

Named Endowed Funds

The Prevost Family Fund – *A Love of Place Leads to a Legacy of Support of Education in Cloquet*



Margaret (Muggs) Tyllia Prevost was an amazing person loved and admired by family and friends. Muggs passed away August 14, 2016 and her family wanted to leave a lasting legacy in honor of this fun, smart and dedicated woman. The CEF Prevost Family Fund was established to support this legacy.

In her youth, Muggs discovered a location in rural Carlton County, which would bring her a lifetime of happiness and fond memories. Her parents, Bernard and Carrie Tyllia, owned a cabin on Big Lake and Muggs spent her summers there. During those years, she met her future husband, Doug Prevost, at a dance at Cary's Resort. They married on May 12, 1945 and moved to Cloquet to start and raise their family – daughter Laurie and sons Del and Royal. In 1956 they built their own cabin on the west side of Big Lake.

Each summer, the Doug Prevost family moved to the cabin where they'd stay until Labor Day weekend. During summers the three Prevost children enjoyed swimming, water skiing, fishing and anything to do with the lake.

Muggs and Doug appreciated the benefits of the solid educational opportunities offered at Cloquet schools. Academic and the other extracurricular programs were well-utilized by the Prevost family. Laurie (Dave) Bennefeld, Del (Penney) Prevost and Royal (Mary) Prevost all excelled in school. Each was chosen as a member of the National Honor Society, the highest honor a school can bestow on a student. In addition to academic prowess, the Prevost siblings filled their school days with extracurricular activities.



*(Top) Doug and Muggs (front row) Royal, Laurie and Del (back row)
(Bottom) Doug and Muggs*

Laurie (class of 1964) led the way as a Lumberjack and was involved in at least 16 organizations during high school, including: synchronized swimming, school newspaper,

yearbook and pep band. Del (class of 1968) excelled in athletics, academics, served on the student council and was a junior Rotarian. Royal served as the 1969 CHS Class President and was a letterman in football, hockey and track. All three graduated from college; with Del receiving his Juris Doctor from the U of M.

Prevost History of Big Lake was an article written by Muggs several years ago. In it she wrote:

“Doug passed away in March 1997; I moved the cabin off in the spring of 1998 and built my dream home which now allows me to enjoy all four seasons at the lake. In my lifetime, Big Lake has created some wonderful memories, which I will always cherish. I would care to live nowhere else, than here!! I can only hope that the legacy of Big Lake continues in all families like it has in mine.”

Big Lake continued to be an important part of Muggs' life until her passing. She lived independently in her “dream home” until the age of 94. Now, with the formation of the CEF Prevost Family Fund, her love for the lake, appreciation of education in Cloquet as well as everything the community has to offer can live on in perpetuity through the work of the CEF in the Prevost name. Donations may be made to the Prevost Family Fund; please use the remittance envelope for your contribution.

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