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- AT: 00:48:13 And um, throughout this time, uh, when you were working, um, did you do any other activities outside of work? Were you involved in any churches or,
- RK: 00:48:27 No, I was, uh, involved with my hobby be, both our hobby became uh, photography, Dorothy and I, and then, um, uh, that time I was living at the south side yet. And uh, my friend called me and she said, her friend was going to go to the YWCA. She wants to learn photography. So would you go with her please? And I said, so I took my little box, I went, and the next time I was, oh, I thought she will be there. She dropped out. She didn't care for it, but I stayed. I stayed in, uh, in the, one day. Then Dorothy came in and I was sitting at the piano and she said, uh, do you play piano? I said, no, I'm just sitting here waiting for, um, meaning to start. So we started talking and she said, do you like classical music? I said, oh, I love classical music. Opera, you name it. And so she's, I do too. So window was a Madam Butterfly came. We both went in, uh, um, had our Rutgers signed by Tibaldi. She was a singer then, you know, in the gut. The comical thing was we both had a blue raincoat on and we had, we were taking a shortcut to the opera house and there was two women. One was on the ground and one was on her knees, you know, and she thought we were cops cause we had a Black person sit, please don't take my sister to the hospital, to the jail, you know, she said, she didn't do anything wrong. I said, pick up your sister and take her home now. Then, we were pour laughing at. So she said, oh guy we were both, we were, uh, just the other day we were talking about that. I said, gee, we must look tough.
- AT: 00:50:37 Mmm, and then, uh, did your parents and your family, did they stay in that building on the, near Hyde Park?
- RK: 00:50:53 Oh, my folks did for awhile. Then, uh, they decided to move north, so they move, do you remember on Racine there was a

goldlets, or I guess not, we are anyway, was uh, near the Buddhist church. Up the, um, it was, there was a lot of, big apartment building. So they moved there. I can't think of the address, but, uh, near the Buddhist church that I could know it was on Racine. That's all I know. They moved there and they liked it there. It was lived, and you know, close to goal bloods. My mother's favorite scar goal. Uh, and the friends. It was easier for her friends, their friends to come over. And, um, so more than the south side, you know, a lot of driving to do so. The, uh, they decided to come move north, so the friends could come, visit them

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