

Lee WALL

NOMINEE: Lee WALL

MEMBER SPOUSE: Syd. H.A. WALL, # 2653

DETACHMENT(S): Sioux Narrows 1965 – 1976

NOMINATOR: Cathy ANDERSON (daughter)

SILENT PARTNER STORY

In April 1965, Lee Wall moved with her husband, Syd, to Sioux Narrows OPP Detachment, where he was posted for the next seven years. During this time the Wall family lived in the residence attached to the police office. Two officers were assigned to police this remote community, and consequently their spouses along with them.

Lee assisted around the detachment and helped out the community in many ways. Around the office she cleaned the cells, office and garage. She also mowed the lawn and tended to the flowerbeds. When the officers were on patrol Lee also answered one of the three telephones. The calls ranged from calls for police to ambulance service requests. She also guarded prisoners in the cells.

As a result of living at the detachment residence many situations arrived at her door that required Lee to take action. On one occasion she cared for a man who burned his arm from his car radiator. Another time she tended to a child with severe blisters due to burns from boiling water. She also took care of a man who had suffered a jaw injury in a motor vehicle collision by packing his jaw with ice. Another time, a vehicle collision victim required nursing due to a head wound.

One incident that was memorable for Lee was the time she spoke for more than two hours to a suicidal young man on the phone in the middle the night. He was depressed and bent on committing suicide. Lee listened and, when appropriate, counseled the young man and he eventually cheered up. Lee addressed many other minor complaints or passed them along to officers if she was not able to resolve them.

To sum up, during her seven years at Sioux Narrows Detachment, Lee not only donated her time to maintain the office and grounds, she added to the esprit de corps of the police office by being a silent partner, and was always willing to pitch in and help her community whatever the need.

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.

