

Ross

Ken and Barbie Ross were active and popular residents of Joe Rich for many years. They owned property on the southwest side of Highway 33 next to the Vanderwerf property. They built a beautiful log home there and welcomed bed and breakfast guests to an adjacent cabin. They also had an antique shop and a little museum. Barbie worked as an interior designer and Ken was wood's boss for Crown Zellerbach Mill and later Riverside.

They were active in the community life and raised a family of four boys here: Ryan, Michael, John and Steven. Gert Weddell and Barbie organized many of the sporting activities for the children.

When Ryan was a toddler, he disappeared and the community was mobilized to find him. Pat Russell finally did. He was locked between the two doors in the old schoolhouse.

Their children have now grown up and left home. Ken and Barbie have moved to her father's property on the Kelowna lakeshore.

Russell

Frank and Pat Russell moved to Joe Rich in 1962 and purchased the property which the Smiths had originally owned. Here, they raised their daughter, Kathy who is now an archaeologist in the US. Their property had passed from the Smiths to the Spencers and then to the Christensons from whom they bought it. The original 160 acres had been subdivided and the parcel on the north side of Mission Creek, the property on which Dunworkin' has been built and another across the Joe Rich Road had been sold. They sold a small parcel to Pat's brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Madeleine Hryciw. They still have 120 acres through which Leech Creek flows.

The original Smith home burned down about 1925. Russells have totally renovated the log house built after that. They have added barns and outbuildings in which they have raised Morgan horses since 1965.

Frank worked for many years in the design department of Western Star Trucks. Pat once worked for the Courier, but for many years now has raised their horses and grown a very large garden. She undoubtedly knows more about riding trails in and around Joe Rich than anyone else. The Russell's have always had a lively interest in both organizational and social community activities.