



## Retiring 'Up North' in grand style



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Above: The master bath offers both a shower and a soaking tub with a view.  
Left: The exterior shot gives an idea of the landscaping, which gives the house a true "mountain home" feel.







The great room of the Rosebush home flows fluidly from living room to dining room to kitchen. The open concept is perfect for entertaining and doesn't isolate someone in the kitchen. The granite countertop ties in nicely with the woody tones of the walls and the stone fireplace.

When it's time to make the move, some northern folks retire to warmer climes, trading snow for sun. Terry and Jeana Rosebush are not some folks, however.

Instead of a condominium somewhere in the balmy south, the Rosebushes have made a permanent move to Northern Michigan, trading their long-time Saginaw home for a spacious Boyne Mountain area home where they can enjoy their family, their cats and expansive views overlooking Deer Lake below.

The couple can easily access the wonderful skiing Boyne has to offer, something Terry says drove the decision.


"The reason I'm here is because I love to ski," he enthuses, explaining why the mid-Michigan natives headed north.

Their new Birchwood Construction-built home, designed with assistance from Stephanie Baldwin and Edgewater Design Group in Petoskey, provides wide-open spaces, comfortable amenities and lovely year-round views of the surrounding countryside.

A former National Hot Rod Association drag race driver, Terry, also a long-time General Motors employee, still operates a car business in the Saginaw area, but the Rosebushes are now comfortably rooted Up North. A four-car garage nods to Terry's car enthusiasm, while the mud room and the large bonus room over the garage nod to the couple's love of family and other visitors.

They made their decision after a familiar few days on the slopes.




"We were going home one weekend," after a ski trip, Terry explains, when the couple contemplated purchasing a Boyne area condo, first choosing that route to get their ski fix.



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But three years of condo living turned into another conversation, as Terry asked his wife, "What do you think about building a house up here?"

Jeana says many folks opt for downsizing in retirement, but this did not work for her and Terry. "It was too small," she says of their condo. She and Terry prefer their larger more open home because it provides ample space for all their visitors. "Now I'm happy I have a big house," she says.

So after more than a year of preparation and building, the couple moved into their new home this past February, just in time to enjoy some of season's best skiing.

From the large and open kitchen, with its riverbed stone countertop and rich earth tones, Terry leads the way upstairs to a large bunkroom, comfortable for the many grandchildren, who he says have already claimed rights over who gets which bed. The couple expect to





soon complete a lower level upgrade, and move the grandchildren down the stairs.

Back in the kitchen, a quick turn leads to the comfortable three-season room, adjacent to the great room, which also opens onto a large deck providing expansive views of the sunsets and four season color displays. In the great room, on the wall, also boasting a gas fireplace, reclaimed lumber that includes six different varieties of wood, lends a rustic feel. Overhead a large circular antler chandelier lights up the open floor plan.

Follow the room past the black metal woodland silhouette railing along the stairwell leading to the lower level, and the master bedroom offers those same sunset views.

Ornate but rustic furnishings, including headboard, mirror and dressers, most from Woodland Creek Interiors of Kalkaska, maintain the home's rustic but thoughtful themes. The master bath also boasts a riverbed countertop, as well as large Jacuzzi tub and walk-in tiled shower.

Stephanie Baldwin of Edgewater Design Group says Terry and Jeana were ready from the outset.

"They knew what they wanted," she

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says, explaining her primary job was "to make it work with their site." The sloping hillside "was a little bit of a challenge," Baldwin says, requiring a retaining wall as well as careful landscaping, but the goal remained the same. That goal, Baldwin says, was "capturing and taking advantage of as many views as possible," while also "maintaining the cozy and warm atmosphere on the interior," a mission all involved agree they accomplished thoroughly.

Accomplishing their mission translates into ample space for visitors. This includes the couple's five children and seven grandchildren, who come from near and far to enjoy the new home

Jeana says they see family and friends more now than they did when they lived full time in Saginaw, because

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The master bedroom suite is on the main floor and has its own fireplace, seating area and master bath.







The upstairs bunkroom has plenty of space for all the Rosebush grandchildren.

after all, who doesn't want to enjoy all that Up North living has to offer, even if only temporarily.

A host of local contractors contributed to the finished home, including Robinson's Landscaping of Boyne City, Woodland Creek Interiors of Kalkaska, Emmet Brick and Block of Petoskey, Boyne Country Heating and Cooling of Boyne City and Skip's Glass of Petoskey, among others.

Contemplating what appeals most to the couple about their new home, Jeana exclaims, "It's what we wanted and it's what we needed."

Jeana says Terry is typically restless, always on the go, always at work. But now, in their new home, "he can finally sit still," she laughs.

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