

## INDULGENCES

fireplace, complete with a mantel embossed with the lodge's name. Across the room a highly finished, well-stocked, mirrored bar gives hunters a place to pour a "sundowner" before retiring to a rocking chair on the front porch to watch the sun set over the lodge's 40-acre trophy bass lake.

Spacious bedrooms feature two queen-size beds. Two bedrooms share each bath.

Bill Glass, who died in February, decorated the lodge under Mary Elizabeth's watchful eye. She saw the lodge as a great repository for the artwork Bill collected at Ducks Unlimited and National Wild Turkey Federation banquets. But because it was originally to be a family retreat, she planned to spend time there and wanted to make sure she was comfortable with her surroundings.

"I wanted something that would be comfortable, but I didn't want it to look sterile," she said.

Smith thinks Mary Elizabeth gave the lodge a special touch that impresses clients without making them feel they can't put their feet up on the heavy wooden coffee tables.

"We want you to walk through that door and say, "This is the nicest lodge I've ever been in,"" Smith said. "But we want you to feel at home and at ease."

The idea for a commercial lodge came after Bill



Oriental rugs are strewn across pine floors and queen-size beds sit side by side in this luxurious bedroom at Cottonwoods.

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