



The upstairs features two guest bedrooms. The one pictured above left is the room Janette's grandchildren use. The master bedroom, center, is located on the main floor and has access to the back patio. The back patio isn't completely done, Janette says, but still offers a quiet place to relax.

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brought in 52 tons of boulders to do the retaining walls around the house and put cultured stone on one wall in the sunroom."

The house was designed with all the necessities on the main level, Janette said.

"We wanted everything we needed on the first floor," she said. "The second level is more a guest retreat."

The upper level features a family room with a kitchenette, two patios, a full bath and two guest bedrooms.

"The view from (the family room) kind of makes you feel like you're on top of the world," Janette said.

The guest bedrooms feature log furniture and one bedroom has a walk-out patio.

"We figured why not (add another deck)?" Janette said. "This one sits in the treetops so you really feel like you're in a tree house with the birds."

Janette said the home is not only beautiful but highly efficient featuring a geothermal heating and cooling system and spray-foam insulation.

"Last winter our highest heating bill was \$60," Janette said. "And it wasn't a mild winter by any means."

The Markers love the look of log homes but opted to use no-maintenance siding on the outside and feature the logs on the interior of their house.

"It really was a lot easier to accent with logs than to build with logs," Janette said. "It's definitely our cabin in the woods."



The spacious upstairs family room offers yet another beautiful view of the property and beyond. There is also a small kitchenette in the room that comes in handy for guests

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