



**Nicole Badcock (née Dostie)**

Nicole Badcock was born on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1956, in Magog, Québec. Her parents' names were Georges and Pauline Dostie. She is the second one of five children with three sisters and one brother. Nicole grew up in St-Joseph-de-Sorel, Québec where she enjoyed the outdoors as well as sewing, crocheting, knitting, camping, bicycling, and exploring.

Some of Nicole's family had being a part of the Military family as her maternal grandfather and two uncles served in WWII and in Korea.

In 1974 Nicole signed up to become a Teletype and Cypher Technician at the Recruiting Centre in Montreal, QC; she was 18 years old. She started Basic Training in St-Jean, QC in

September 1974. This training lasted for 11 weeks. In those days there was only one platoon of women in training at a time so every week one platoon of men graduated but only every 11 weeks one platoon of women graduated. The training was conducted by men only.

In 1975, at CFB Borden, ON for English training then, BFC St-Jean, QC for a 3-month POET (basic electronic) training and finally CFB Kingston, ON for the 6-month Teletype Technician course.

Nicole was on the First French Female Teletype Technician course. She became a Teletype and Cypher Technician in the Communication and Electronics branch of the Canadian Armed Forces. She was the only woman of that course to make a career of it.

Throughout her career she worked with many men, young and old, who did not agree with, nor wanted women in this "men's trade."

In 1976, CFB North Bay, ON Nicole worked on the base and in the NORAD underground bunker. In 1977, while on training in Kingston, ON, she suffered a motorcycle accident. She released from the forces in June 1978.

In January 1982 she re-joined the Forces at the Recruiting Centre in

Toronto, ON. She then worked in the bunker at CFB Borden, ON. In 1990, she moved to CFS Debert, NS and worked in that bunker. In 1995 Nicole moved to BFC St-Hubert, QC. She worked in a shop that serviced the Communication Centre as well as many detachments in Montréal and Eastern Québec. In 1997, her unit was moved to the Megaplex at BFC St-Jean, QC.

In 1998 Nicole worked diligently during the Ice Storm. In BFC St-Hubert the electricity was out for 10 days and for 4 weeks in BFC St-Jean Megaplex.

In 2000 she moved to CFB Ottawa, ON. Sadly the computers had replaced the Teletypes so Nicole was sent to work in a different building at a job she was not trained for.

Nicole retired as a Master-Corporal (MCPL) on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the age of fifty-one with 30 years of loyal and dedicated service.

Nicole raised 4 daughters during her service so when she retired from the forces, she just wanted to enjoy life.

On July 25<sup>th</sup> in 2007, she married Veteran Gary Badcock in Ottawa, ON. Nicole and Gary now live together in South River, NL and they have six grandchildren across the country.



1976 CFB North Bay ON  
Private (Pte) Nicole Dostie



1992 CFS Debert, NS  
Corporal (Cpl) Nicole Dostie