

## Staff Superintendent John and Marion HILLMER

John McGibbon HILLMER, Badge # 1008, joined the OPP on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1947 after serving with the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II. He served in numerous detachments and headquarters branches during his career and retired in 1979 with the rank of Staff Superintendent. Over the years, John and Marion ("his bride" as he often called her) were strong supporters of maintaining the history of the OPP and *The OPP Museum*, sharing stories and experiences from a fascinating 32-year career; in particular his experiences in Northern Ontario during the early years. In addition, they have donated treasures to the Museum reflecting both his naval and policing career.

Even after John's death in 2008 at the age of 83, Marion continued a strong relationship with the Museum until her own death in 2013. Both John and Marion supported several worthy causes during their lifetimes and, following John's wishes, Marion directed a significant portion of her estate to Friends of *The OPP Museum*.

We are forever grateful.



Staff Superintendent John and Marion Hillmer, Commissioned Officers' Ball, 1988.