



Meadows family photos.

### **Carl and Ann Meadows House - 1957-1958 - a.k.a. Mike and Leslie Meadows House 852 N. Cedar St.**

Characterized by wide overhanging eaves and a pronounced second floor cantilever, this house was designed by Herbert Fritz Jr., son of Herbert Fritz Sr. who was one of two survivors of the fire and murders at Taliesin in 1914. The house is rather small, but once inside, it feels much larger. It is perfectly situated on a hillside that gives a panoramic view to the East. His daughter, Teresa had this to say regarding her father's talent, "He had a special unique way of merging beauty, function and cost efficiency. He always remained true to his aesthetics of harmonizing with Nature and the environment while fitting the function of the building with the client's needs." Fritz Jr. had a successful career as an architect with many commissions in and around Madison, WI.

Fritz Jr. had two sisters, Frances Marie Fritz and Barbara Fritz. Frances Fritz was a talented dancer and an accomplished pianist who earned a degree in music from the University of Wisconsin. She married Jesse Claude Caraway when he became an apprentice at Taliesin. They both were members of the Taliesin Fellowship. They had two children, Caren and Tor. Their daughter, Caren Caraway-Quast, illustrated a number of short stories penned by Ann Meadows.

Mike Meadows, son of Carl and Ann Meadows, recounts the story of his father wanting a home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Carl Meadows had an appointment at Taliesin and was rebuffed by Wright when it was relayed he did not have time for such a small commission. As a result, Herbert Fritz Jr. designed the home. Herbert Fritz Jr. also designed another house in Richland Center. It is known as the Dr. J.W. Kelertas House and is located at 700 Sunny Lane.



Mike and Carl Meadows (father & son).

*(Keep in mind the homes listed are private residences which are not open to the public. Please respect the occupants' privacy when viewing their homes from the sidewalk).*



**Mr. Carl Meadows, Mrs. Mike (Leslie) Meadows, Mrs. Carl (Ann) Meadows. Mike Meadows photo.**

The Meadows' were very involved in the affairs of Richland Center over the years in scouting and the arts. Leslie was especially interested in history and historic preservation. She played a big role in the restoration of the Richland Center railroad Depot and continues to inspire our activity to this day.