

## **1976 to 2017**

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We bought our place in 1976. We bought the lot for \$1200, which included a 16 ft trailer. We were there about 3 months and there was a For Sale sign on it. The office said it was probably a realtor mistake & told us to take the sign down. We did, and the next weekend the sign was back up. Turns out folks had bought the lot next to us & mistook the boundary. Then we brought in a load of gravel & it was delivered to the wrong lot. We had to move it using coffee cans!

We used it for camping and put a little camper for visitors to sleep in on there for a while. Then another member was selling a bigger trailer and we moved it to our lot to replace the little one. We added the lean-to and then continued until we had a home!

There was one employee who lived in the caretaker's cottage who pumped and mowed. Another employee was the secretary. Volunteers did everything else. Volunteers were plentiful then, with everybody doing what they could to make the neighborhood better.

We lived there from 1976 to 2017, when Ed's health made it wise to move in with our kids. We had so many friends there and I have so many happy memories of our time in Carlyon Beach!