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Bill and Charlotte both enjoyed fishing. In 1985, they purchased a cabin on Eva Lake near Atikokan, Ontario. Bill dubbed the cabin as “Charlie’s Place”. Charlotte found an inner peace at the cabin and enjoyed watching the lake and ever changing seasons.

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