

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 401st Edition – January 11, 2015

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Well that was quite a morning in Whitehorse - a full-sky aurora, incredible colours for almost an hour before sunrise, and then this.

Whitehorse was the warmest place in Canada this morning, 3 degrees warmer than Victoria!

Photo courtesy Murray Lundberg (In Whitehorse)

See more photos on Murray's blog: <http://explorenorth.com/wordpress/shooting-hdr-images-high-dynamic-range/>

COURTESY WHITEHORSE STAR – YUKON HISTORY SECTION -

Mammoth Bones 12,000 years old - Bones could start a reference collection

It's the bare bones of a beginning, but placer miner Norm Ross hopes the recovery of a mammoth from a claim on Gold Run Creek deposits a good image of the industry in tourism promotions.

By **Whitehorse Star** on **September 3, 1992**

It's the bare bones of a beginning, but placer miner Norm Ross hopes the recovery of a mammoth from a claim on Gold Run Creek deposits a good image of the industry in tourism promotions. The bones of the sub-adult mammoth were unearthed in early August by Miles Johnson, who was stripping the pit in preparation for mining. The claim, in the Klondike gold fields, is owned by Lyle Gatenby and is being worked by Ross Mining Services.

"It's our desire, if we took the time to stake it out and left the area intact to preserve the animal, we'd like to see them take it a step further and do something with it," says Ross.

He hopes the bones are used in a display in Dawson City for the public to enjoy, and that the involvement placer miners had in their recovery is noted.

Ross acknowledges that his crew's efforts to preserve the bones and turn them over to the territorial heritage branch contradict industry predictions made in 1991 after the Heritage Act was passed. The feeling at the time was miners would bulldoze bones and artifacts, rather than stop work, enter the tangle of paperwork, and turn over the find.

"We could have done that- two more passes with the backhoe and it would have been gone. But we see it as a responsibility, and we accept that responsibility." Ross says.

He noted smaller operations might not have the flexibility to stop work and work around a discovery, but hopes his crew's actions stimulate further interest in further recoveries.



Photo by Whitehorse Star
Spare Ribs - These ribs belonged to a sub-adult mammoth.

These sentiments are echoed by Jeff Hunston, director of the heritage branch.

He describes Ross' and Gatenby's efforts as "excellent."

And there is already some fallout from the find. While the heritage crew was in the area, other miners on Upper Gold Run Creek turned over a complete lower jaw from a mammoth that was found earlier this summer.

"We rely on the excellent support and co-operation of the mining industry. If they were not mining the basin, we wouldn't be funding this material," Hunston said.

"In the spring of '91 there were a lot of expressions of gloom and doom about the Heritage Act and stop-work orders. It's nonsense. We work with the mining industry, and they are responsible citizens."

The two sides have come to an agreement that ivory - which is used in jewelry and supports the local retail market - can be disposed of as the finder wishes, and other fossils will go to the heritage branch, he says.

"People see that as a fair trade off".

When Hunston first heard of the find, he admits, his appetite for a major discovery was "voracious." He hoped it would be a complete enough skeleton to make a major display of a reconstructed mammoth.

Unfortunately, not enough of the mammoth's bones were at the site for this.

The other alternative is to make a display showing how animals become buried and preserved, the effects of nature on the bones, and how they are recovered.

The bones could also become the beginning of a reference collection for study by researchers, Hunston says. They are being kept in a warehouse to "freeze dry" over the winter and then will be put to use, although just what isn't certain yet.

They are the largest collection from a single animal to be recovered for the territories own museum and purposes. Other large finds have been made, but these went out to American museums or collectors, Hunston adds.

The recovered bones comprise a little over half of the mammoth's skeleton.

The pelvis, some vertebra and ribs are missing.

The skull must be reconstructed, but the pieces are there, as are leg bones and a number of smaller knee bones. Knee bones are often washed away by river action and aren't recovered.

Two sections of spine were unearthed with the vertebra still articulated.

A single molar tooth (there are four in total is as big as a person's head. The femur bone is nearly as tall as Hunston is and weighs about 22 kilograms (50 pounds). The bones fill four large shelves in the branch's warehouse.

Hunston estimates the skeleton is around 12,000 years old. The bones are white and bleached, and haven't taken on colour from a mineralization process, which happens with older remains.

In addition to the mammoth, the bones of a large-horned bison and a small donkey-like horse were found.

The bones and fossils of these and other Ice Age-era animals are found in portions of the Yukon which were never glaciated.

Many mammoths have been found in the area around Dominion Creek, which Gold Run Creek flows into, because of the large size of the valley, says Hunston.

He remains optimistic a complete mammoth skeleton, and perhaps even a complete beast, skin, flesh and hair, will someday be found. The potential for such a discovery exists, because of the permafrost and geography of the area.

The mammoth was uncovered when Johnson was stripping a pit in preparation for mining. A tusk was unearthed first, and Johnson stopped and pulled it out.

On his next pass, he unearthed a large bone, and knew it was a large find. He stopped, and there was a large find.

Work was stopped, shovels were gathered, and about half the large bones recovered were dug out immediately.

"I happened to drive out that afternoon, and all the trucks were off and everyone was standing around with shovels. I thought "What's going on? Did someone lose a watch, or what?" Ross laughs.

Everyone was excited about the find, which Ross describes as the most significant he's seen in 20 years of placer mining. One of the workers on the crew is studying to be a chiropractor, and was identifying the bones as they were uncovered.

Ross put the bones in a damp dark spot to prevent them drying too quickly, and called the property owner. They agreed to call Hunston and get heritage involved.

A four or five day dig ensued, and more bones and pieces were brought out.

The families of the miners participated. One youngster was so impressed with helping bring out a rib bone, he told his father he wants to be a bone digger, not a hoe operator, Ross says.

YUKON NUGGET

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

Chadburn Lake

Is there a more peaceful, easy feeling in midsummer than to sit on a drift log on the shores of Chadburn Lake near Whitehorse, and let the rest of the world go by? I don't think so. Such a beauty - this little lake in the wilderness near town.

So where did the name "Chadburn" come from? The lake is named for a Canadian hero who died during wartime so that the peace and freedom found in the hills and valleys near Whitehorse are there for all of us to enjoy.

Lloyd Chadburn was born in Montreal and grew up in Aurora, Ontario. He might have ended up a banker because his first real job after high school was with the Bank of Toronto. But in 1939, when World War Two began, the world changed for the nineteen-year-old. He tried to enlist in the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Air Force, but was turned down by both.

In 1940, the RCAF accepted him as an Air Gunner, but he was shortly re-mustered as a pilot. Chadburn was the first graduate of the famed British Commonwealth Air Training Plan to command a squadron at age twenty-one. In January 1941, Chadburn flew on the first mission by a Canadian squadron over German held territory.



Lloyd Chadburn

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

In early 1942, Chadburn became the leader of a fighter squadron and flew dangerous cover missions over Dieppe, saving many Canadian lives in that ill-fated raid on Europe. His skill and leadership of the squadron earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross.

His Canadian squadron was the most successful fighter squadron of the day. Chad, as he was known to his friends, was made a Wing Commander of the so-called Digby Wing, in June 1943. He earned high praise from American bomber crews for his fighter escort duty during dangerous

air-raids on Germany. In sixty sorties escorting American bombers, only one bomber was lost to enemy fighters. The Americans called him their "Angel."

By the time Chadburn left the Digby Wing in December, he had received the Distinguished Service Order twice - thus becoming the first RCAF officer to be so decorated, and one of only four who were. Chadburn had become one of the most honoured Canadian pilots of the Second World War.

On June 13, 1944 - a week after D-day - Chadburn was on patrol from makeshift airfields on the French coast, protecting allied troops as they advanced on German positions. In a mid-air collision with another Spitfire, the 24-year-old Wing Commander was killed. Canadian and British fighter pilots and American bomber crews openly wept at the news of the death of "Their Angel." So the next time you visit Chadburn Lake, think of Lloyd Chadburn and the peaceful easy feeling he fought to preserve.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

Vancouver Island Yukoners' 2014 Christmas Lunch Party

by Harvey Burian hburian@telus.net (In Parksville)

The "Pineapple Express" (wind and rain storm) that bore down on both Vancouver Island and the Mainland Coastal areas this December resulted in a slightly reduced number who attended the annual Christmas lunch party of Vancouver Island former Yukoners at the ABC Country Restaurant in North Nanaimo on December 11th. However, for the 26 of us who were able to make it, a wonderful time of friendship, chatter, laughter, and reminiscing, along with delicious food was enjoyed by all. Despite the weather, there were several first-timers and a hardy few who ventured over from the Mainland to join with us. Always appreciated! One tidbit of information picked up at the event from Chris St Jean, for all those who are fans and avid watchers of *Yukon Gold*, is that the St Jean mine located South of Dawson City near Indian River will be featured on the next season's episodes of the programme.

This year Liam McPartland, who, for the last two years, has sung for us was unable to be present and so we missed his dulcet tones. We also missed several families who normally attend, including the Norths, Crowleys (who sent their regrets) and Percy DeWolfe Jr. In Liam's absence, and while we awaited our dessert pies, I led (much less affectively!) in the singing of a couple of Christmas carols.

We were this year favoured by having a door prize drawing for a large black and white photo of the steamer *Whitehorse* being launched from its Winter birth at the Whitehorse BYN/White Pass shipyards. This photo was donated by Art Nakano, who had won it some years ago at a Vancouver Yukoners' Reunion dinner and decided to pass it on at this time to another former Yukoner to enjoy. The happy and surprised winner was Coleen Butler. Additional drawings were held to be able to take home the lovely poinsettia table decorations.

Harriett Butterworth and Sharon Redmond again served as our gracious hosts and we cannot thank them enough for taking on the responsibility for arranging our Christmas gathering each year.

Both ladies have indicated that they will continue to be the hosts even if there are only 5 of us left to attend! THANK YOU Harriett and Sharon for all you do to bring us together! And thank you to each one who attended!

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

All photos in this article are courtesy Harvey Burian [hburian*telus.net](mailto:hburian@telus.net) (In Parksville)

Note: This year the tables were set up in a large u-shape so photos of those seated at each section of the table were taken starting on the left side and going around to the right side. My photo does not appear because I forgot to have someone take one with me in it! I sat between Niki Buchan and Julie Trueman.



L to R – Harry & Elaine Miller, Doris (Grundmann) Dettmers, Aileen (Miller) Dobronay



L to R – Chris St Jean, Betty St Jean, Sharon Redmond, Perry St Jean, Barry Graham



L to R – Warren Rongve, Blanche & Gus Barrett



L to R – Ron & Colleen Butler, Bill & Niki Buchan



L to R – the empty chair where Harvey Burian sat!, Julie Trueman, Janice & Ralph Beaumont, Lowell & Lyn Bleiler



L to R – Mickey (McAllister) Staples, Harriett Butterworth,
Valerie Duckworth, Art Nakano

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH 400 - ALEX VAN BIBBER

Thank you Sherron.. Great Photos and stories as usual....Alex Van Bibber was so well loved....what a great Life he had too..

Dan Davidson.. always gives such a great Contribution
also Donna....lucky to have people that care... to share...

Also thrilled about the Recipe
Thanks.... so much Gillian xo HO HO HO

Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby)

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH 400 - ALEX VAN BIBBER

Thank you for the excellent write up on Alex. He was probably the best known person in the Yukon. When I needed some information for my book I had no hesitation in calling him. I had never met him but I knew that I would just have to tell him my family names and he would immediately know who I was. We had a long happy and friendly chat. My book is dedicated to Yukoners; but Alex is the only individual named. One good looking man in Whitehorse in the 1950's!

Thanks Sherron. Joann Robertson joannr6*shaw.ca (In Vancouver)

Hi Sherron, yes you may use my comments about Alex in the next Moc Tel. The distribution of my book has changed so I am not sure of the availability. I hope Mac's in Whitehorse still has some; Amazon does and the publisher, Granville Island Publishers, 212 Duranleau St. Vancouver V6H 3S4; it is also available on Kindle. The title "*The Yukon: Life between the Gold Rush and the Alaska Highway*"

Thanks Sherron, Joann

P.S Alex and my mother were born within a month of each other. He on the Pelly, and my mother (Marjorie Stevenson, nee Hoggan), on the Yukon. They represented the generation of those born to the original gold seekers, the traders who supplied them, the early entrepreneurs and those in transportation. There are very few of that generation left. Each one takes a piece of history with them.

Hi Sherron, thank you for the interesting + sad news., re:Alex van Bibber,we,as a family also were part of a weekend party on horseback ,where exactly I do not remember but I remember him vividly, kind regards from sunny + sometimes cloudy + rainy Tenerife, Maroesja VanOeveren maroesjabigm*hotmail.com (Canary Islands)

Dear Sherron:

Thanks again for continuing to send the MocTel. I was in Whitehorse last spring and had lunch with my old boss, Monty Alford. He was instrumental in training me as a Hydrometric Technologist, and led me into a 40 year career that was never, ever boring.

I am so glad I got to see him. And I did work with Alex Van Bibber as well. I met him through Monty. Alex would tell us stories over beers that amaze me to this day. Thanks again.

Cheers, and happy new year.

Brent Tipple Beasley*shaw.ca (In (In Whitehorse 1967-73) Nelson BC

Hello Sherron: Sincere congratulations on your 400th M/T publication. What a exemplary effort these past years. Such an enjoyable read to all of us with ties to the Yukon.

Thanks a bunch.

Norm Paulson backrdhaven*shaw.ca (Watson Lk 1959-64, Teslin (Mile 813 Ten Mi. Crk) 1965-66) (In Courtenay BC)



Photo by Whitehorse Star
OUTDOORSMAN – Alex Van Bibber seen on his trapline in 1981.



Photo by Mark Prins

GRAVESIDE IN CHAMPAGNE – Peter Murtagh, (front right), president of the Yukon Order of Pioneers, reads the traditional YOOP farewell to Alex Van Bibber on Saturday and presents a pan that is buried with the casket. ‘Alex will always have a pan,’ he said.

‘He would have been extremely happy with that send-off’

By **Christopher Reynolds** on **December 8, 2014**

Up to 800 people gathered in Champagne on Saturday to celebrate the life of Alex Van Bibber, the Yukon’s most renowned hunter, trapper and guide.

Starting at 1 p.m., funeral services saw a cavalcade of family, friends and performers deliver tributes in a collective eulogy — or “life story” — in a tent packed with up to 400 mourners.

The revered elder died Nov. 26 in a Calgary hospital at the age of 98.

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations community hall was also filled to overflowing.

“I think there must have been close to 300 family, when you look at all the cousins, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, even great-great-grandchildren,” Harvey Jessup, a longtime friend and fellow hunter, said today.

“Because not everybody could be in one building or the other, they had to have a feed.”

A large screen in the community hall featured slide projections along with the audio-visual from the temporary tent next door, which itself required four or five television screens so people toward the back could watch.

Chief Steve Smith spoke along with 13 others paying tribute to Van Bibber’s days as a Klondike miner on the gold dredges, his legendary tales from the bush and his role as longtime educator and role model for young Yukoners, especially First Nations youth.

The Canadian Rangers were also on hand at the service, firing a 21-gun salute, scattering poppies and draping a Canadian flag over the veteran’s coffin.

Van Bibber, one of the last aboriginal veterans of the Second World War, manned a dogsled during the land survey for the Canol Pipeline. He was also in the vanguard of those who volunteered for the Canadian Rangers, joining in 1947.

“He was given the royal treatment if you will, with military honours,” Jessup told the Star.

Kluane singer-songwriter Diyet performed for attendees, one of several Yukon musicians to sing in memoriam.

Also speaking at the service were Champagne-Aishihik elder Maggie Peterson, Old Crow elder Stephen Frost and Sam Johnston, a Teslin elder and former chief, musher and NDP MLA — the Yukon’s first aboriginal Speaker of the house.

Following the funeral, mourners walked to Van Bibber’s gravesite accompanied by a piper and the beat of a hide drum, manned by his nephew, Ron Chambers.

A representative from the Yukon Order of Pioneers spoke at the grave — dug out of the frozen ground by hand in accordance with traditional practice.

Van Bibber's father, Ira, who came over the Chilkoot Pass in 1898 along with thousands of other gold-hungry American stampeders, was among the founding members of the original order.

At the service, a letter from Prime Minister Stephen Harper was read.

"I think he would have been extremely proud and happy with that send-off," Jessup said. "He was proud of his family, and their contribution would have pleased him, their recognition of his importance."

Last Wednesday, a procession of cars followed Van Bibber's old truck — driven by Van Bibber's grandson and bearing the casket — to Champagne from Whitehorse, where his body had arrived from Calgary.

"It was quite a long line of vehicles," Jessup said.

The convoy pulled over at Takhini Crossing, "one of Alex's favourite stops."

On Friday, Van Bibber was laid to rest in his garage, surrounded by a smaller gathering of family, friends and the hunting trophies that showcased his dedication to a way of life he saw morph multiple times over his nearly 10 decades in the territory.

A potlatch followed the services Saturday.

"Lots of folks stayed after the funeral service and gravesite to partake," Jessup said.

Attendees donated money to help offset the cost of the event.

"When I left, \$17,000 had been put into a great big pot at the front of the room," Jessup noted. "That was pretty impressive."

The Van Bibber family extended their thanks to all the people on hand over the weekend and to the Canadian Rangers for their assistance.



My new hobby is playing the ukulele.

STRUMMING ALONG - Rusty Reid helps Marge Noble with the tuning of her instrument during the ukulele Monday strumalong's at the Penticton Seniors' Drop-In Center. Jim Wiggins is instructing the weekly sessions, which began last month at the South Main Street Facility.

Rusty Reid rustyreid.yukon@gmail.com (In Penticton)

Hi .. [formerly VY1BK (Sherron Jones) & VY1BJ (Bill Jones) VY being the designation for Yukon – now licensed as VE7 the designation for BC – VE7OP Sherron & VE7YI Bill]

Season's Greetings and all the best. Thanks for what you do.

Ron McFadyen VY1RM mcfadyen@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

Cathy McFadyen VY1CAM

800 attend funeral for Yukon elder Alex Van Bibber

Large tent and community centre in Champagne filled to capacity

By Mardy Derby, [CBC News](#) Posted: Dec 07, 2014 7:46 AM CT

It was standing room only on Saturday at the funeral of Alex Van Bibber, Yukon elder, WWII veteran, trapper and guide who died late last month at the age of 98.

- **Click the link below to listen to the service's organizer**
- <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/800-attend-funeral-for-yukon-elder-alex-van-bibber-1.2863427>

It's unclear exactly how many people arrived at the tiny village of Champagne, Yukon, west of Whitehorse, but organizers were expecting roughly 800 people. The community is normally home to less than two dozen people.

Alex Van Bibber was one of Yukon's last surviving aboriginal veterans from the Second World War. (submitted by Van Bibber family)

Diane Strand, one of the people that helped organize the service, said the community did its best to accommodate all its visitors.



She says it was Van Bibber's wish to have his funeral in his home community.

"Champagne is actually where Alex had lived for ... well over 60 years," Strand said.

The people at the service included 300 members of Van Bibber's extended family. They were joined by Rangers from Yukon and Northwest Territories, representatives from First Nations in the two territories and Alaska, local dignitaries, a military delegation from Ottawa and countless friends whose lives were touched by Van Bibber.

Van Bibber was a hunter, trapper, educator, family man and a World War II veteran. He died in a Calgary hospital on Nov. 26 at the age of 98.

Since then, people have been referring to him as a "legend" and a Yukon "icon."

Dog Mushing Dec 28 2014

Dog Mushing Dec 28 2014. This is the first time the sisters (Andrea and Verena) have been mushing together in 37 years. With the grandchildren joining them (Krystal and Jayden) there were 3 generations running dogs that day. We were at Muktuk Kennels (Frank Turner). So much fun.

Donna Clayson bdclayson*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Andrea & Kluane



Andrea & Krystal



Jayden in the kennel



Jayden with the hot water bottle.



Grand daughter Krystal, Donna Clayson & daughter Andrea (three generations).



On the trail.



Verena & Jaden



Waiting for the mushers.



Christmas lights – Whitehorse Yukon
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

MILLEN VIDEOS

Had a note from George Millen on Facebook, he has posted a number of videos of the Dawson area in the early days. Even noticed one at the customs house at the entrance to Yukon that his father manned. They are available to view at: www.klondikephoto.com

[George Millen](#)

5:37am Dec 17

Haven't had time to do any organising, but take a look at my site: klondikephoto.com I will add more later.

George Millen george_millen@hotmail.com (In Watson Lake)

Birthday boys celebrate 237 collective years on Dec 31 2014.



L to R: James Smith, Art Webster and Tim Koepke, celebrating their 237 collective years On December 31.

Photo courtesy Tim Keopke tim*klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

Hi Sherron and Bill

Happy New Year 2015 to you both. I am envying you today as we awoke to -31°C this morning but it is a beautiful clear day. We did spend November in Scottsdale and are returning for February and March. We had Jane and Derek and family for three weeks of November which included lots of child care for Juliet 6 and Simon 2. Jane and Derek are committed bikers, each doing about 100km daily, and they went to Sedona for a few days for some superb mountain biking. We realize we are slowing down trying to keep up with the two little ones on our own.

The Dec 31 Birthday Boys convened once again on that day for our annual luncheon which always includes opening up last year's predictions for the next and writing out predictions for the one just starting. Amusing but usually pretty accurate results. Comes with age!

I am attaching a photo from the event which you are free to use in MocTel along with our best wishes to our Yukon friends and your MocTel subscribers. L to R: James Smith, Art Webster and Tim Koepke, celebrating their 237 collective years On December 31.

Enjoy your winter and keep up the excellent job you do on MocTel.

Very best regards to you both
Tim and Jan
Jim, Art and Tim

OBITS

MARION LYLE

Our family is deeply saddened to inform you that Marion Lyle passed away peacefully on Friday, December 12th. As many of you know, she had been in the hospital since November 16th. She had recently moved to Cottonwoods for rehabilitation in the hopes that she would be able to return to her home at Hawthorn Park. We are relieved that her passing was very peaceful and painless.

It was her wishes that there be no viewing or service.

This email account will be disabled within a few days so please, no responses to this account. If you would like to reach us, you can do so at the following email addresses or telephone numbers.

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Olive Marion Lyle

February 21, 1927 - December 12, 2014

Olive Marion Lyle of Kelowna, passed away in the Cottonwoods Extended Care on December 12th, 2014. Arrangements entrusted with First Memorial Funeral Services, Kelowna, BC 250-762-2299

[In the absence of a complete obituary I would just like to add that Marion was the mother of Kerry and Cameron Lyle and the wife of the late Elwood Lyle. Marion and her family were neighbours of ours, a couple of doors away on Alesk Road in Whitehorse, in late 60's and early 1970's] – Sherron Jones

Re Maureen Okerstrom Proctor

It is with great sadness that I am informing you that Maureen Proctor passed away November 26th

after battling cancer. If you wish, I could send you her obituary that gives a brief description of her 70 years and a picture.

She was an awesome partner, mother of 5 great kids and a friend to so many. We were married for 47 years minus several days. The funeral was actually on our anniversary date.

She loved the Yukon and her time there even though she was not there much after entering high school. Receiving the Moccasin Telegraph brought her much delight.

Norm Okerstrom mokerstrom*msn.com

Maureen Anne Okerstrom



Born: May 02, 1944

Died: November 26, 2014

Send Flowers Send a Card

Maureen Anne Okerstrom, 70, of the Banks Oregon community passed away November 26, 2014 at St. Vincent Medical Center.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held Tues, December 2, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church in Roy, OR. Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at St Francis Catholic Church. Interment will be held at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

Family and friends are invited to attend the reception following the Memorial Mass.

Maureen was born May 2, 1944 in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada. She was the older of two children **born to Leo and Irene (Loftus) Proctor.** Maureen grew up in Whitehorse but completed her high school education at St. Ann Academy in Victoria, B.C. After graduation in 1961 she attended the University of British Columbia graduating in 1964 with a Bachelors of Art. (B.A.) with a Major in Spanish and a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) the following year. She moved to Chile, South America to teach English at the North American Chilean Institute for one year before returning back to British Columbia.

She met her future husband, Norman, while attending college and they were married on December 2, 1967 in Vancouver, British Columbia. In 1971 they moved to Surrey, a suburb of Vancouver, B.C. In 1985 she and her family settled in Apple Valley, California, where Maureen taught

Language Arts in middle school for 17 years. While teaching she earned a Master's in Education (M.Ed.). She retired from teaching and moved to Vancouver, WA in 2004. In 2005 she and Norman, made their home in Banks, OR where they have lived since.

Maureen loved to travel. In 1971 they travelled around the world visiting many countries including the U.S.S.R. There were numerous other trips but the 2009 cruise back to Santiago, Chile was, she said, a highlight. She was an ardent genealogist, a reader, and active in many organizations generously donating her time and talent.

Maureen was a volunteer Spanish teacher at St Francis School for 5 years. Her strong faith saw her active in such organizations as natural family planning, Curseo, parish councils, school board, pro-life movements and politics. She was very skilled at photo editing. She spent year's extensively researching, collecting, and organizing family tree documents and photos. Dancing, skiing and hiking were other interests. Maureen loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Maureen always felt she was exceptionally blessed in her life. Her list of "things to be grateful for" was long. It included a strong faith; great parents; a wonderful loving husband; healthy, delightful children; fascinating, fun loving grandchildren; many long term friends; a happy disposition; prosperity; freedom; and her Catholic faith.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Maureen is survived by her loving husband, Norman; children, Chris Okerstrom of San Diego, CA, Colleen and Ron Medlock of Portland, OR, Kerry and Geoff Sovde of West Linn, OR, Kevin Okerstrom of Long Beach, CA and Keith and Holly Okerstrom of Corvallis, OR; sister, Sheila and Duncan Ross of Orlando, FL; eight grandchildren, Kelsey, Connor, Avery, Sydney, Ethan, Elise, Corinne, and Grant.

The family suggests donations in Maureen's name to Catholic Answers and/or Oregon Right to Life.

FRED HORNE

In Loving Memory of Fred Horn (Sept 2, 1924 - Nov 26, 2014, age 90 Born in Kent England in 1924, Fred immigrated to Canada in 1954, and settled in Nanaimo in the 1990s. Lovingly remembered by daughter Gillian Bailey (Terry) of London, Ontario; father of Martin (Lisa) of Hamilton, Ontario and grandfather of Madelaine and Miranda.

Predeceased by parents Edward and Harriet and brother Edward, of England. He is survived by wife, Freda Joyce Yardley of Nanaimo, his step children Norma Waddington (Cal), Kirk Yardley (Gunn), and Ted Yardley (Nan). Fred proudly served during World War 2 as a Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy and he was an active member of the Burma Star Association. He had a lifelong interest in the outdoors and was a horticulturalist, avid canoeist and a long-time member of the Probus Club and the Nanaimo Paddlers. He was also a computer/techno wiz, and a lover of classical music.

His wife Joyce described him best: “ He is my friend, my mentor, my lively, kind and intelligent companion, tender keeper of my emotional wellbeing.” They enjoyed a beautiful love story and a fulfilling marriage.

Fred was profoundly loved and will be deeply missed by the family and friends that he cherished and enriched through his kind deeds, his rousing stories, his keen intellect, his sense of adventure and his wry humour.



O'BRIEN, Bridget Jane Born on January 8th, 1927, in England, Bridget arrived with great enthusiasm to Canada in 1962. A qualified registered nurse and midwife, and with a great sense of adventure, Bridget soon headed to Baffin Island to practice her profession amongst the local Eskimo population. Later, her career took her to the community of Moose Factory in Northern Ontario, and finally to Whitehorse in the Yukon where she remained until retirement. In 1988, Bridget settled in Victoria, soon becoming an active and faithful member of the Catholic Church and an energetic volunteer at Mt. St. Mary's Hospital. Bridget was a kind and gentle lady and leaves behind her many friends in Victoria and numerous friends and former colleagues in Ontario, the Yukon, and Ireland. She is especially fondly remembered by Kay and John Haswell of Brampton, Ontario, Camilla and Alan Bevan, Andrea and Robert Lelange, and Catherine and David Ellis of Victoria, Angela Suhan and Catherine and Tom Kelly of Ladysmith, and by Richard Haworth of Surrey, England. A service will be held at St. Andrews Cathedral on Blanchard Street on Thursday, January 8th, 2015, at 12:00 p.m., followed by a reception at St. Andrews Cathedral Parish Centre, 740 View Street.

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Doris Peterson

Hi Sherron, I don't know if you were aware that Doris Peterson, wife of deceased, Herman Peterson, from Atlin had passed away in November of 2013. After Herman died in Whitehorse,

Doris moved to Quebec to be with the rest of her family and passed away there. She was one month short of her 103rd birthday.

Danny Bereza dannybereza@gmail.com (In Courtenay BC)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Correction:

Hi Sherron

We are in Whitehorse it very cold like minus -31 with a wind chill of -36 but it doesn't keep a true Yukoner down.

We spent Christmas with our family here in Whitehorse.

We are going back to Osoyoos Jan 8.

My new email iakosmenko@hotmail.com

Irene Koskmenko (Osoyoos BC)

[So happy to hear from Irene. I have been having her emails returned for a very long time. The email address I had was with earthlink. Sherron]

We have changed our email address to yukonsams@icloud.com effective immediately. This is our only address also.

Happy New Year!!

Thanks,

Pat & Randy Samuelson yukonsams@icloud.com (Randy in Whse since 1967, Pat born Whse)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The Internet is becoming the town square for the global village of tomorrow.

Bill Gates

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Creamy Tomato Soup

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 10 mins Total time: 20 mins

Serves: 6

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp butter
- ½ cup diced onion (from 1 small, or ½ medium onion)
- 2 tbsp flour
- 2 cups milk
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- 3 to 3½ cups tomatoes (peeled if using fresh, include the juice if using canned)
- 2 tsp sugar
- salt, to taste (I used about 2 teaspoons of coarse sea salt)

Instructions:

1. Heat the olive oil and butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add onions and cook until softened and translucent (not browned). Stir in flour, cook one minute, and then stir in milk. Add baking soda, tomatoes and sugar. Simmer 10 minutes, and then blend (either with an immersion blender, or in small batches in a regular blender - careful, hot liquids will explode out if you overfill!). Add salt by pinches, tasting as you go until soup tastes vibrant and properly seasoned.

DATES TO REMEMBER



**Vancouver Yukoners' Association
87th Annual Reunion
April 10-12, 2015**



Banquet - Saturday, April 11, 2015

**River Rock Casino/Resort – Whistler Ballroom
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**Hotel reservations
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Welcome followed by Dinner: 6:15 pm

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Hospitality Room: Open Friday from 4 pm and Saturday from noon

Note: Pick up tickets in Hospitality Room

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(Maiden names too please – Helps to find friends of years ago)

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Check www.vancouver-yukoners.com for updates

VANCOUVER YUKONERS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

February 19, 2015

11:30 am-2:00 pm

Vancouver Alpine Center

4875 Victoria Drive, at 33rd Avenue, Vancouver

Please note change of venue for February only

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Transit accessible – Handicap accessible

Bring a friend

Lunch \$10

RSVP k29j32@gmail.com

604 819-7630

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