

One Hundred Years of Lawton's at Richland Center Residence

In February 1915, Wallace Alonzo Lawton and his wife, Pearl (Blake) Lawton moved into their new residence at the corner of South and Ira streets in Richland Center. On September 29, 1917 their son, W. Raymond "Ray" Lawton was born in the house. Wallace passed away at the house in 1926 while Pearl remained in the home until 1969 when she entered the Richland Senior Citizens Home (now Pine Valley Manor). Pearl passed away in 1973. On May 18, 1946, Ray married Ruth Marquardt of Milwaukee and they spent their entire sixty-six year married life at this residence during which time they raised their five children, Sandy, Dale, Dennis, Kent and Kevin. Ray passed away in 2012 having spent his entire ninety-four years in the home other than some brief absences. On May 23, 2015, all of the descendants of Ray and Ruth Lawton, five children, eight grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and their respective spouses gathered together to celebrate the life of Ruth, who passed away a few days earlier.

Those present included; Sandra Lawton of Richland Center, Dale and Jean Lawton of Black Earth, Dennis and Becki Lawton of Cedarburg, Kent Lawton of Richland Center, Kevin and Mary Lawton of Stevens Point, Patrick, Heidi, Grant, Gehrig, Grady and Gabrielle Lawton of Ridgeway, Kelly, Noelle, Sawyer and Evie Lawton of DeForest, Ryan, Lori, Alison and Ava Lawton of Waunakee, Kim, Kyle, Hailye, Kaitlyn and Lacey Rotheray of Richland Center, Steve, Aimee, Karis, Otto, Sophie and Kannon Klemp of Rockford, IL, Josh, Abie, Ainsley, Adele, Krewe and Kliegh Seltz of Fort Dodge, IA, Kelsey Lawton of Madison and Tyler Lawton of Scottsdale, AZ.

Ray and Ruth's son, Kent, continues to reside at the family home, adding years to the legacy.

