

Eve and Al Schultz

Tree Dedication - May 17, 2009
given by Audrey Solheim

Eve and Al have been members of Sverdrup Lodge since 1979 when Jeannette and Marc Radig invited them to a social and they later joined. They indicate it has been a wonderful experience for them to be part of this remarkable group of people. In fact, after 30 years many of us have become like one big happy family to them, even though the Schultz's have a somewhat different background. Eve is from the north Atlantic island of Iceland and Al who is mostly of German heritage with a smidgen of Swedish. They love being "adopted Norskies and say Thank you!



Both Eve and Al are from farm families in the area of Upham, northeast of Minot. Eve attended the same school from first grade through high school in Upham. Sadly, that school closed a few years ago and like so many of the North Dakota once bustling small towns, it is now fading away. Al came from a thriving farm community of German, Swiss, English and a few Norwegian families in the Russell-Newburg area.

After graduating from high school in Russell Al attended Minot State Teachers College and got a standard teaching degree. WWII was in full swing and he joined the Air Force and became a pilot. After his discharge Al and his father established a small manufacturing plant in Upham, and that's where Eve and Al met.

Eve went to UND for one year before they married. Upham was their home for a couple of years; their oldest daughter was born there. They then decided that Law School in Grand Forks would be their next move. The years after Law School graduation took them to Bismarck, Fargo and Minot where Al joined the law firm of Magee and Van Sickle. After a few years there, Al was offered the position as Executive Director of the North Dakota State Bar Association, which brought them back to Bismarck. After 11 years, he entered private practice again, and retired after more than 50 years as an attorney.

During those years they became parents of seven children. When the youngest was in High School, Eve finished a degree in English and Music at Mary College, completing her life-long dream.

Al served a president of the Sons of Norway lodge in 1984. Their kids thought it was hilarious having a "Schultz" as president of the Sons of Norway, and he did a great job leading our lodge in his role as President! Al was the chairman of the dishwashing committee for several years for the Lutefisk supper and both Al and Eve have helped in various ways with this special event through the years.

Eve became involved in accompanying and directing the Sons of Norway Chorus over the years and is active in other cultural programs as well. They say of their association with the Sons of Norway and I quote "it has been a real pleasure, we have met such wonderful people over the years and it is our hope to continue our involvement with Sverdrup 107 in the future."

For all these accomplishments and your continued support of our lodge we are pleased to present a tree in the Sons of Norway Park to Evangeline and Alfred Schultz! Congratulations!