

Dr. George James Gibson MAY 8, 1925 – NOV. 26, 2018

Dr. George Gibson passed away peacefully at his home in Yellowknife on November 26, 2018 at 93 years old. He will be remembered for his storytelling, dedication, innovation, and caring for others.

What an adventurous life he had!

George was born in Edmonton, AB on May 8, 1925 and grew up there with his parents and two sisters. He graduated from the University of Alberta in 1949, interned in surgery and anesthesiology, and in 1951 set up his medical practice in Chilliwack, BC where he lived for 20 years. He was president of the BC Medical Association in 1969-1970. George's energy and musical talent surfaced often in his involvement with family, friends, and community.

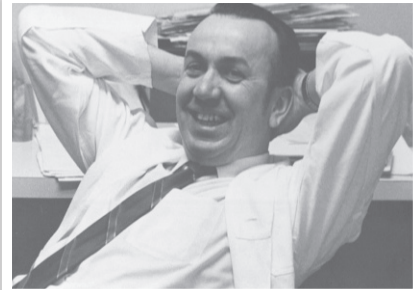
In Chilliwack he got his pilot's licence, exploring the nearby mountains both by air and hiking to the peaks. Search and Rescue called upon him to give medical support in difficult situations.

George went North to Fort Rae, Inuvik, and then Yellowknife in 1971, living there for 47 years. He set up the Gibson Medical Clinic, became medical advisor at the Workman's Compensation Board, and flew to northern outposts in the NWT as a doctor. He was recognized in 2001 by the NWT Legislative Assembly with a 30 year service award and a bursary was presented in his name.

George was an avid birder, photographer, and naturalist who loved the North! He had a life-long passion to travel – exploring the world and meeting people.

From corn brooms to the NWT Senior Men's team, to Coach of the Year in 1994, he loved the game of curling. George influenced many young curlers and hockey players over the years in his coaching career. In 2014 he was inducted into the NWT Sport Hall of Fame.

George will be greatly missed by his wife Carol and children Jane Bleaney (Bob), Julie Muirhead (Larry), Wendy MacKenzie (Keith), and Troy Gibson. His six grandchildren; and five great grandchildren have all had the opportunity to know George and hear his stories. He leaves a legacy to both family and friends!



A Celebration of Life will be announced when confirmed.

