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## Home and its builder stand test of time

Like first bungalow, Carrington going strong at 35

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Imagine owning a house that met all your needs for 30 years. No moving, no landscaping of hard, clay-packed land, no accumulated real estate fees that are inevitable with multiple changes of address. Imagine the savings of time and energy, not to mention environmental costs.

Lillian and Martin Farris bought the very first house ever built by Ken Furchoff, president of the Carrington Group of Companies and they're still happy in it 30 years later.

Their Lee Ridge bungalow in Mill Woods has been a solid backdrop to their ever-changing lives. Within its walls

they've raised a family, and now their grandchildren enjoy playing and spending time there.

As the Carrington Group of Companies celebrates its 35th anniversary, the Farris family's story is an example of why the company's reputation is still solid in the minds of local homebuyers.

Furchoff actually built the house for himself 35 years ago, and from there his company started to take off. After five years, he sold it to the Farris, who have been comfortable in it ever since.

"When Ken built this house, it was built for his needs," Lillian Farris says. "It's a 1,440-square-foot bungalow with a double attached garage.

"We haven't done any renos, but four years ago we had the whole home



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Lillian and Martin Farris's 35-year-old Mill Woods home, where they've lived since 1978, hasn't needed any major renovations.

repainted. We changed the light fixtures, railings and baseboards, but we kept the original chandelier."

The couple didn't need to alter the home's layout.

"Being a bungalow, it is great for us," says Farris, and she's convinced the home will work well for her and her husband as they age.

The Farris moved in on Sept. 1, 1978, coming to Edmonton from Slave Lake.

"I liked everything about the house, from the three bedrooms and raised deck to the main-floor laundry and centre staircase," Lillian says. "And there is a bay window in the kitchen."

The house is sunny, with the rear-facing east and the kitchen facing southwest. "The windows are huge and the sun just pours in," Lillian says.

The most common comment the Farris receive about their home is that it's "warm and inviting."

Lillian and Martin also love the area and their well-built home.

"On our street, I'd say about half of the people are the original homeowners," she says.

The retired couple have looked at oth-

er homes, but found theirs still best suits their needs. "We're staying."

Over the years, the main goal of the Carrington Group — divided into Carrington Communities, Bedrock Homes, Lifestyle Options and Carrington Resorts — has been to provide affordable living with no compromise in quality.

Carrington first became known for its multi-family dwellings within its Carrington Communities division, and then expanded into single-family home building through its Bedrock and Lifestyles (seniors) divisions.

Owned and operated by Furchoff, Carrington Communities has become one of the largest developers in Alberta.

For new buyers of Carrington homes, there is the added benefit of the company's interior decorating services at its design centre, where customers can view displays of interior options and appliances.

Anyone interested in buying a new home from Carrington or learning more about the company is welcome to call head office at 780-439-5000 or visit 4075 106th St., Edmonton, Ab., T6J 7H3.

For information online, go to [www.carrington.ca](http://www.carrington.ca).



The bay window in their kitchen is among the features that still please the Farris.



Lillian and Martin, in front of their bungalow