

## Interview of Dave Powell by Heidi Schirm

### Rustic Ridge

#### **What brought you to the Ridge?**

Mabel Broadhead. At the tennis courts, she suggested that our family buy a cottage on the Ridge.

#### **When did your family first start coming to the Ridge?**

1965

#### **What is your earliest memory of the Ridge?**

Meeting people on the tennis courts 1946 or 1947.

#### **Who do remember playing with growing up on the Ridge?**

I didn't grow up on the Ridge. I came up to Northfield in the summers to visit my grandparents.

I remember Charlotte Meyer (Charlotte Martin).

#### **What did you do during your summers in Northfield?**

I worked on a farm for 49 cents per hour.

#### **What did you do for fun? Where did you go?**

We went to the T-tent for ice cream and hung out.

#### **What do you enjoy most about the Ridge?**

The Spirit

#### **What is a favorite memory of the Ridge?**

LeRoy Martin starting a pig roast.

#### **Do you have any memories of my relatives when they were younger?**

Your mother (Carolyn Broadhead Sasso) and her twin sister Catherine wore dresses and passed around cookies at the pig roast. I remember playing tennis with your Papa.

#### **What animals have you seen on the Ridge over the years?**

I've seen moose, deer, fox, skunk, hedge hog, chipmunks, woodchucks, turkey, garden snakes, and owls.

#### **How has the Ridge changed in your time?**

The people on the Ridge were all missionaries.

**What do you hope for the Ridge in the future?**

I hope that the younger generation buys cabins and keeps coming up to the Ridge.

**Life in General**

**Where do you live when you are not on the Ridge?**

Chester, Connecticut.

**Who was the most influential person to you as a child?**

My mother and father.

**What was your favorite job?**

Bell System Operating Company

**What hobbies have you enjoyed?**

Singing

**What are you most proud of in your life?**

Marrying Lucia

**What are the main lessons you've learned in life?**

All of us are equal under God.