

Gerald Gordon Frederick Avery

June 3, 1949 – December 14, 2021

A Yellowknife resident of 67 years, Gerald (Jerry) Avery died at home surrounded by his family.

Jerry was born in Calgary, moving North at the age of four. After going through the Yellowknife school system, Jerry worked for two years in hard-rock mining with his father and brother at the family's Hidden Lake Gold Mine. He then joined the Yellowknife Airport Fire Department in 1969. In 1971, he married Maxine Bromley in Yellowknife. In 1974, Jerry graduated from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), receiving his Diploma of Business Administration (Honours). After returning to Yellowknife, he joined the CGA firm of Hinchey & Co. In 1977, he attained his designation as a Certified General Accountant and became a partner in the firm. As the company evolved, he became the Managing Partner of Avery, Cooper & Co. in 1991. In 1996, he received his FCGA designation in recognition of significant contributions to his profession and community.

During his professional career, Jerry came to enjoy his experiences in many small northern communities while doing audits and getting to know people through multiple return visits. Despite his numerous accounting and management responsibilities, he found time to contribute to his community in many ways. He was the first President of Ecology North (1974-1982), a founding and first President of the Yellowknife Community Foundation (1993-2003), served as a Past Governor and President of the CGA Association of the NWT and Treasurer of the Fox Moth Society (from inception to present). Jerry served on a number of oversight, review and advisory groups for different levels of government, including the Judicial Renumeration Commission 1998-2001 and 2011 to present.

Jerry's favourite pastimes were travelling the world with Maxine and time with his boys' families, golfing, hockey (OJ' Blasters), canoeing and the annual family camping trip to Victory Lake. Top of his list was time spent with his grandkids, who loved him dearly.

Jerry was predeceased by his father, Frank, mother, Lois, brother Frank Jr., in-laws Peter and Barb Bromley and nephew Matthew Bromley. He is survived by his loving wife Maxine, sons Brad (Beverly) and Mark (Amber), grandchildren Cole, Will, Declan and Jacob, his brother Ron (Claire), brothers-in-law Bob (Marianne), Stu (Leslie) and Chris (Cleo); nieces and nephews Kelty (Sam), Mitchell (Lana), Craig (Laura) and Tara (Luke), Rick (Laurel), Treena, Terry, Laurie, Gordie and Nicky and grand-nieces and nephews Layla, Tessa, Jude, Dougal, Mattie and Hazel.

Jerry is and will be deeply missed by his family and community. A gathering in memory of Jerry will be held in the new year.

