

## Ann and Dick Nordholm Family Fund



Richard ("Dick") and Marianne ("Ann") Nordholm, their children and grandchildren established the Ann and Dick Nordholm Family Fund to commemorate Dick's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2007. Ann and Dick came to Cloquet in the early 50s. Dick passed away in 2012 and Ann in early 2026 but their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren still gather at Big Lake.

At the time the Fund was established Ann noted: "we raised our children in Cloquet and feel that they had many education advantages from the school system. I was able to teach swimming lessons at the Herb Drew Pool for eighteen summers and even made a few pieces of furniture in Gerhart Lutter's evening adult woodworking class".

Dick served on the Cloquet School Board from 1962 to 1968, including a term as treasurer. "I remember many dinner table conversations about issues such as recruiting a new superintendent, the change to modular scheduling, and the financial and design planning that went into the new Senior High School", noted their son, Brad (CHS '74).

Dick also proudly directed the Northwest Paper Foundation (aka the Potlatch Foundation) from the mid-1950s until 1981. The primary purpose of the foundations was higher

education scholarships, and during each of these years up to four CHS graduates received full, four-year scholarships to the college of their choice.

“We all benefited from the athletic, artistic, and extracurricular activities available in Cloquet”, noted daughter, Sarah Nordholm Davis (CHS ’76). “Members of our family were able to participate in competitive swimming, skiing, football, orchestra, tennis, science fair, jazz and marching bands, synchronized swimming – there was something for everyone. Our AFS exchange student brother from Denmark, Jens Sorensen (CHS ’73) played Uncle Max in CHS production of *The Sound of Music*. We’re still involved in many of these activities fifty years later.”

Karen Nordholm Anderson and her husband, Bob Anderson (CHS ’82), whose father Emmett was a CHS counselor for twenty-four years added, “It’s great to come back to Cloquet and see the efforts to keep Cloquet schools strong. This is a special community in part because of the educational system”.

At inception in ‘2007 Dick commented: “The Cloquet Education Foundation represents so much of what has been important to me in my life. Great public education is at the core of our democracy and our ability to compete in a global economy. Extracurricular activities enrich our lives. Times have changed, and it’s important that we find new and creative ways to provide financial support for the education of our children. I’m thrilled to give something back to a community that has given us so much”.