

**Doreen Linnea MCMILLIN**

**NOMINEE:** Doreen Linnea MCMILLIN

**MEMBER SPOUSE:** Robert J. MCMILLIN, # 1803

**DETACHMENTS:** Redditt (Summer) May 1, 1958 - Sept. 30, 1958;  
Nestor Falls 1960 – 1965

**NOMINATOR:** Spouse

**SILENT PARTNER STORY**

At Redditt (Summer) Detachment I was the lone officer. While I was on the road my wife, Doreen McMillin, would take the calls and then contact Kenora Detachment and ask to have the messages radioed to me.

Later, while serving at Nestor Falls, Doreen once again answered phone calls and took messages. She knew which way I would be working the highway and would call either Kenora or Emo to have personnel relay the message to me in my car. Again, there was no police radio in the residence, which also housed the OPP office. As I did not have any cells, I had to take my prisoners to Sioux Narrows Detachment, a distance of 28 miles.

I recall on one occasion a black man and his wife from Chicago, Illinois, attended our residence. He stated to Doreen that they could not find a room for themselves in Nestor Falls. They had reservations at a tourist resort but when they arrived, they were told they did not have accommodation for them and were turned away. They attended at another resort and again on their appearance were told there was no room available for them.

Doreen told them to stay while she made a phone call. The gentleman waiting told her that if she was calling a resort to be sure to tell the owner that they were black. She told them not to worry about that. She dialled a resort called Bull Moose Lodge. The owner was a man named William (Bill) Arch and he

was black. After he heard about the situation, he told Doreen he would have a cabin waiting, and he ensured that the couple had proper travel directions to his place.

The next day I attended at both resorts where they had been turned away. I knew that neither one was full at the time. I told the managers that they would be brought before the proper authorities if it ever happened again. To my knowledge, it never did while I was stationed there.

#### **About Redditt**

Located 101 kilometers south of Sudbury on the Trans Canada Highway (Highway 69) Still River is now part of Henvey Township, which includes Britt Station as well.