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My gardening began with my grandmother, also Dave and Barbs grandmother, Hilda Punke. She had beautiful gardens and it was fun as young kids to smell all the pretty flowers she had. My grandmother also inspired my mother to create beautiful flower beds so with that much inspiration it was hard not to catch the bug! When my husband, Doug and I started to build our present day home back in spring of 1976, we cleared an opening in a small wooded area for our future new home. Before the house was even built, my mom and grandma set to work and planted me my first flower bed! It was just a few plants from their gardens and the "old fashion ditch roses" you would see years ago along the country road side. THAT was just the beginning of what I have today. Now my yard consists of mostly hosta and daylilies with a water garden feature. For me, like Barb and Dave, I love to spend my time outside. It is relaxing and rewarding and my little piece of heaven, where my grandma and my mom are both smiling one weed and flower at a time. Jeanie's mother, Florence Punke, Dave and I were all in the 2007 Wausau Area Garden Walk. My mother died last May 2020. The flower bed with the daylilies is my memory garden of her. Those daylilies are extra special to me because they were taken from my mother's garden before we sold her house.







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I got the gardening bug from my Grandma Punke when I was about 10 to 12 years old. She taught me how to start seeds in a hot bed. My dad built my first greenhouse from old storm windows. As time went by the greenhouse started to wear out. Last fall 2020 I ordered a new greenhouse and this spring was my first try at planting my annual flowers and vegetables. It has been a learning curve! I have a large vegetable garden, strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, blackberry and currants. Gardening is hobby of mine and it is a way for me to relax after a long day at work. I started with a perennial bed with some of the flowers to this day from my Grandma. Then I started to have interest in Hostas. I was given my first plants by family and friends and that lead to two large hosta gardens. Gardening has been a great way for me to get know people that have the same interests and sharing of plants. The biggest challenge is knowing when to quit! I have hosted the 2007 garden walk for the Athens area and will be hosting it in 2022.



ALL 3 GARDENERS WILL BE FEATURED IN 2022 NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENER GARDEN WALK...DEAN & DAVE HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST TOO!

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My love of gardening started with my brother Davey. I have worked by his side for many years making gardens at my parent's home, at our cottage and at our own home when we lived in Merrill. He has taught me so much!

In 2015 my husband Korey and I built our dream home in the middle of a corn field with one large oak tree on it. Here we started our own venture of gardens. With a very large yard, there is lots of room for growth. There is an abundance of field stone on our property which we put to very good use. We have fieldstone incorporated into our gardens everywhere! Our gardens have a variety of different plants, shrubs and trees. I have no favorites. If I see

when I get home. Sometimes that means making another garden. We have a variety of perennial gardens, a shade garden with walking paths, rock gardens and more. There seems to be no limit on how many gardens I can have. We both love "old" so repurposing old materials that we have found in our woods left behind by farmers from years past is another favorite pastime of ours. This is where our 8 foot high angel came to life. This spring, Korey started a new adventure and tilled up an acre of land and planted 36 bare root apple trees. We have a total of almost 50 fruit trees on our property which includes a wide variety of apple trees, two pear trees and cherry trees with more to be added in the future. What some people call work, we call relaxation! After a hard day of work, our favorite time spent is on our front porch with our family gazing out at our gardens and enjoying good company, good food, a cold beer and many laughs!

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