

Ina Mae “Tiny” Miller

The family of Ms. Miller has graciously chosen NAWLEE to be an avenue to allow Ms. Miller’s legacy to continue with women in policing. Ina Mae Miller, known to most everyone in the Oklahoma City area as, “Tiny” Miller, was a pioneer in law enforcement.

In 1955, Tiny Miller, along with six other women became the first Parking Enforcement Officers for the city of Oklahoma City making a humble salary of \$244.00 a month. The Enforcement Officers had arresting powers, but at the time, were not issued weapons.

Several of the women quit their jobs, while Tiny Miller became involved in almost every aspect of policing. Common duty for the women consisted of records clerks and “Jail Matrons”. While Tiny Miller filled all these positions, with her quick wit and beauty she was often used in undercover operations which led to high profile arrest across the city.

She received a letter from her Chief in 1957 from the President, Dwight Eisenhower, for her professionalism and service on his visit to Oklahoma City.

Tiny Miller became the first female Sergeant on the Oklahoma City Police Department in 1977. She became the Community Relations Sergeant running the Crime Prevention Unit.

Tiny Miller, a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother and pillar of the community was an inspiration and mentor for those who have followed in her footsteps. She was known for her exemplary service on the department and within the community. She retired in 1987 with 33 years of service.

In December 5, 2010, Ina Mae “Tiny” Miller, (posthumously) was inducted into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame receiving the highest accomplished award, the Bill Tighlman Award.

This award is given in the highest regard for women in law enforcement and their dedication to the profession