

Lester and Elizabeth relocated their family in 1942 from Munich, ND to Devils Lake and purchased a home at 614 Fifth Street. It stood strong, providing shelter and support for their children: Ralph, Elaine, Donald, Burness, and Joanne. Their son, Verlin, died while serving in the Navy during WWII.

Lester, being an accomplished barber, opened his shop at the Mayer Hotel. He continued his business there until his retirement in 1963.

They raised their family and continued living in the house for the next for forty-four years, eventually passing it to their daughter, and then a great-granddaughter.

Gradually as the family dispersed, it became impractical to maintain the house from a distance. The house was sold and the family agreed the proceeds would be used to establish the Lester and Elizabeth Summer Family Endowment at Lake Region State College, to support its students and the Lake Region Community.