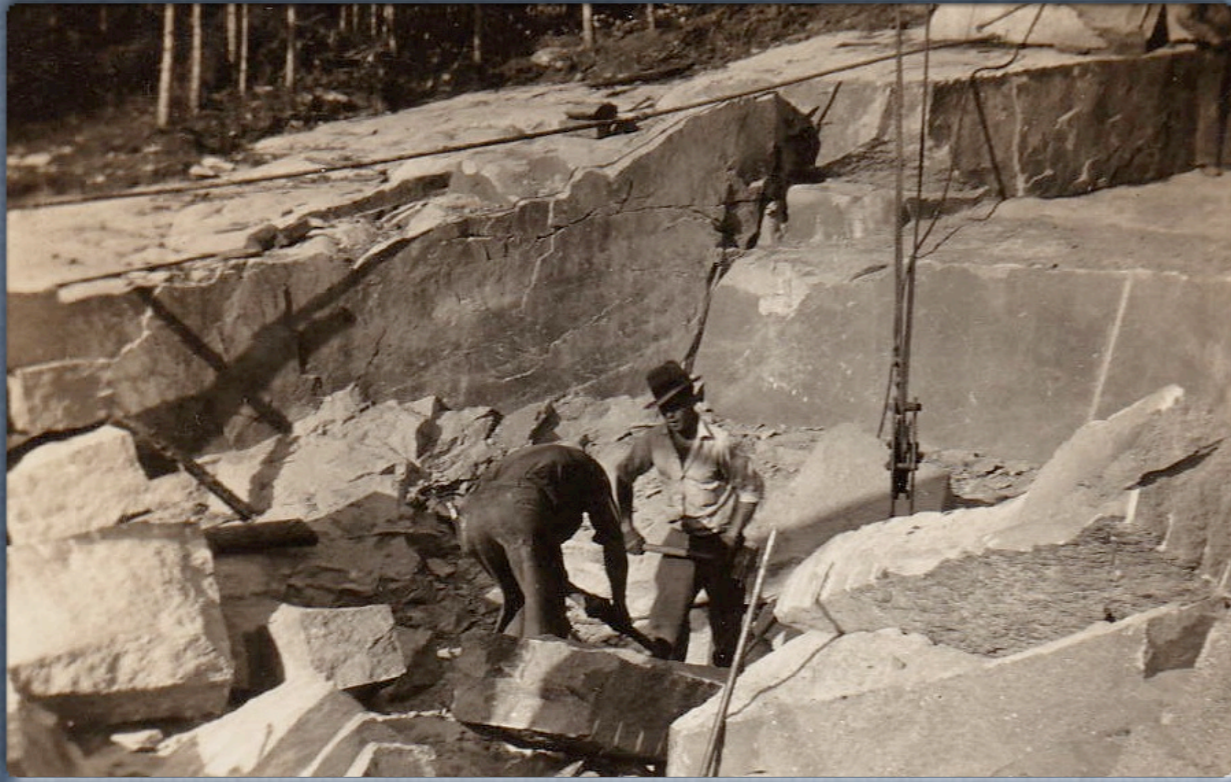


# 1938 Photo Essay

Gertrude Middendorp & Sulo Laitala



Sulo shocking grain in 1936  
(couldn't resist this photo - he is so dapper!)



Sulo worked at the Buhl Quarry in 1938  
(looks like hard work & check out that hat!)



Sulo & Gertrude in 1938 at the Buhl Quarry  
(They went there to be alone.  
It was Gertrude's favorite place.)



Happy Gertrude in front of the  
Laitala's Studebaker.

[audio story of how they met]



The wedding was in Duluth January 13, 1940.  
Gertrude's cousins, Lois & Herman Doering, were the  
attendants because Sulo wasn't Catholic.



Here they are in Chisholm in 1940.  
Gertrude called this their "Honeymoon Car."  
(What does that mean exactly?)



Here they are in Minneapolis in 1980.  
They had been married 52 years and 11 months  
when Sulo passed away in 1992.