

History of Sturm Family in Boulder Junction

Boulder Junction has been a part of our family's life for over 67 years. Our Mom and Dad, Earl & Evelyn Sturm, vacationed in Boulder Junction in the early 1950's at Pinewood Lodge on Fishtrap Lake, owned by Phil and Meta Francis. We spent our summer vacations with our parents from the time we were very small at one of the cabins at the Lodge. In the early years there was no running water, indoor plumbing or electricity. We can't imagine how challenging that was, but they loved Fishtrap Lake, the people and the beauty of the area! Mom and Dad bought a lakefront parcel on Fishtrap when Pinewood Lodge was sold and built by scratch, their special retirement home. Our children also spent time in the summers on the lake, enjoyed the Boulder Summer Parks and Recreation program, and creating special memories with Grandma and Grandpa. Our Dad served on the Town Board, was a long-time members of the Lions Club (and Mom a Lioness) and was a religious softball fanatic- playing for decades in the Boulder leagues. Many new him as 'Earl the Pearl.' Our parents refurbished a cabin on their property called "The Loons Nest" and it was our Mom's role to promote, book the cabin, turn it over for the next vacationer. Our Dad was the 'fix it" guy. Their lives as a newly married couple with young children through their senior years were intertwined in Boulder Junction.

Our parents have both passed now, and it was our pleasure as Earl and Evelyn's children along with their grandchildren and great grandchildren to provide a gift through the Boulder Junction Foundation, to name the baseball field "Sturm Memorial Field." This legacy is so important and imbedded our family's lives now. We look forward to keeping these memories and shared experiences of Boulder Junction alive and build new ones for generations to follow.

Janet Oppenheimer and Linda Jenner

Daughters of Earl and Evelyn Sturm



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