



Schroeder Area Historical Society

Tribute to Mother, Doris Lamb

By Skip Lamb—Eulogy at his mother's memorial service March 21, 2003

Mother, you were a very independent and optimistic woman. You were always ready to move on to where life was going to take you.

You started life in Clear Lake, Minnesota as Doris Mae White, the first child of Beth Jesdahl White and Arthur Thomas White. Everybody's birthday is special but your birth date was special, November 12, 1913 or as you like to say, 11-12-13.

You had terrible colic as a baby. Your parents hired a woman to help so your mother could sleep. After the woman's arrival, you slept all night long. However, your dad soon discovered that your sleep pattern was enhanced by the whiskey the hired woman put into your milk. She was released from service immediately.

You were a farm girl and spent your childhood on a small farm in Clear Lake. The biggest blessings in your life, besides your mom and dad, were your two little sisters, Betty and Gladys. You attended the Clear Lake School and graduated with 19 other classmates in 1931.

After high school, you attended St. Cloud Normal School, now called St. Cloud State University. You prepared for teaching in rural Minnesota's one-room schools. During your school years, your dad would bring you home on weekends from the boarding house dorm. Sometimes he brought you home with a team of horses. You had to bring your own food. Soon you realized the young city women rooming with you did not have many of the good things you had on the small farm.

Your Depression upbringing taught you to be frugal and never waste anything.

You graduated from St. Cloud Normal School in 1934. You taught your first class at the Clearwater, Minnesota School.



Doris Lamb was loved by many people. Her Valentines say it is so.

Your main worry was for the littlest children. You soon realized the older children had to help the smaller children and help you. Soon, the older students read to the younger ones and helped you with the wood stove and other chores.

You boarded with one of the families who had students attending the school. A favorite story recounts Mr. Lund who hitched up the horse and sleigh to drive you to school when the snow was too deep to walk to school.

By 1937, you saved enough money to buy a 1937 Ford Coup, a car you loved. With your teaching degree in hand, you worked all through the Depression. After you married Dad, you finished your last year of teaching.

Since schoolteachers could not be married, you moved on to your new role of wife and mother.

Shortly after your marriage, you spent one summer on the North Shore at Stickney's Resort. You waited on tables and helped Nell Stickney clean cabins while Dad assisted Joe Pecore with plumbing 13 bathrooms at the Slade Mansion in Little Marais.

Later, you and Dad moved to Melrose, Minnesota where Dad started a locker plant business. The United States was at war. You were pregnant. You were one of the few protestant families in town and no one was bringing their livestock to the locker plant. However, things did work out. Dad figured out he had to talk to the priest before the farmers could bring in their cows, pigs and chickens for Dad to butcher.



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I was born in Melrose on March 15, 1943 at the Melrose Hospital. The hospital was a converted hotel. Every year on my birthday, Mom described the event saying I was born in the blizzard of the century. It took 10 days for the relatives to get down Highway 10 to see me. Dr.Zackman could not figure out how such a small woman could have a 10-pound baby boy.

Our family was complete with the birth of my red haired sister Kathy in 1944 and my little sister Colleen in 1948.

We moved to Sauk Rapids, Minnesota where Dad had a new locker and refrigeration business. Living in Sauk Rapids, Mom enjoyed having her sisters Betty and Gladys nearby.

Mom taught Sunday school at the Methodist Church but also helped in the business. It was not uncommon to get up in the middle of the night to check the smoke house at the locker plant.

From his work in the locker plants, Dad developed emphysema. He decided to move to the North Shore and purchase Uncle Horace Stickney's resort. You and Dad moved our family to the North Shore on December 12, 1954.

We moved into a one-room cabin where the five of us spent our first winter on the North Shore. My sisters and I have great memories of that first winter but it was a tough one for you, Mom. Hauling water from across the road and using an outhouse are just two of the inconveniences you experienced. Eventually, we



Doris Lamb found a *calling* working at the Schroeder Post Office.

were able to move into the Stickney General Store and took over some of the huge rooms upstairs.

Building Taconite Harbor in the 1950's made Schroeder a busy, busy place. There were 700 construction families at Taconite Harbor and the surrounding area. You became an active PTA member, moved your membership in the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter to Grand Marais and made a new life on the shore.

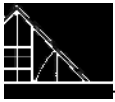


Doris was at home behind the wheel. In 1937 Doris saved enough money to buy a 1937 Ford Coup.

Dad added on to the store and remodeled the store and cabins. All of us worked in the store. We opened at 6:30 am so the work crews at Taconite Harbor could get their supplies. The workers picked up gloves, cigarettes and snacks before they went to work. In winter, we were open until the Greyhound bus came at 7:15 pm. In the summer, we stayed open until 9:00pm or until the last cabin guest arrived.

Mom, you met Maybelle Skou and Shirley Bierbaum. You became their lifelong friends. Like you, they recently moved to the North Shore. Maybelle, Shirley and many other women on the shore worked in their family business, raised a family and participated in the community.

Dad's emphysema worsened and you moved into full time care of him. For the next several years, his care became the primary focus of your life. First, you moved out of the store and into the house Dad built for you. You wanted your home to sit on the hill above the store and Cramer Road. The house went up in a short time. By early 1971, the move into the new house was complete. Dad was not able to enjoy many months with you. He passed away in June of 1971. (continued on page 3)



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Once again, you moved on. This time you helped the town. The new township of Schroeder was organized. You served as the town's first clerk. Mom you liked to remind me that you beat me in the initial township election. We were both nominated for the clerk position but you prevailed in an election where we were both nominated for the clerk position.

Mom, you kept those township supervisors on task. One project you were especially proud of was construction of the new town hall. It provided a great place for the people of Schroeder to celebrate their weddings, anniversaries and other events. From your vantage point on Cramer road you watched the town hall as if it were your own business and made sure everyone got the key and access to the rules.

You served Schroeder for 17 years, campaigned door to door and never lost an election or failed to get someone the town hall key when residents needed to use the town hall.

The post office was the perfect fit for you. You worked in that capacity for 38 years. You had several days when you were not available-garden club and birthday club Wednesdays. Part of your duties included work every Saturday.

One Saturday proved memorable. My sister Kathy was up for a visit. You went to work at 7:00 am. Kathy brought you a cup of coffee. She found you sorting mail with rain pouring into the post office. Lightning had struck the building and blew a huge hole into the roof shortly before you got to work. With water running through the light fixtures, Kathy thought you should pack up and go home. However, Mom you disagreed and the mail was delivered on time to the residents of Schroeder.

Mother, you, Bob Silver and Ed Thoreson were all still working in your eightieth year. You all were born in 1913 and never considered retirement. You did retire from the post office in your eightieth year after 35 years of service. You were never happy with that decision. There are many stories I could tell about you and your life in Schroeder. In 1993 an ash slide from LTV blocked highway 61 between Schroeder and Two Island River. Cars needing to get around the slide needed to go up Cramer Road. Mom and her friend Pat Stevens stayed up all night smoking cigarettes and serving coffee and goodies. As my sister says, "Mom was Schroeder's answer to FEMA in a time of crisis."

Stickney Inn now online with Mnopedia

On March 28 the Schroeder Area Historical Society received word from Linda Cameron, Program Manager for MNopedia, the Online Encyclopedia of Minnesota History, that SAHS submission, *The Stickney Inn* is now online. MNopedia is an online encyclopedia that the Minnesota Historical Society sponsors. Check out <http://www.mnopedia.org/structure/stickney-inn> to read the submission.

Karen McTavish-Minnesota Quilter of 2017 at Cross River Heritage Center July 29

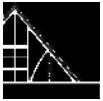


Karen McTavish has been teaching professionally since 2000 – she has been quilting on a longarm since 1997 fulfilling her two passions: Creativity and Inspiration.

Karen specializes in crafting award-winning quilts using techniques which allow any machine quilters to replicate traditional “hand-quilted” effects as well as quilting today's modern quilts. She has been featured on *Simply Quilts*, *PBS* and writes articles for national quilting magazines and journals. Karen is also judging quilt shows and lectures across the country.

Karen is the author of 7 books, *Quilting for Show 1 & 2*, *Whitework Quilting*, *Mastering the Art of McTavish-ing 1 & 2*, *Secrets of Elemental Quilting* and *Custom Curves*.

She has been a full-time professional quilter since 1997 – supporting her family through her craft. Karen lives in Northern Minnesota-quilting and teaching throughout the country. Karen was named 2017 Minnesota Quilter of the Year by Minnesota Quilters. Her website, gallery, and storefront can be seen at www.mctavishquilting.com



NEW NEWS

What's up at CRHC?

Sawtooth Elementary and Birch Grove Elementary students at CRHC

Sawtooth Elementary 1st Graders, accompanied by Ms. Shaw and Mrs. Jorgenson, visited Cross River Heritage Center in Schroeder February 24. The theme for the visit was about life 100 years ago with an emphasis on what a first grader might expect at school back then.

Schroeder Area Historical Society members Linda Lamb, Orlene Fisher, Deonn Cicak and Judy Gregg livened up the theme with a few props. Deonn Cicak shared an old letter about school back 100 years ago. Linda Lamb brought hot baked potatoes which were used as hand warmers in the morning and lunch at noon. A lard bucket was used for a lunch box a hundred years ago. Lard sandwiches were standard fare back then.

On January 23 Birch Grove Second graders had a visit from the Schroeder Area Historical Society. Suzan From shared a variety of artifacts from Cross River Heritage Center. The stereoscope and Olympic athlete memorabilia of Cindy Nelson and Mark Pavelich were included in the collection. Deonn Cicak read the students the book, *The Old Turtle*. Later they began a paper mache project. Skip Lamb pitched in to help with the project.



Sawtooth elementary students get some break time at Cross River Heritage Center. Apples are in order.



Birch Grove students are making paper mache turtles with a little assist from Skip Lamb.

In Memory of Eileen Netland Hall

June 17, 1923–February 8, 2017

In Memory of Nate Schuldt

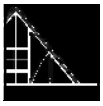
The Schroeder Area Historical Society received a family memorial in honor North Shore vacationer Nate Schuldt.

Volunteers are the foundation of the work at Cross River Heritage Center.

Call 218-663-7706 to volunteer.

Memberships

Memberships are important to support our community and the work of the Schroeder Area Historical Society. Memberships run from December 31 through December 31.



Schroeder Area Historical Society

Schroeder Area Historical Society thanks our recent grantors

Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation

On February 2017 Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation awarded Schroeder Area Historical Society a grant for operations at Cross River Heritage Center. SAHS thanks the Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation for its ongoing support.

Elmer L. & Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation

On December 2016 Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation approved a grant for the Schroeder Area Historical Society for general operations. SAHS thanks the Elmer L. & Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation for its ongoing support.

Trillium Family Foundation

On December 12 2016 Trillium Family Foundation awarded the Schroeder Area Historical Society a grant to support general operations. SAHS thanks the Trillium Family Foundation for their continued support.

Art Along the Lake Demonstrations: sponsored by Visit Cook County

Friday May 26 Cross River Heritage Center

10:00 am-12:00 Noon

Mary Jane Huggins-basketry
Kathy West-knitting
Orlene Fisher-hand quilting

1:00 pm-3:00 pmL

avona Czaplicki-Ukrainian egg carving
Al Sunde-wood carving
Orlene Fisher-crazy quilting

Saturday May 27

10:00-12:00 Noon

Mary Jane Huggins-basketry
Marland Hansen-tool making

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10:00-12:00 Noon

Nancy Hansen-Bunad Rodaland Jaelsa, Norwegian dress

Al Sunde-wood carving Orlene Fisher-hand quilting

1:00- 3:00 pm

Lavona Czaplicki-Ukrainian egg carving
Jean Bushman-Hardanger embroidery

Boomtown to Ghost Town- Taconite Harbor

Opens at Cross River Heritage Center

May 26, 2017 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm

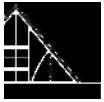
Art Gallery Show 2017

May 26-July 31: Fiber Art and Vintage Needlework including work by Beth Blank, Jan McTavish, Olive Aldinger and Orlene Fisher's Vintage Needlework Collection.

August 1-October 21 :Later in the season artists will be listed on website: crossriverheritage.org

Docent Position at Cross River Heritage Center

The Cross River Heritage Center in Schroeder, MN is looking for a docent/ gift shop manager from May - October, approximately 32-35 hours weekly, Tuesday through Saturday. . Please send your resume and three references to: Suzan From at crheritage@boreal.org or Schroeder Area Historical Society P.O. Box 337 Schroeder, Minnesota 55613.



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SAVE THE DATE!



13TH LUNDIE/VACATION HOME TOUR JULY 8, 2017



Four Sites on North Shore of Lake Superior

(All new to Tours)

Tour of restored Forest Service Ranger's CCC Cabin

Tour of restored Lundie Cabin (Olson)

Picnic on the Ledge Rock with Beverage Bar

Book signing and discussion of Lundie's architecture by Peter O'Toole,

author, at Cross River Heritage Center in morning

(Free and open to public)

Architecturally significant sites!

Architects on Tour, including Dale Mulfinger!

Transportation Provided!

Fundraiser for the Schroeder Area Historical Society and Cross River Heritage Center (Home of the Lundie Room)

RSVP:

\$150 Donation

Further Information/RSVP to Cross River Heritage Center (218-663-7706)

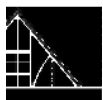
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Home of the Vikings

3900 Volunteer Hours Recorded in 2016



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Schedule of 2017 Events at Cross River Heritage Center

May 26–October 22	SAHS Exhibit: Boomtown to Ghost Town-Taconite Harbor
May 26	10:00 am-4:30 pm Opening Day at Cross River Heritage Center
June 17 or 24	5 :00 pm Annual Meeting and Supper
July 8	12: 30 pm Lundie Vacation Home Tour
July 22	11:00 am Jan McTavish Quilt Trunk Show
July 29	11:00 am Karen McTavish Quilt Trunk Show
August 26	John Schroeder Day Cook County History Week
October 22	Closing Day
November 19	Holidays in Schroeder and Quilt Raffle 10:00 am–2:00 pm

Join the Schroeder Area Historical Society

SAHS Memberships: run from December 31 to December 31

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Your membership is important to us.

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Schroeder Area Historical Society (SAHS)

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SAHS Vision and Mission Statement

Vision : "Draw from the past, bring to life in the present, preserve for the future"

Mission

The mission of the Schroeder Area Historical Society, located in the Cross River Heritage Center, is to research, document, record, and preserve the unique history of the Schroeder area and the North Shore of Lake Superior.

SAHS goals are to:

- *Collect local artifacts and oral histories and preserve them appropriately.*
- *Develop and present exhibits that will inform and engage visitors.*
- *Provide insight and reference for future generations*
- *Build community*
- *Partner with other local organizations*
- *Ensure financial solvency*
- *Maintain a strong corps of active volunteers.*