

## **Jim and Marg Fibert**

By, Marg Fibert

Jim was born in Wathena, Texas, and moved across the Missouri River to St. Joseph, Missouri, when very young. Marg was born and raised in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Jim and Marg were married in St. Joseph on September 29, 1940. After living in Missouri for a year they moved to Butler City, Nevada, where Jim worked for the U.S. Bureau of Mines. They had one child, Larry, born in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In June 1943, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve during World War II until December 1945. After his discharge from the Navy his greatest desire was to leave the city and live where he could hunt and fish.

Jim, Marg and Larry came North in March 1946 and bought the John French home on Diamond Lake. They built a couple of rental cottages and operated a small resort known as Twin Pines Resort until they sold it in 1972.

Larry was raised on Diamond Lake and loved the fishing and hunting. He attended Grand View School, Drummond High School and a year at Stout State College.

Jim bought and operated an insect control business for twenty years. He worked for the University of Wisconsin Civil Engineer School on Taylor Lake as maintenance man for twenty-three years, retiring in May 1977.

It was through the University of Wisconsin and the National Science Foundation that he was selected to go on an expedition to the Antarctic for three months, the fall of 1961, where he helped build the most southern building in the world, at the South Pole. Jim also served six years as a supervisor for the Town of Pratt, now Grand View.

Son Larry and Donna Gunderson were married at the Grand View Methodist Church in March 1962. They bought the Pioneer Store from Ray and Minnie Frick in May 1964 which they operated for thirteen years. Three children were born of this marriage, Randy, Scott and Lori. After selling the Pioneer Store, Larry and Donna built a new home on Sweden Road just outside of Grand View. Later they bought the Black Bear.