

Lived in rural Egg Harbor, Wisconsin

Born in Kewaunee, Wisconsin, August 5, 1929

Married Charlotte Koch on May 27, 1972 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Died at home on June 26, 2016

**EDUCATION:**

Graduated Kewaunee High School, 1947

B.S. Degree in Education, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, 1953

Served 2 years in the U.S. Army June 1953 to June 1955

M.S. Degree in Education, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1959

Honorary Doctor of Science from Lawrence University, Appleton, WI June 2002

**CAREER:**

Public School Teacher for 20 years...Shorewood Hills, Madison

Wisconsin Rapids School System

Madison School System

Door-Kewaunee Teacher's College, Algoma

Gibraltar School System, Fish Creek

Environmental Education Specialist, Door County

The Ridges Sanctuary, Inc., Chief Naturalist and Manager

1964-1990; President of Board of Directors for nine years; led numerous hikes, presented many programs for children and adults focused on the flora and fauna of the area and natural history. Continued to do so for 25 years for The Ridges Sanctuary, The Friends of Toft Point and many other organizations after retirement

Taught week-long nature seminars at The Clearing 1968 through 1993

Taught week-long nature seminars at Bjorklunden 1984 through 2012

Operated an adult outdoor education school with Charlotte, called Nature-Wise 1993-2005

**WRITINGS:**

Books written:

**Once Around the Sun: A Door County Journal**, 1977

**Out On A Limb: A Journal of Wisconsin Birding**, 1979

**The Ridges Sanctuary**, 1988

**Toft Point: A Legacy of People and Pines**, 1998

**Tales of the Wild, a Year With Nature**, 2000

The Door County Advocate, weekly nature column from 1968 to the end of 2007,

Appleton Post Crescent and Green Bay Press-Gazette,

nature columns from 1976 to 2007;

Door County Magazine, nature feature for each issue through spring 2008.

The Peninsula Pulse, weekly nature column 2008 to June, 2016 (Charlotte continues the column today)

Door County Living Magazine, nature feature articles, 2008-2015

(All illustrated by Roy's photos)

### **VOLUNTEERED WITH:**

The Nature Conservancy, served on Stewardship Committee of the Mink River Estuary in northern Door County  
The Clearing School, teacher in the winter programs  
Wisconsin Society for Ornithology,  
The Friends of Toft Point, Inc., former president and board member  
The Invasive Plant Awareness & Eradication Project for Door County (retired)  
Big Tree Project for Door County, until 2014  
Led Christmas and many other bird counts

### **PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS:**

Picture This Gallery – Appleton Wisconsin  
Mosquito Hill Nature Center – New London, Wisconsin  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship – Ephraim, Wisconsin  
Peninsula Art School – Fish Creek, Wisconsin  
Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay

### **PAST PRESIDENT:**

Inland Bird Banding Association  
Botanical Club of Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Society for Ornithology  
The Ridges Sanctuary, Inc.  
Friends of Toft Point, Inc.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, 1971, for exceptional and outstanding achievements in conservation  
Milwaukee Audubon Society, 1974, Professional Environmentalist  
Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, 1978, Honorary Life Member  
Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, 1983, Gordon MacQuarrie Award for Environmental Communication;  
Wisconsin Society of Ornithology, 1984, Silver Passenger Pigeon Award for distinguished service to the Society;  
J.J. & Pat Werner Award of The John Muir Chapter, Sierra Club, 1990  
Door County Environmental Council, 1998, Environmentalist of the Year  
Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, 1999, Bronze Passenger Pigeon Award for significant contributions to Wisconsin Ornithology;  
Outstanding Achievement Award, September 2000, Wisconsin Chapter of the Nature Conservancy  
Ellsworth Peterson Fellowship Award of the Sturgeon Bay Rotary Club, December 2000, for community service  
Kewaunee High School Wall of Fame, inducted April 27, 2003  
Toft Point Volunteer Award UWGB Center for Biodiversity, August 2003

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Alumni Anniversary Award, October 2003

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Chancellor's Medallion, December 2004

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology – 2010 Bronze Passenger Pigeon Award for distinguished service

Door Property Owners – 2011 Citizen Environmental Honor

“Director Emeritus” of The Ridges Sanctuary, 2014.

Gathering Waters Conservancy Harold “Bud” Jordahl Lifetime Achievement Award for extraordinary contributions

to conservation in Wisconsin

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology Lifetime Achievement Award, 2015

Lives in Egg Harbor, Wisconsin

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 14, 1944

Graduated Rufus King High School, June 1962

Graduated Marquette University, School of Dental Hygiene, May 1964

Worked as a professional dental hygienist, May 1964 through July 1998

Married to Roy Lukes, May 27, 1972

### **ACTIVITIES:**

Began study of Door County's native plants, birds and animals in 1971

Helped organize Door County Christmas Bird Counts 1972 to 2013

Organized annual Spring Bird Watch for Door County 1978 to present

Began Autumn Bird Watch for Door County 2001

With three other birders wrote a Door County Checklist

of Birds published in 2004 & updated in 2013

Acted as regional coordinator for the WSO Atlas of Breeding Birds of Wisconsin 1995 - 1999

Illustrated Roy's first two books

Illustrated The Ridges Sanctuary Trail Guide and early newsletters

Prepared and sold note cards of Roy's photographs of mushrooms, birds, butterflies, dragonflies, flowers and landscapes

Edited, commented on drafts and contributed to Roy's five books and thousands of columns, and continues to revise and publish columns and photos weekly in the Peninsula Pulse, and in Door County Living quarterly, under joint byline

Taught classes on mushroom identification, 1975 to present and developed slide program on wild mushrooms of northeastern Wisconsin

Presented programs and led nature hikes for the following groups:

Schlitz Audubon Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, WI

Wisconsin Mycological Society, Milwaukee

Mead Library, Sheboygan, WI

Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London, WI

Navarino Nature Center, Navarino Wildlife Area, Shawano County

Wild Ones Natural Landscapers, Green Bay, WI

UW-Green Bay, Biodiversity Center Programs

The Clearing, Ellison Bay, WI

The Ridges Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor, WI

Door County Land Trust

Newport State Park, Door County, WI

Peninsula State Park, Door County

Whitefish Dunes State Park, Door County

Washington Island Art and Nature Center, Door County

WBAY-TV RV & Camping Show, Green Bay

Compiled a database of Door County wild mushrooms currently at 613 species  
Compiled a species list of mushrooms (248 species) for Whitefish Dunes State Park...the only Wisconsin state park with a brochure listing the mushrooms found there

Wrote descriptions of 150 species of mushrooms found in the Toft Point State Natural Area and provided 228 photos of 105 of the species for inclusion in the re-designed UWGB Cofrin Center for Biodiversity web site.

Operated, with Roy, nature school for adult outdoor education, 1993 to 2005

Taught, and continues to teach classes, at The Clearing, Lawrence University's Bjorklunden campus and The Crossroads at Big Creek

### **VOLUNTEERED WITH:**

Birch Creek Music Center, Board of Trustees 1999-2005

Door County Land Trust

Newport Wilderness Society for Newport State Park

Peninsula Music Festival, president of the Sustaining Committee 1991 to 1993, president of the Board of Directors 1994 to 1997;

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology

The Friends of Toft Point, Inc., secretary Board of Directors 2000 to 2002, president 2007 to 2010 and newsletter editor 2001 to present

Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin- county coordinators for nest box monitors 2007 through 2015

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County

### **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

Silver Passenger Pigeon Award, from the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, 1984, for distinguished service to the Society

J.J. & Pat Werner Award of the John Muir Chapter, Sierra Club, 1990

Peninsula Music Festival Service Pin, 1997

Environmentalist of the Year, from the Door County Environmental Council, 1998

Bronze Passenger Pigeon Award, from the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology 1999 & 2010, for significant contributions to Wisconsin Ornithology

Chosen as one of Door County's Outstanding Women for the Door Community Auditorium's year 2000 celebration, May 2000

Outstanding Achievement Award, September 2000, from the Wisconsin Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Ellsworth Peterson Fellowship Award of The Sturgeon Bay Rotary Club, December 2000, for community service

Toft Point Volunteer of the Year Award from UWGB Center for Biodiversity, August 2003 & August 2011 & August 2015

Door Property Owners – 2011 Citizen Environmental Honor

Gathering Waters Conservancy's Harold "Bud" Jordahl Lifetime Achievement Award for extraordinary contributions to conservation in Wisconsin, 2014

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology Lifetime Achievement Award , 2015