About 100 years ago, the Pierce Family came to Bay Lake eventually buying property on Hunter’s Bay Point Shoreline. Rhoda (13 in this picture) later married and had 3 sons.

The eldest, John (Bud) MacKay, a gifted composer, concert pianist and teacher lived on Bay Lake until he passed away in 2016.

Bud had a baby grand piano in his little cabin. Our daughters remember going to sleep listening to him play.

Bud’s piano sat neglected for 2+ years after his passing and then moving it out of the cabin became an almost unbeatable challenge because “Piano Movers” refused to deal with it.

Today, Bud’s beloved piano has found a new and appreciative home at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. A stressful end became a wonderful beginning.

Then a team of determined people found a way. Jerry Hutchison of Hutchison Excavating laid a pathway; removed a wall and built a platform that he could use with his (huge) front end loader. The piano was lifted on to a platform that was transported very slowly to a flatbed his truck.

Fellow BayLaker Don Hales and other Salem Church members also played key roles.

BayLaker and Salem Lutheran Associate Pastor Greg Meyer rode along to protect the piano.