feed on tree and shrub buds in winter. When the snow is deep and soft, they fly into it and snuggle under the snow cover overnight or when it is storming. When they flush near you, the whirr sound is invariably startling.

Turkeys did not live up here until they were introduced about 40 years ago. The deep snow kept them from finding food in winter. Now with an active winter feeding program and thousands of home bird feeders, they are able to survive. These huge birds come to feeders regularly and scratch around under them for dropped sunflower seeds.

Some birds of prey, the hawks and owls, remain here all winter and a few come down from Canada when food farther north is scarce. Only two species of hawk come to my house to prey on the small birds attracted by my bird feeders. The Sharp-shinned Hawk and the Cooper's Hawk look almost identical but the Sharp-shinned Hawk is only about the size of a Mourning Dove (which it can catch) and the Cooper's Hawk is about the

size of a crow. These are true hawks with long tails and relatively short rounded wings. They are efficient hunters of smaller birds catching them on the wing or chasing them down in the brush. Whenever I notice no activity around the feeder during the day, and the birds are hiding or are "frozen" in place, I am pretty sure a hawk or a shrike is nearby.

The much larger Northern Goshawk lives here all year. There are a few nests of this impressive bird around Douglas Lake. Goshawks are about 24 inches long and are formidable, fierce hunters of grouse, squirrels and rabbits as well as smaller prey. If you approach an active nest, expect to be "dive-bombed" and severely intimidated or even clawed about the head. Some of the Red-tailed Hawks, stay around here in winter but

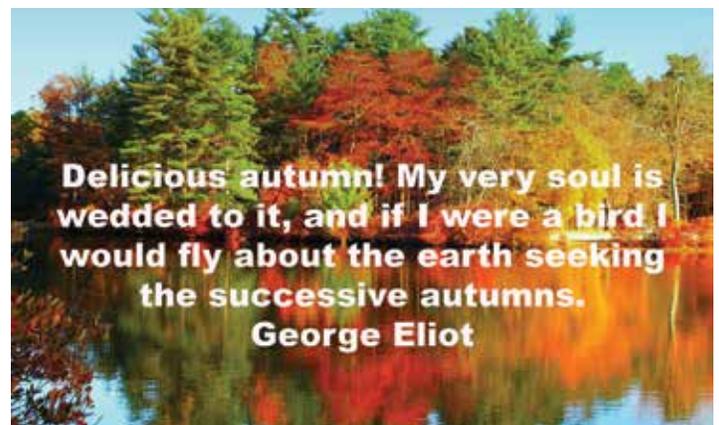


*Cooper's Hawk*

most move south. Buteos are the large, long-winged hawks we see circling around overhead and are the birds we think of when hawks are mentioned. The large Rough-legged Hawk, normally a resident of the arctic, often moves down to this region and much farther south in winter. That is the large hawk we see on poles, fence posts and trees along the freeways looking for prey.

Most of the owls native to this region stay here in winter, although many go farther south following the availability of prey. Since all are night feeders we see them seldom, but hear them in late winter during the breeding season. The Barred Owl with its distinctive eight hoots "Who cooks for you, who cooks for you-all" is relatively common up here. The Great Horned Owl, a fierce strong predator, gives out three to five deep resonant hoots. They are up here in winter, too, but there are more farther south. Most winters many large white Snowy Owls come down from the Arctic tundra in search of food. These birds sit out in conspicuous sites, often on the ground, and are easily observed.

I did not cover the waterfowl ; ducks, geese and swans which are present in small numbers on open water in winter, but not well-frozen Douglas and Burt.



# We Will Miss . . .



## **HAROLD REQUARTH**

Harold Requarth, 90, long time property owner in Maple Bay on Douglas Lake, passed away on July 1, 2016 in Dayton, Ohio having been a large part of Requarth Lumber in Dayton. Harold's love of Douglas Lake began on his first trip in 1958. He and his friend John Head brought their families for a week of vacation. From that summer on, coming to Douglas Lake was the annual family vacation. He later bought lakefront property on Maple Bay from Ted and Vivian Lile, building a house on that land in 1971. He loved spending his time in the North Woods hunting mushrooms, fishing from his Boston Whaler and tinkering around the house. He is survived by his wife (Cherriann), son (David), daughter (Kathy Requarth Mount who spent three summer sessions at Camp Chick-A-Mi on Vincent Lake near MacArthur Road) and four grandchildren. His services were held in Dayton and memorials were directed to Hospice of Dayton.

## **CHRISTINE SCHUSTER MCNEELY**

Douglas Lake lost a good friend and neighbor on July 8, 2016. Christine Schuster McNeely was born in 1949 and grew up in Detroit. In 1955 the Schusters came for a vacation to "Timber Lane," a group of cabins owned by Ben and Nellie Ruggiero and located north of the DLB. Like many others at that time, the Schusters fell in love with northern Michigan, and so there were many more summer vacations of swimming, water-skiing, and campfires at Douglas Lake. During her childhood and youth, Christine also loved fishing with her father and sister, as well as catching and releasing turtles in Maple Bay. Then in 1966, Christine's parents purchased their own cabin, one of the five built in the Maple Bay area by Ted Lile. In the years that followed, Christine continued to come to the lake from her home in Sterling Heights, Michigan whenever she could and then became owner of the cabin at 11170 Douglas Lake Road when her father, Chet, died in 2010. Christine was also pre-deceased by her mother, Florence, in 2003. Christine is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Nan and Tom Simatos, of Chesterfield, Michigan, a niece and nephew, and also one great-niece and one great-nephew. Christine's "up north" favorites were the loons, her beloved sunsets, the Douglas Lake Steakhouse, Hoppie's Restaurant, and shopping in the area. She developed many lasting Douglas Lake friendships throughout the years and she is greatly missed by her lake neighbors.

## **MILDRED CAMPBELL NOLAN**

Mildred Campbell Nolan, a popular and well-known figure around Douglas Lake died on May 19, 2016 at age 94. Mildred was born in Ames, Iowa on August 4, 1921. In 1941 she enlisted in the United States Navy and for the next four years of WWII served as a "Radioman" while stationed in Livermore, CA and Oklahoma City, OK. After the war Mildred and her husband Robert Perry moved to Ann Arbor where they had two sons.

From 1977 to 1986 she worked for the University of Michigan as the Women's League Food Services Manager. In the 1970's Mildred married Raymond Nolan. Following retirement, and moving to California in 1986, Mildred came to Douglas Lake in the summers to serve as Food Services Manager at the University of Michigan Biological Station until 1991. During these summers, and until 2011, she lived at the family cottage located at 11008 Pells Island View Drive. While living here Mildred was active in the New Hope United Methodist Church in Levering and Crooked Lake Yacht Club. Back home in California she did volunteer work with schoolchildren and seniors, was active in the Alameda Photography Club and helped organize a "Women in Military" event. Mildred was pre-deceased by her husband Raymond Nolan and is survived by her two sons--John (& wife Lorraine) Perry of Alameda, CA, and Kriste Perry of Ann Arbor. Mildred was a dear person who was friendly to everyone she met. She loved spending summers "Up North" and treasured being at Douglas Lake. She enjoyed showing her unique cabin to her visitors. She is very much missed by all who knew her.

## **WARREN F. KRAPOHL**

Warren F. Krapohl, 85, retired Flint attorney and Cheboygan County Circuit Court referee, passed away on June 20, 2016. Born in 1930 to Walter and Murna Krapohl, Warren graduated from Flint Central High School and went on to Albion College before receiving his B.A. and Law Degree from the University of Michigan in 1954. He was a partner in the law firm Krapohl and Krapohl with his father from 1954 until his retirement in 1982. He spent his remaining years living on his beloved Douglas Lake along with his wife, Beverly Gerulski.

Warren had extensive background in public office ranging from service as Justice of the Peace, U.S. Commissioner, and U.S. Magistrate. In 2003 he was awarded the Liberty Bell Award by the Cheboygan County Bar Association for his many contributions to the community including work with the Salvation Army Williams Transition House.

Warren loved to travel extensively in both Eastern and Western Europe and in his later years found his "home away from home" in Ixtapa/ Zihuatanejo, Mexico. He was an avid outdoorsman. Besides hunting and fishing across the continent, he enjoyed snowmobiling and downhill skiing. He participated in the Nubs Nob downhill ski race league for several years until major health set-backs forced his retirement from the team. He is survived by his wife, Beverly Gerulski, his brother, Jack (Pat) Krapohl of Wisconsin, and his sister, Judy Gibson of Florida. He has two surviving children, Hugh Krapohl and Karen (Tom) Mertaugh, grandchildren Megan (Kermit) Mertaugh-Graber of Minnesota and Ryan (Annie) Mertaugh of Wyoming, and great-grandchildren Luciel and Chazarae Mertaugh-Graber.

According to his wishes there will be no ceremony, however, memorial donations may be sent in his name to the Salvation Army Transition House in care of Greg Bach, 444 S. Main St., Cheboygan, MI, 49721. He was a gentle man and will be missed greatly.



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