



Ivy and Sam at Pierre's Point
in the early 1960s

Sam and Ivy Miller d. 1967 and 1978

Ivy Sjodin and Sam Miller were from pioneer farming families in the Shuswap.

The Miller farm was located near the present site of Piccadilly Mall, and the Sjodin farm was situated in Notch Hill. The original log farm house, built by Ivy's Swedish father and uncles c. 1905 is still occupied.¹

The Miller family moved from Lyleton, Manitoba in 1905. Sam and his brother Bill were joined by a baby sister, Jenny, in 1911².

As a young man, Sam spent 10 years in Oakland, California working as a mechanic and professional speed boat racer. When he returned to Salmon Arm in 1934, he opened a garage at the corner of Alexander and Harris.

In 1935, Ivy and Sam met at a New Year's Dance; they married in Vernon in 1936. Ivy and Sam raised three children: Linnea, Jim and Glenda in their home on the edge of McGuire Lake with its many gardens and fruit trees.

Sam and Ivy were active in the Community. Sam was an Elk, an Odd Fellow, volunteer fireman, and he maintained the beacon light at the end of the wharf channel. While he was active in the Fish and Game Club, Sam was conscious of the need to conserve the precious heritage of the beautiful Shuswap area. Sam was a member of the local Power Squadron, and an enthusiastic volunteer with the Salmon Arm Regatta for several years; he transported many a "Queen" on his beautiful hand-built boat, The Linnea.

Ivy was equally devoted to the community: she was a member of the Rebecca Lodge and an active participant in the United Church. An enthusiastic gardener, Ivy filled her freezer and cold room with cans and preserves. Her flowers were wonderful. Ivy was a potter, and for other recreation enjoyed bridge and scrabble. Like Sam, Ivy embraced the out of doors, and particularly loved moving to the cabin at Pierre's Point where summer provided a rich social life and a relaxed pace.

Ivy, Sam and the children always looked forward to trips up and down the arms of Shuswap Lake and to the Narrows on board The Linnea at a time when sighting another craft was a rare occurrence.

Sam passed away in 1967 after a long struggle with cancer. Ivy died in Kamloops in 1978. The three children, grandchildren and great grandchildren return to the family cottage at Paradise Point each summer.

(Footnotes)

¹ Notes by Linnea Fouracre, 2006. Current references are to 2006.

² Jenny later married Vic Nancollas—see reference to Jenny and Vic Nancollas elsewhere in Foundation records.