JOE AND MARY LOU RYSIEWICZ:

Joe and Mary Lou Rysiewicz. The Rysiewiczs were nominated by Leslie and Bruce Reinhart. The Reinharts said that the Rysiewiczs have been caring and helpful to them since they built their home in 1986. They first became acquainted when the Reinharts decided to paint their home themselves and had to cart paint, buckets and ladders in their car as they tried to finish the task. The Rysiewiczs offered to let the Reinharts store everything in their garage. As years went by, the Rysiewiczs have been the main reason the Reinharts have stayed in their home. They cut their lawn when the Reinharts are on vacation, they clear their snow, they offer meals and they are just there to talk. Joe and his son-in-law even helped Mrs. Reinhart clean up her grandmother’s home after her septic field backed up inside while Mr. Reinhart was out of town. “Joe and Mary Lou have become second parents to us since our family all lives up-state or out of state,” Mrs. Reinhart wrote. “It is my hope that as life goes on, my husband and I can show that we have learned from Joe and Mary Lou the true meaning of ‘neighborly love.’”