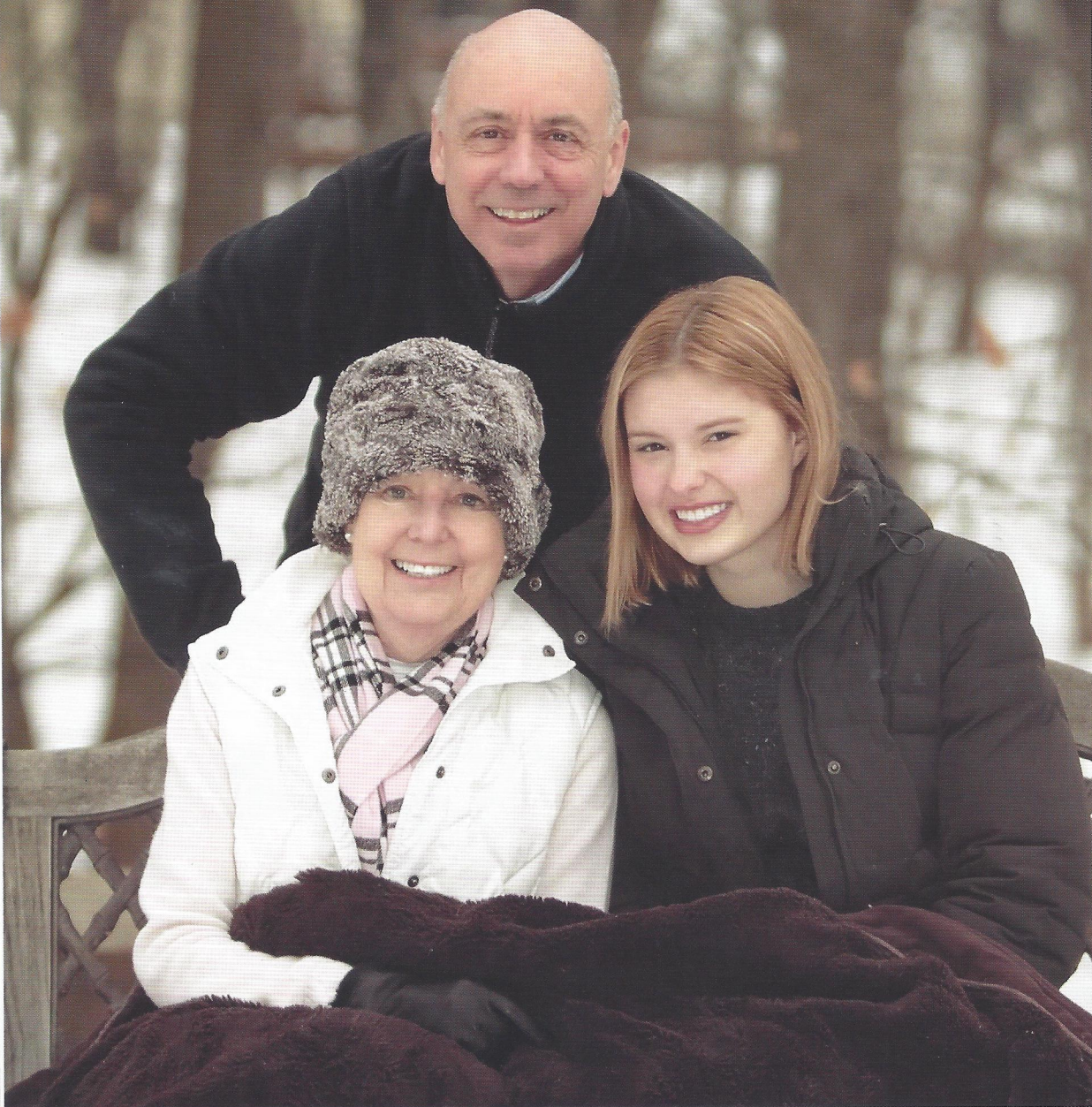


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DOUG, ANN, & ABBY NESS

IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE A MORE APPEALING NAME FOR A TOWN THAN DEEPHAVEN, UNLESS IT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD NAME OF COTTAGEWOOD, BOTH OF WHICH DREW DOUG AND ANN NESS HERE SHORTLY AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE IN 1989. AS FOR MANY OTHERS, WHAT SEALED THE DEAL WAS THE NEARBY COTTAGEWOOD GENERAL STORE AS WELL AS THORPE PARK AND THE ACCESSIBLE BIKE TRAILS. ONE DAY, A CO-WORKER TOLD ANN ABOUT A "FOR SALE" SIGN ON A COTTAGEWOOD HOME HE SAW WHILE TAKING HIS DOG OUT ON WHAT HE CALLED HIS "MORNING CONSTITUTION."

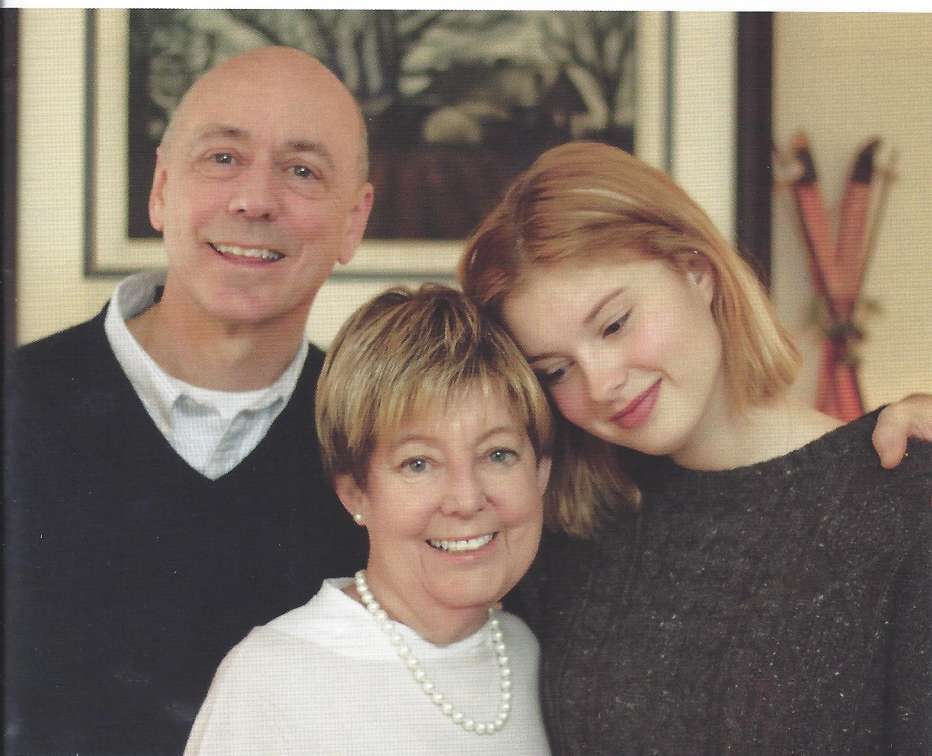
"We jumped on it. So, why on earth would we leave?"

"We asked ourselves that several times in the seven years after the moving van pulled out of our almost-100-year-old Cottagewood home in 1997 and across two towns to a 100-day-new home. There are clear advantages to a new home -- everyone should be so lucky to experience them -- except we weren't in Deephaven, and we knew it was where we really wanted to live."

"What a happy day it was in 2006 when we returned, this time to the Walden neighborhood. Our then-six-year-old daughter Abby immediately found friendships in the neighborhood that have lasted ever since. Ann and Doug have been as lucky. Doug has weekly bike rides (even in the winter!) with an awesome group of neighborhood guys, and Ann has found deep and loyal friendships throughout the neighborhood."

"We especially love the First Wednesday gatherings that bring the neighborhood together in random potlucks that were initially intended to be held every month but now, and more pragmatically, occur less frequently and always enjoyably."

"We love the lush beauty of Deephaven, some-



thing we truly missed when we didn't have bike trails nearby and taking a walk often required crossing a freeway. Having such breathtaking beauty nearby of such variety is a privilege. And driving across Gray's Bay to get just about anywhere downtown is another privilege that we never take lightly."

Eighteen-year-old Abby loved her Deephaven Elementary and MME days, and today is a Minnetonka High School senior. She is a proud member of the varsity ski team, which took third place at state on Valentine's Day on the team coached by her best friend Piper's dad, Dave Gartner. Abby has loved DECA at MHS (thank you, Sherri Wright, for the recommendation) She also was a frequent participant in the Minnetonka High School coffee house, where she sang and played keyboards, sometimes performing with her friend and neighbor Frankie Torres and sometimes solo. Her part-time job is as a receptionist at Sakada Salon on Highway 7, and she's still deciding which of several colleges is the right one for her.

Ann grew up in Indiana and moved here from near St. Louis for a reporting job in St. Paul. On the day she arrived, the two newspapers went on strike and were not able to recover. She found a job at a small advertising agency and stayed there 10 years. She went next to Radisson Hotels, where she was responsible for advertising and the creation of the new Radisson logo, which remains in place

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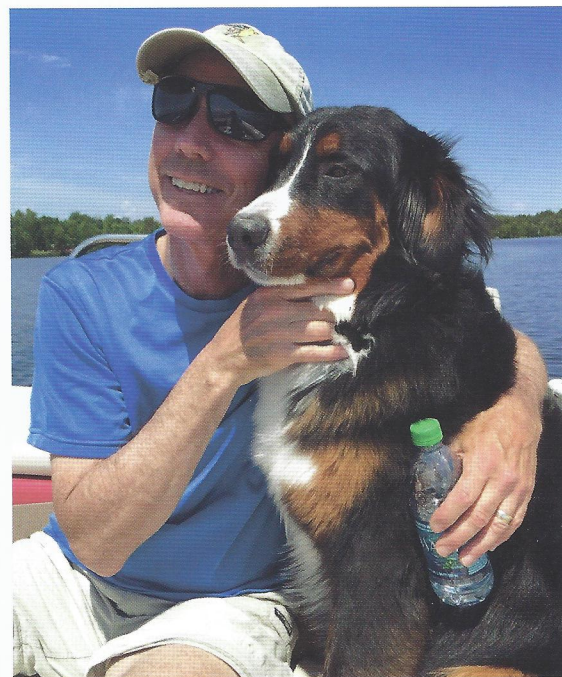
today. From Radisson, she went to Cargill, where she oversaw the corporate brand management function, including the launch in 2002 of a new Cargill identity, and it, too, remains in place today. She rounded out her career on the leadership team at Hamline University, where she had been a trustee, and then at the nonprofit AdoptAClassroom.org, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit that provides financial support to teachers so they don't have to buy classroom supplies out of their own pocket.

Doug grew up in Minneapolis and believed he was a lifelong city boy until he fell in love with Deephaven when they both saw Cottagewood for the first time in 1990. Doug is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He began his career in print sales and, then in 2000, took a significant shift to launch a music ministry at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, their home church, and later to start an expanded and new music ministry at Peace Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids. Today, he works at R.R. Donnelly in Chanhassen in print sales and loves troubleshooting printing challenges, the more complex, the better. The music ministry he founded at Peace Lutheran continues now in its 15th year. That's a big way he has given back, and he's also been a dedicated booster of Abby's ski, lacrosse, and softball careers. He is an exceptional songwriter and talented fat tire bike rider and tennis player.

Ann is a member of the Cottagewood Garden Club and has neighbors Sarah Dale and Sara Mortimore to thank for their introduction to the club. Ann was a longtime board member and board chair of Milkweed Editions, the independent book publisher in downtown Minneapolis that shares with Graywolf – another Minneapolis-based press – the distinction of being the largest independent book publishers in the country, the Twin Cities being the literary-loving community it is. (Don't forget B. Dalton's was founded here by Bruce Dayton, who very cleverly



With their Bernese Mountain Dog, Junie B. Ness.



changed just one consonant in his last name to launch a pioneering brand nationwide.) She also was on the Children's Theatre board and the MacPhail School of Music board and was and longtime member and then chair of the Hennepin Avenue United Methodist administrative board.

"We all three feel very lucky to call Deephaven home. We love it here and are grateful for our neighbors and friends who have given us so much. In his book *Promise Me, Dad*, Joe Biden quoted Immanuel Kant by saying the secret to happiness is 'simple: Someone to love. Something to do. And something to look forward to.' We've found our happiness right here in Deephaven."