In the summer of 1938, Ann Rask from Springfield, MA came to CAMP-of-the-WOODS for the first time. She was an outstanding pianist having studied under renowned pianist and piano teacher, Ruth Atwood. Ann, her brother Eric and cousin Ejnar formed the Rask Family Trio and were widely acclaimed throughout much of New England. She served as Camp pianist in 1938, and it was that summer at CAMP-of-the-WOODS that Gordon and Ann first met.

They were married in Springfield, MA on September 30, 1939 and were married for more than 64 years before Gordon went to be with the Lord on March 21, 2004. Gordon and Ann had four children all born while serving at CAMP-of-the-WOODS. Gordon L. ‘Don’ Purdy II was born in 1943; Carolyn Schoen in 1948; E. Richard ‘Richie’ Purdy in 1950; and C. Robert ‘Bobby’ Purdy in 1954. There are eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Mrs. Ann Purdy recently went home to the Lord on January 2, 2013. We will always be grateful for the impact Gordon and Ann Purdy had on our Lord’s ministry here at CAMP-of-the-WOODS.