

**Betty Joyce "Jo" PASHUK**

**NOMINEE:** Betty Joyce "Jo" PASHUK

**MEMBER SPOUSE:** Vic PASHUK, #1563

**DETACHMENT(S):** Sioux Narrows 1957 – 1962

**NOMINATOR:** Vic PASHUK

**SILENT PARTNER STORY**

Sioux Narrows is a tiny community approximately 90 kilometres south of Kenora located on the eastern shores of Lake of the Woods along Highway 71.

We were stationed at Sioux Narrows from 1957 to 1962 at which time Jo was like a second man stationed there. With limited radio contact with Kenora, Jo would reach me by phone. In my absence, Jo would answer the telephone and take calls. Many times she would have to deal with intoxicated individuals at the door of the residence and office in my absence.

When females were confined in the detachment cells, Jo would act as matron. This happened numerous times. On one occasion, Jo supplied her own clothing to a female prisoner who tried to flush her own clothes down the cell toilet.

Jo supplied meals to travellers who were stranded by winter storms and given accommodation in the detachment cells for the night. She did many things to aid me which was just routine to her.

When we were first transferred to Sioux Narrows, we stayed in Nestor Falls in an unwinterized cabin while we waited for the Sioux Narrows detachment to be completed. Many a morning we would have to break ice in our water bucket. We had our two-year-old daughter with us.

I could mention many more tasks that Jo performed.

You can imagine the hardship Jo went through at this location being by herself and dealing with all the issues while also raising a family. And now I thank her for what she did for me and the OPP at the one-man detachment of Nestor Falls and Sioux Narrows.

### **About Sioux Narrows**

Situated on the eastern shore of Lake of the Woods on Sabaskong Bay, the resort community of Sioux Narrows Falls has about 300 permanent residents, but sees this number increase substantially during the summer months.