

Ella PETERSON

NOMINEE: Ella PETERSON

MEMBER SPOUSE: Duane PETERSON

DETACHMENT(S): Sioux Narrows Detachment 1964 – 1969

NOMINATOR: Lori UKRAINIC

SILENT PARTNER STORY

My earliest recollections of living in an OPP detachment, and the challenges that went along with that, were in Sioux Narrows. I believe we were there until about 1969.

I do remember my mom having to make meals and feed any prisoners that were being kept in the cells. My mom assisted the OPP by answering the detachment phone, taking occurrence information and relaying it to my dad who was out on patrol either by calling Kenora or Emo detachments.

On many occasions, she administered first aid to injured people from domestic and other violent acts as well as vehicle accident victims.

Before Sioux Narrows, there was Red Lake and Whitedog, but that was either before my time, or I was too young to remember. Of course, most of the people that dad worked with at that time are now gone.

The one thing I will never forget though is both my mom and dad cutting acres and acres of grass with a 20-inch Lawn Boy push mower.

Mom was also a full-time mother to two young children.

About Sioux Narrows

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