

Sam Erickson's Family History from their home in Neighborhood #3 on Long Lake from 1975 to 2010:

Sam's wife Gloria (or sometimes known as Babe) and their two boys loved to fish and that is what brought them to Long Lake. They purchased a 300 foot lot on Hayes Beach that Phillip Hayes platted. Sam's family moved to Long Lake from Fish Hook River.

Gloria especially loved to ice fish. She had to have the fish house out as soon as the ice was safe. It was critical to count the steps to the spot that was used to place the fish house. She used a bucket signal on one side of the fish house door to signal to Sam to come help.

Sam Erickson sold his lake home in Sept 2010 to Wayne & Linda Warmbold. His wife Gloria had passed away and Sam spent most of his time across the road from the lake in the tree plantation.

Sam continues to actively manage the 80 acre forest that helps protect the east side of the lake near County 20 and State Hwy 87. He has a large pole building where he keeps the tractors and other tools used to practice sustainable forestry. The area of forest is 100 acre in the total square. However, there are 20 acres in the SW corner owned by other parties. Sam works with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to determine when to harvest an acre, for example. The forest is home to many animals including deer, fox, rabbits, and other woodland creatures.