

About Herman Winks Gundlach

by Anni Gregor

In 1979, when Herman Gundlach first heard about abused women needing a safe home in which to be temporarily housed, he took up this cause with great energy and commitment. He not only bought a beautiful home, dedicated to his wife, but he also committed endless hours as a board member to help shape the shelter's very solid standing in the community. As the years went by and the shelter home became more solidly grounded he was instrumental in spreading this cause into the mass media via commercials during football games and supporting more federal funds to the whole field of domestic violence.



20th Anniversary Celebration of the Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home, Houghton, Michigan; pictured are Anni Gregor, Herman (Winks) Gundlach and Governor, Jennifer Granholm (then Michigan Attorney General).



Shelter Home Director, Emily Newhouse and Board members Anni Gregor, Herman (Winks) Gundlach, Janet Kuru and Cari Raboin, at a yearly lunch at the Miscowaubik Club, Calumet

I agree wholeheartedly with a recent statement Herman's daughter, Martha, made to me:

*He cared deeply about
His family
His community
Everybody he meets and
Everybody that is suffering*

Herman (Winks) Gundlach was a most gracious, kind and loving man, who devoted many years of his life serving his community to causes that were ahead of their time.

At the 20th Anniversary Celebration in May of 2000, he was very happy to have the "Top Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Michigan", then Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, give a speech on the importance of the domestic violence movement and in particular our efforts here in the Keweenaw. Winks was most pleased with the press giving attention

to this whole event via a picture in the local paper of our now Governor, Jennifer Granholm, holding up the hand made quilt she had won in a silent auction, remembering victims of domestic violence. This locally made quilt is now proudly displayed in our State Capital.



Herman Winks Gundlach and Barbara Kettle Gundlach