



For more than 40 years, Dick and Louise Anderson have called this quaint little house in Yankton home.

It was the spring of 1969 when they moved to Yankton and found this Praire-style Craftsman home. A few weeks later, their first son, John was born.

“We figured we moved in about 30 days before he was due, and he was 30 days to the day overdue,” said Louise.

Not much changed over the years. Then in 2004-2005, Dick and Louise undertook the task of doing some remodeling and updating.

In the den, a huge floor to ceiling, wall to wall shelving unit was installed. It’s now filled with many of the books they have collected over the years.

Dick says the builder put beautiful wide crown molding above the shelving. But they couldn’t stop there.

Throughout the rest of the house there was thin crown molding. The new molding started in the den, but spread throughout the rest of the home.

“You just had to do it. And it has changed (the house) so dramatically. It blends so beautifully with the dark wood already in the house,” said Louise.

The home originally had beautiful hardwood oak floors, but over time they began to thin, so Dick and Louise put in carpeting.

We had them sanded and refinished that first time, and we were told that was it. They were so thin by then. We enjoyed them while we could,” Louise added.

The largest part of the remodeling project was the kitchen.

“The kitchen had probably been done in the early 1950s — but I’m not sure. It had linoleum floors and pink linoleum counters, and then there was maple-looking cabinetry. We lived with the kitchen this way until the big remodel,” Louise said.

The old cabinets were removed and the walls were stripped to the lathe.

In place of the out-dated kitchen was a more contemporary Tuscan influenced kitchen that meets the couple’s needs.

“Everything in this kitchen is brand new.”

Beautiful dark wood cabinets were installed from floor to ceiling — with the upper cabinets used for their more decorative dishes. Dick says they went floor to ceiling with the kitchen cabinets, “because we’re getting old. And we’d never get up there to dust them anyway.”

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