



A Tribute to Leonard & Shirley Dokis

Where did the years go? It has been 40 years already! What a wonderful ride it has been and with more to come.

I asked my father one day what made them pick this spot to build our summer home, because that is what Riverview Cottages was supposed to be the Family Cottage. Well he said "I used to sell minnows in the summer and I would come here by boat. At that time there was no road, we would catch minnows in the bay where the store stands now. Do you remember we used to come fishing here? It was great fishing just in front of camp, just like some of our customers do now. I really liked the high rock and the view was incredible. Our decision was made, we were going to ask for this property from the band and build that cottage we always wanted".

From one cottage to three then a boathouse and gas shed to a little store to purchasing boats and motors, building four more cottages, more boathouses and expanding the store four times to what it is today. We built the motel and the large work and storage shed.

A lot of work has been done in the 40 years of Riverview Cottages that started with a dream of a young couple wanting to own their own little cottage. My parents put a lot of sweat and tears into this business to make it what it is today.

I have been fortunate for the last 21 years to have worked side by side with my parents. My children Shelley Duquette Lafortune and Gerry Duquette Jr. have also enjoyed working here and their children Chad, Cassie, Mason and Drew will have that same opportunity. My husband Richard even joined us one year. Shelley's husband Jeff and Gerry's wife Anne have also helped out on different occasions. My Uncle Charlie has been here from the beginning. So you can really call this a family business. There have been a lot of people hours that have brought it to this point, many employees have walked through our lives, too many to name in this short note. Please know that you are all remembered. Many times we have sat around and talked about all the good times we have had with each one of you. All have touched our hearts in some way or another.

The summer residents and guests to the French River are special people, not only as customers, but they have become special friends. We look forward to that first call: "IS THE ICE OUT YET". Many generations have passed through, and we hope that there are many more to come. Thank you to everyone for your patronage, it has made this family business something to be proud of. Without all of you, we would not have been here for the past 40 YEARS.

Thanks Mom and Dad for your dream

And including all of us in that dream

Riverview Cottages is a family business that will continue.....

HAPPY 40 YEARS RIVERVIEW COTTAGES