



You Can't Go Home Again... Or Can You? Ask Sacrisons

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There is the old saying that you can't go home again. Meaning that nothing is the same when you return to a place as when you left.
Ron (Bud) and Mabel Sacrison found out for themselves when they moved back to Barnesville in September 2018.
This would be the fourth move in eight years. Even though Sacrisons lived in area communities for the past eight years, they kept their membership in Our Savior's Lutheran Church (OSL) in Barnesville.
Through the church and community Ron and Mabel kept close relationships with friends in the area.
"We felt like we were spending half of our time in Barnesville anyway," said Ron. "We wanted to come back where things were familiar...we wanted to come home."
Sacrisons had been Barnesville residents and an integral part of the community for 47 years.
Mabel was church secretary for OSL for 26 years, retiring in

October of 1998. The couple owned a SuperValu grocery store for three years when they first made Barnesville home. "I used to know all of the cops by their first names," said Ron.
He later worked for A&B Motors, a local Ford dealership. Ron then worked for the Air National Guard in Fargo where he retired after 29 years of service.
The couple decided to live the good life after retirement and be Winter Texans. They purchased a home in Weslaco, TX in 2000. They lived in Southern Comfort Park. Many of their friends wintered there in the same park or nearby and many others visited.
"We had a good time and met lots of good friends during the time we spent in Texas," commented Mabel.
Ron loves to golf and spent much of his time in Texas on the course. Mabel enjoyed the water activities in the pool and walking. There were many get togethers with friends in the park.
They decided in 2010 to sell their home in Barnesville. The plan was to spend seven months in Texas and



Former Dobmeier Funeral Home owner, Don Dobmeier was wintering in Brownsville, TX. He stopped by to visit Mabel and Ron Sacrison in Weslaco, TX where they had a winter home. Don still spends part of the year in Texas and part in Minnesota. Don and Mabel are enjoying refreshments.

Mabel and Ron Sacrison relax in their new condo in Barnesville. They are glad to be home again where they feel welcome and safe. They like that they are called by their first names when they go in places of business. They are very familiar with the community having lived in Barnesville for 47 years before moving to other locations.



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five in Minnesota.
It was a difficult decision to leave the home where they had raised their three children Greg, Mike and Brenda.
Ron began working for Forest Hills Golf Course in Detroit Lakes, MN during the summer months.
Sacrisons purchased a park model home on the course. They wintered in Texas and spent their summers in Detroit Lakes.
After a few years the long drive to and from Texas got to be wearing. Mabel's mother, Louise Nather, was still living and required emergency trips back to Minnesota at times to care of her mother.
Then Sacrisons decided to make their year-round home in the area, choosing to live in a senior apartment complex in Fargo.
Later they purchased a condo in Fargo. "We had good neighbors and made good friends in both places where we lived," commented Mabel.
"But we floundered for the past four years, not really feeling totally at home."
Sacrisons say they have found their forever home in a new condo on Third Street in Barnesville.
"We felt the condo was well built by Jed Peterson," stated Ron.
They were able to pick out all of the finishing touches on the condo from flooring to paint and the various fixtures.
Ron has finally completely retired. He drove truck for a chemical company during the summer months for a time. "I finally turned in my CDL license to the motor vehicle department. That way I wouldn't be tempted to go back," Ron commented.
He also did some maintenance work for the condo in Fargo where they lived.
Ron and Mabel have always been eager to volunteer. They stayed active with events at OSL and volunteered on the social committee at the condo association. They set up and cleaned up most of the social events that happened there.
Mabel volunteered at Sanford Hospital and says she will miss that. Because of some eye issues she is unable to drive, which makes continued volunteer work in Fargo difficult.
One of the pluses of moving back to Barnesville for Mabel is that she will be able to walk to many of the places she wants to go. They are located close to downtown shopping, the post office and the clinic.
"It is a blessing to be in Barnesville. I can't drive but I can walk," said Mabel.
Both say they feel safer in Barnesville than in Fargo.
Ron joined the senior citizens and enjoys playing cards with his former neighbor of 47 years, Roger Plath. Mabel volunteers during bingo at the nursing home. They both volunteer at the Food Bank.
The couple have two grown granddaughters and one great granddaughter to keep them busy traveling to visit.
"It feels good to be home where everyone knows your name," said Ron and Mabel.
Have things in Barnesville changed since they last lived here? Yes, some of their friends are no longer living and some have moved to other communities.
"It is so good to see a new young population in town," said Mabel. "Even though things have changed this still feels like home. We still know lots of people and we feel like part of the community."
Ron and Mabel Sacrison did prove that you can come home again. There is just no place like home in Barnesville.



In the winter of 2004, Ron and Mabel Sacrison were visiting with friends in Weslaco, TX. They wintered there for 12 years. Pictured, left to right, Mary Anne Plath, Kathy Mackner, Mabel Sacrison, Ron Sacrison, Roger Mackner and Roger Plath. Mackners also wintered in Texas and Plaths were visiting.