

Claud A. Ludwig

MARCH 3, 1919 – NOVEMBER 15, 1990



In 1947, our father, Claud A. Ludwig, joined his father, Claud C. Ludwig and his brother, Dr. Fred Ludwig, in having the log cabin built at #14 Pioneer Trail. Claud C., who was notorious in the family for his puns, named the cabin “Lud-Wig-Wam”.

Our branch of the family usually spent the month of August at Lake Louise. Dad relied on our vacation to recover from the stress of his busy medical practice in Port Huron, Michigan. In fact, we did not have a telephone installed at the cottage until after Dad retired.

Dad was an excellent naturalist, but his passions were birds and wild flowers. He enjoyed boating, hiking, and photography. At Lake Louise, he taught his five children to swim, fish and boat, and we learned where to find the wild raspberries and blueberries.

Dad was a very sociable person. Family and friends often visited us at Lud-Wig-Wam. He also knew well most of the residents along Pioneer Trail.

There was always room in our car for Dad’s trusty medical bag. In addition to patching up his own kids, he once was called to the scene of a serious accident on Thumb Lake Road, and stayed with the victims until the ambulance could arrive.

At the end of his life, Dad showed his love of medicine by willing his body to his alma mater, the University of Michigan. He died on November 15, 1990. The U. of M. had his body cremated after his stint with the medical students. His ashes were returned to his family who inhumed them outside the chapel.

We still feel closest to our dad at Lake Louise, and each summer we walk up to the chapel and use the time to remember a wonderful man and father.

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