

## **Ruth MUNN**

**NOMINEE:** Ruth MUNN

**MEMBER SPOUSE:** D.O. (Dave) MUNN, # 2820

**DETACHMENT:** Central Patricia 1976 – 1978

**NOMINATOR:** Spouse

### **SILENT PARTNER STORY**

I was promoted to corporal in 1976 and transferred to Central Patricia as the Detachment Commander. For the next two years, my wife Ruth and our family occupied the residence at the detachment. The apartment was attached to the office and cell area.

Ruth provided prisoner meals and when the office was not staffed took phone calls and answered the door. She also accompanied me as an unpaid matron on prisoner escorts to Kenora District Jail.

During our time at Central Patricia (also known in the past as Pickle Lake Detachment), Ruth made meals for visiting officers when the restaurants were closed. She also provided helpful information to officers transferring in.

When the office was not staffed, people from the nearby First Nation Territory would call my private phone number. Ruth was on a first-name basis with Sammy Skunk and others from Osnaburgh First Nation.

### **About Central Patricia**

Central Patricia dates back to the discovery of gold on the Crow River and at Pickle Crow in 1928. By 1935, mines had also been established in Pickle Lake. From 1928 to 1995, over 2.5 million ounces of gold were produced in the area. While Central Patricia still has a few buildings and residents, Pickle Crow has

been almost entirely abandoned. The Township of Pickle Lake now encompasses both of these communities and listed a total population of 425 people in 2011.