

**Donna CORSIE**

**NOMINEE:** Donna CORSIE

**MEMBER SPOUSE:** Robert K. CORSIE, # 2743

**DETACHMENT(S):** Nestor Falls 1968 – 1975

**NOMINATOR:** Kim BASTIN (daughter)

**SILENT PARTNER STORY**

My parents were posted to Nestor Falls Detachment from 1968 until 1975. My father was the only police officer in the tiny community and the residence was attached to the detachment office. My mother performed the following tasks to assist my father and the OPP during their time there:

- Answering the OPP telephone
- Relaying information about calls for service or assistance by telephone to the radio communications dispatcher in Kenora
- Assisting citizens who came to the door
- Cleaning and laundry
- Cooking meals for prisoners
- Matron duties; guarding prisoners when constable out; searching female prisoners
- Building maintenance including lawn mowing, gardening (we had an awesome garden that was the OPP crest), snow shovelling, floors and other regular cleaning
- Care for runaway children
- Dealing with inebriated residents that came to the door
- Providing limited first aid assistance
- Acting as hostess for social functions at the Detachment; i.e. open house for grand opening of detachment and other events

All of this was completely voluntary and was typical of an OPP spouse living at remote detachments at the time. My mother did all of this while raising two children and running a household!

## **About Nestor Falls**

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