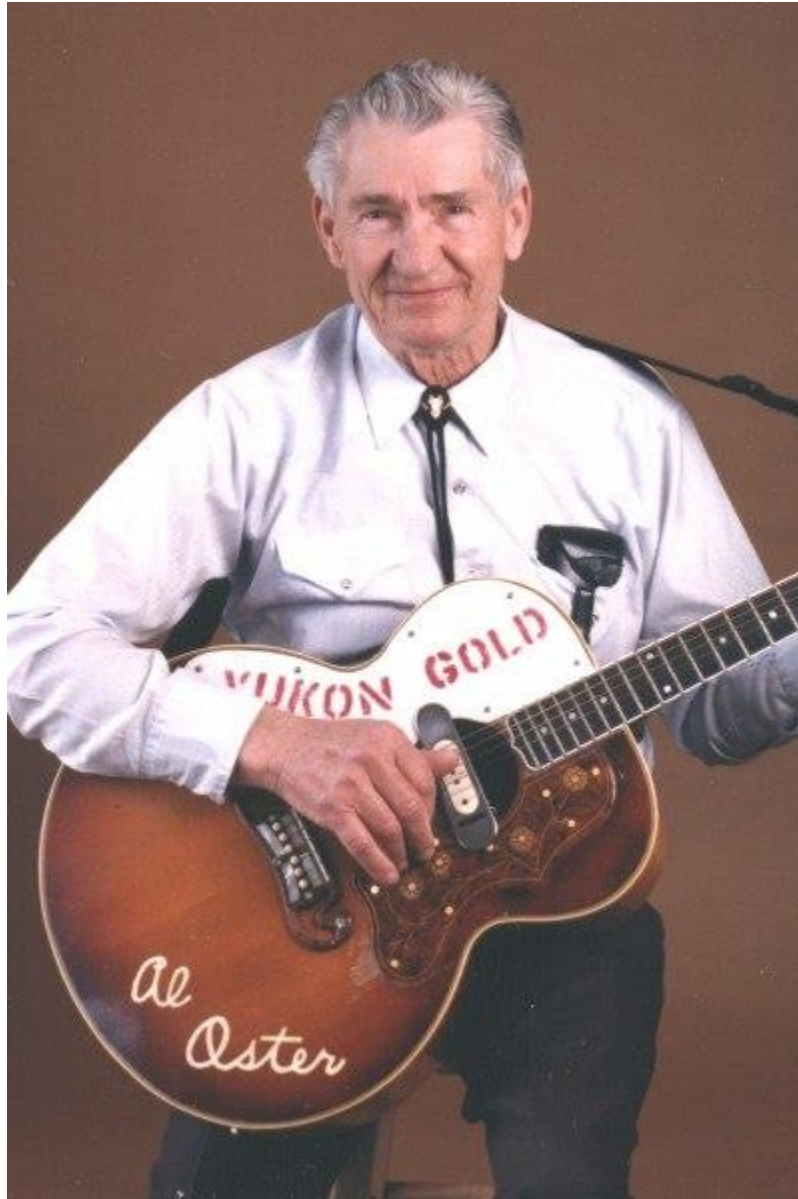


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Al Oster

December 3, 1924 – October 28, 2017

ORDER OF CANADA RECIPIENT, Al Oster passes away at age 92.

Singer / songwriter Al Oster, also known as the Yukon Balladeer, passed away at the Salmon Arm Memorial Hospital on Saturday, October 28th, of natural causes.

Albert Adam Oster was born December 3, 1924 at Vanguard, Saskatchewan the eldest son of John Oster and Mary Stregger. On December 30, 1947, Al was joined in marriage to Mary Ellen

Stanbury at the Langley Anglican Church in Langley, British Columbia. Born to this union were three sons and one daughter, Donna, Lorne, James and William.

Al Oster was one of the first since Robert Service to write and publish poetry about Klondike Gold Rush folklore; and one of the first Canadians to compose and sing folk music about historical Canadian folklore legends, and to preserve these compositions on LP Records. He subsequently attained national recognition for his musical works in 1968 by being the first Canadian composer to receive the BMI CANADA Certificate of Honour Achievement Award for an outstanding contribution to Canadian music in the country / folk music category.

In 1993 he received the Yukon Heritage Award from the Yukon Historical and Museums Association for his contribution to the preservation of Yukon history; and in April, 1999 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada for his contribution to Canadian heritage. In 2002 he was again awarded recognition by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for his musical contribution to Canada history.

Al has left behind his widow Mary, 4 children mentioned above, one half brother and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He will be well remembered for his extreme love of the north which he expressed over and over again in his music and the songs recorded over the years and will live on in everyone's Book of Yukon Memories.

Arrangements entrusted to Fischer's Funeral Services & Crematorium Ltd., Salmon Arm (250) 833-1129.

Share memories and condolences through Al's obituary at www.fischersfuneralservices.com.
[Fischers Funeral Services & Crematorium Ltd.](http://www.fischersfuneralservices.com)

From: Donna Barnes
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:47 AM
To: sherronjones@shaw.ca
Subject: Al Oster

Good morning. I am Al Oster's daughter and you probably are aware that he passed away on Sat Oct 28 in Salmon Arm. There will be a memorial service in Salmon Arm on Dec 16. Harry Rusk is doing most of the arrangements with the help of Marlene Martens.

Donna



Al Oster performing in Hougen`s Department Store in 1961.
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen (In Whitehorse)

YUKON NUGGET

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

AL OSTER

The man who wrote the story songs that define the Yukon`s colourful history and lifestyle may well have done the same thing in Saskatchewan or Alberta except for a fateful day in June 1957. Al Oster had been touring the Peace River country with another musician when, on a whim, they decided to take a few days off and travel north on the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse just to have a look. At the time he had just sold his interest in a building supply firm and was living in Langley, B.C.

Al had heard many tales about the Yukon`s colourful characters and stories. The brief visit to Whitehorse did not disappoint him.

When he returned to Langley, Al talked his wife Mary into moving north to explore new challenges. She agreed. The 10-day journey over the very rough, muddy, dusty road ended in Whitehorse on July 30, 1957.

At the time, the town was at milepost 918. Al, who had written country story songs since he was a kid growing up on a poor dust bowl farm in Saskatchewan in the dirty thirties, instinctively knew the Yukon was the place for a songwriter. The song “918 Miles” was born.

Like most singers of an earlier era, he had come to love country music while listening to old time country radio stations on his parents “Zenith” battery powered radio on the Prairies.

Years later, he bought a guitar and learned to chord western songs while working in Alberta logging camps in the winter and on cattle ranches in the summer.

Al, who had been discharged from the Canadian army in Calgary in 1946, earned the nickname “Calgary Slim” while roaming around with his “dobro” playing buddy “Ray” playing theatres, restaurants, and dance halls in the Calgary and Edmonton areas. They called themselves “Slim n’ Ray”.

Then Al headed for Vancouver where he met his wife Mary. By 1957 when they moved to the Yukon, they had two children.

In Whitehorse, Al worked briefly at Campbell’s Lumber Yard and then in Hougen’s Hardware department.

He also played in a country and western band with Johnny Hutsul, guitar player John Irwin, steel player Andy Donais and drummer Cal Waddington. But, the group sometimes played that new fangled music called Rock n’ Roll.

One Saturday evening, they were booked to play a dance at the Whitehorse High School. Al always wanted to write a rock n’ roll song especially for the high school crowd and the song “Midnight Sun Rock” was born.

Later, while working for Husky Building Supplies, a customer came in to buy some special sized brass screws.

“We didn’t have any in stock,” said Al “so I gave the standard Yukon excuse. They are coming in on the next boat which will arrive next Thursday.”

The unimpressed customer replied that everything seemed to be on the next boat. Al went home for lunch and in 10 minutes wrote the song “Next Boat”.

“Midnight Sun Rock” and “Next Boat” were recorded on a single 45 RPM record, his first release. The first order of 1000 45’s sold out and in 1959, Al re-recorded those songs on his first album called “Yukon Gold”. That version of Midnight Sun Rock was inducted into the Nashville Rockabilly Hall of Fame in 2002.

In 1958, WHTV began a cable service and manager Bert Wybrew accepted a proposal for a half hour weekly television program called “The Al Oster Show.” It ran for two years.

Al also worked five evenings a week at WHTV as their first announcer/operator after finishing his regular day job at the RCAF base as a clerk.

By 1961, he had a growing collection of Yukon songs. In December, the CBC offered him a 15 minute radio show called Northland Echos. After a few miscues while taping at the CBC studios, Al began recording the show in his basement. The program aired for three years.

His band played the “Kopper King” and the “Bamboo” on weekends. Al didn’t much enjoy the bar scene but, at the time, he didn’t mind touring. With the release of his first LP, he was invited by Jake Doell’s band from Vancouver to tour through northern Alberta. They developed a routine called the “Yukon Gold Show Tour.”

The group featuring Al, Jack Doell, Ed Isaac and Grant Wilson, staged an hour and half of singing, a magic segment, a comedy routine and Johnny Cash impersonations while traveling as far north as Hay River, NWT.

The main theme was to promote the beauty and intrigue of the Yukon. Al sold well over two thousand “Yukon Gold” LP’s during the trip, and wrote most of his famous “Paddlewheeler” song while driving between bookings with his bass playing sidekick, Ed Isaac.

On the way home to Whitehorse after the three and a half month tour, they staged the show in every Alaska Highway maintenance camp.

Al remembers that “they had a ball, but never again for me,” he said. “It’s a rough life for a musician.”

In the mid 60s, Al was a headliner on the first pan northern radio show out of Whitehorse called Northern Jamboree with the youthful voice of Les McLaughlin hosting the show.

In 1967, Al with Hank Karr and his group performed at the Canadian Pavilion at Expo 67 in Montreal. While there, the CBC recorded an LP featuring Hank and Al called “the Yukon Stars.”

In 1968, his story song “Irena Cheyenne” earned him the first songwriter award ever presented in Canada by BMI.

And what of his other music?

Al’s classic song, “My Book of Yukon Memories was written totally from the heart” he says.

“It still creates a feeling of ‘longing’ when I sing or hear it. The music and lyrics came so easily.”

“Paddlewheeler” is also his favourite because of how easily the lyrics flow together and, says Al, “it’s an easy song to memorize and sing.” Like all of Al Oster’s material, it tells a great story of the historic Yukon days gone by.

His song “Waltz Of The Yukon” is included in the Boy Scout and Girl Guide camp “sing along” song book, and at one time, “My Book of Yukon Memories” reached number 30 on the Billboard charts.

Today, Al Oster lives in Salmon Arm, where he operates a CD and DVD duplication service. But his attachment to the Yukon remains and his collection of Yukon CDs are sold throughout the territory creating a lasting memory of people, places and events that have shaped the Yukon’s destiny.

For his role in recording Yukon stories in a musical format, Al Oster was awarded the Order of Canada in 1999.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

Excerpt from - Moccasin Telegraph 288 - Published July 19, 2009

YUKON MUSICAL HISTORY BEING PRESERVED

Sherron: There was an interesting gathering in Whitehorse on July 4th, 2009 - these photos show three people who have a lot of talent and who's contribution to the Yukon has been outstanding.

Al has written, composed, sang and produced over 100 Northern and Yukon songs. Hank Karr has sang and produced CD's of many Oster songs and other northern ones, and Les McLaughlin has worked with both as a producer.

Currently Les is working with Oster on a video production of his life.

He is also working with Karr on a DVD of Yukon songs illustrated with scenery and photos.

Al Oster has written and recorded authentic northern songs in verse and in song that ranks him as one of Yukons leading historians.

Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)



Les McLaughlin, Rolf Hougen, Al Oster, Hank Karr
Photo taken in 2009

Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

Hi Sherron. Yes we had a swell time in Whitehorse when the four of us - Hank, Al, Rolf and myself - got together. In his note, Rolf could have added his own immense contributions to the Yukon including its musical history. As owner of radio station CKRW which is celebrating its 40th year in 2009, Rolf has been a major contributor to the ongoing promotion and preservation of the Yukon's colourful past, present and future. Yukon performers are often featured on the radio station and coverage of special events like the Sourdough Rendezvous, sled dog races and much more is an important element in creating a culture of support for Yukon music and history.

At our get together in Whitehorse, it was the first time in many years that Hank, Al and I had an opportunity to share some stories and laughs about the good old days. It was back in 1965 that I hosted a radio show called Northern Jamboree which was led by Hank Karr with weekly guest

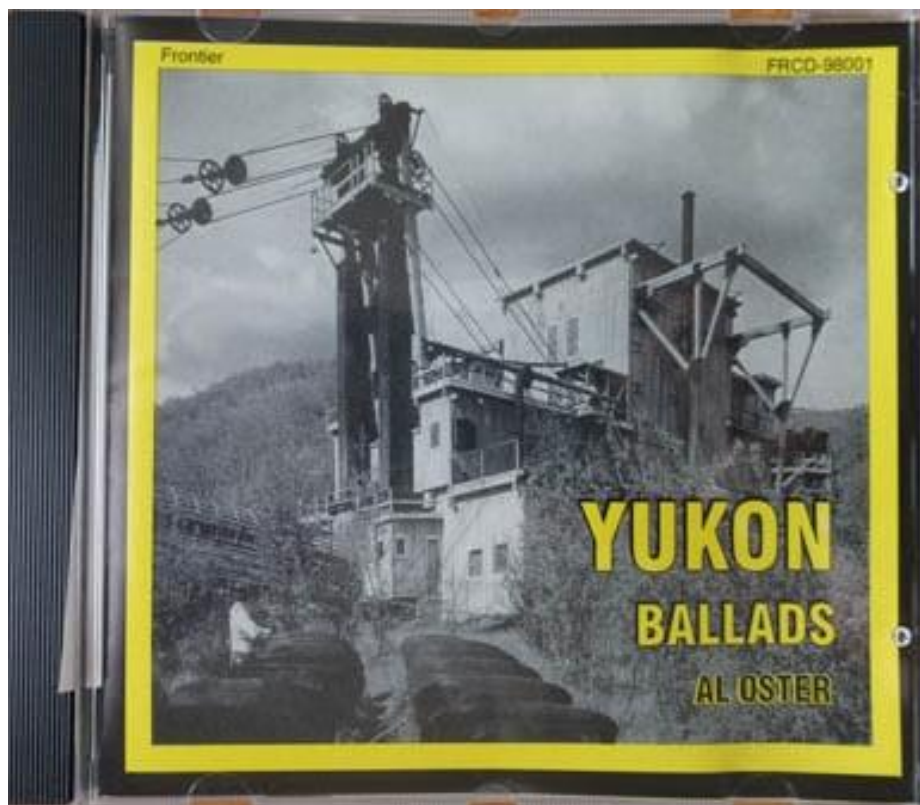
appearances by Al Oster. The shows, first produced in the Whitehorse Inn ballroom and then in the CBC studios at Third and Elliot were first produced by Cal Waddington and later by myself. Northern Jamboree was the first syndicated radio program to be heard across the CBC's Northern Network. Copies of some of the broadcasts - those that survived - are now in the Yukon archives. In later years, we produced a series of concerts called True North which were aired and later televised across Northern Canada as well as a series of broadcast recordings of northern entertainers such as Al and Hank.

In addition, Al Oster once worked as an on camera host for WHTV which was until recent years owned by Rolf Hougen whose contribution in bringing television service to northern Canada cannot be over-stated. So it is fascinating to see how the circle of relationships and friendships continues to grow. As Rolf mentioned, I am presently working on a new DVD of northern songs with Hank Karr as well as producing a series of video stories on the life history of Al Oster.

Today, both Al and Hank have CDs and DVDs of their northern music for sale and both are very popular with both Yukon visitors and residents alike. Hank's composition called After Yukon is quickly becoming a Yukon anthem as is Al's Yukon Book of Memories. So you can see that our get together was not only a recollection of past performances but a look to the future as well.

Best regards

Les McLaughlin leslorn@rogers.com (In Ottawa)



Yukon Ballads – by Al Oster



More Legends of the North – by Al Oster



Cook Street in Whitehorse from the Escarpment near Airport
Photo Copied from Facebook courtesy Susan Gleason (In Whitehorse)

I sold Pete a Skidoo in the early 70's, and occasionally he brought furs to the HBC for sale. Interesting fellow.

Al MacGregor mmac1952@telus.net (In Vernon)

During the exploration of the Faro mine, Risby worked for Kulan and his companies between 1965 and 1977, when Kulan died.

<http://hougengroup.com/yukon-history/yukon-nuggets/al-kulan/>

Black History Month: How a Yukon miner's parents fled the KKK The late Pete Risby was a direct link between Yukon and the racially divided U.S.

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Pete Risby, who died in 2011, believes his parents wouldn't have survived had they stayed in Kansas. (Submitted by Wayne Risby)

In 1920s America, the Ku Klux Klan was enjoying a resurgence in popularity, due in no small part to D.W. Griffith's 1915 movie *The Clansman*, later renamed *Birth of a Nation*.

It depicted black men as brutish and violent, and found ready acceptance from the public, even being screened in the White House by an enthusiastic president Woodrow Wilson.

The KKK disapproved strenuously of even the thought of a mixed-race marriage. And that had severe repercussions for a young couple that met and fell in love.

That couple were the parents of the late Peter Risby — a respected prospector and miner, who in his life served as a direct link between Yukon and the racially-divided U.S.

Pete Risby's dad was black, and his mom was white, and his parents incurred the racist wrath of the KKK by marrying. Years later, Risby recalled how his parents were forced to swim against the tide.



Peter Risby's dad

An undated photo of Peter Risby's father, in Kansas. (Submitted by Wayne Risby)

"And that was the problem," Risby said. "[The KKK] would lynch them or whatever, burn down their houses, the whole family, houses, the whole shantytown or whatever."

Risby said his paternal grandfather had been a slave on a horse ranch in Kansas. When Risby's dad was young, he got a job on the Grand Trunk Railroad out of Wichita, which eventually took him into Canada.

"That's where he met my mother," Risby said. "She was a university student that was travelling from a small prairie town ... in Saskatchewan, to the University of Saskatoon. She was taking nursing and my dad was a porter on the train."

Risby said after his parents married, they lived in a shantytown in Abeline, Kan., which is where he was born in 1931.

But Risby said "word got out" that the mixed-race couple had a child.

"Whenever authorities come looking for this child — which was me — I was kept in a chicken coop all the time. That's where I lived 'til I was about three years old," Risby once said.

The "authorities" Risby referred to were the KKK.

Fleeing to Canada

Risby said luckily for his family, his father met a friendly priest while working as a porter on the railroad. The priest travelled a lot between Winnipeg and Edmonton, and got to know Risby's father.

When the priest found out that Risby had grown up on a ranch, he arranged for him to come work for the mission school in Desmarais, Alta.

"He then eventually provided my father with not only money to travel and to get there, but also 25 acres of free land. And then the whole family, all of the relatives, we all packed up and moved to the new place."

Risby remained "eternally grateful" to the Catholic church for the rest of his life, saying his family never would have survived otherwise.

Risby's maternal grandfather, meanwhile, disowned his daughter, his wife and his other six children when he learned of the marriage.

"He disowned the whole works, so my dad basically provided for all of my mother's immediate family, until the Second World War and those girls were all old enough that they got wartime jobs."

'We weren't that much different, as far as skin colour'



Peter Risby

An undated photo of a young Pete Risby. (Submitted by Wayne Risby)

Risby said after his family escaped from Kansas, he had a wonderful childhood in northern Alberta.

"When I was a child, being black meant not a lot to me because all of my friends — other than my immediate family — were all Cree. So we weren't that much different, as far as skin colour," he recalled.

Risby learned to speak Cree and was proud of his lifelong fluency.

"I was raised up speaking Cree and doing the same things the indigenous peoples did, hunting, gathering, fishing. That's how I was raised."

He later went on to fight in the Korean War, and a few years after that, in 1957, made his way to Yukon, where he lived the rest of his life.

His first job in the North was at the Cassiar mine, just south of the Yukon border. Soon after, he got into mineral exploration and prospecting, and spent decades in the field, working not just in Yukon, but Bolivia, Chile, Mexico, and the U.S.

In 1996, he was inducted into the Yukon Prospectors Hall of Fame.



Peter Risby

Risby was inducted into the Yukon Prospectors Hall of Fame in 1996. (Submitted by Wayne Risby)

Sunken treasure: Photos from mystery camera found in Yukon Lake inspires hunt for owner

Gavin Gardiner plucked the camera from the water, powered it up, and scanned the photos for clues

By Alexandra Byers, [CBC News](#) Posted: Nov 06, 2017 8:00 AM CT

A weekend at the cabin led to a surprise international mystery for one man in Carcross, Yukon, after he discovered a working digital camera in a lake and turned to social media to find its owner.

Gavin Gardiner and his partner had just arrived at their Nares Lake cabin on Oct. 28 when they spotted a camera sitting clear and uncovered in the waters off the beach.

"I actually ended up having to strip down and wade in about 20 feet offshore, and it was there under about five feet of water," said Gardiner.



Gavin Gardiner found a camera in Yukon's Nares Lake, not far from where this photo — the last one on the camera — was taken, two months earlier. (Terry Johnson)

"Luckily it was a sunny nice day, but it was still late October in the Yukon — so pretty chilly."



Gavin Gardiner found the mystery camera and thought, 'let's get a bunch of detectives on it.' (Submitted by Gavin Gardiner)

The couple left the camera to dry out, and while trying to remove the memory card later that evening, it powered on.

"There was a picture of a couple of canoers that was taken pretty much where the camera had been found," he said. "The date stamp was Aug. 12, so it had obviously been there for a couple months."

Since it wasn't fully dried out, Gardiner shut down the camera. They gave it two more days to dry, then tried again.

"It booted up like a charm," he said. "There was a bit of dust and dirt and sand in the case, but other than that it seems just like new."

There were about 50 photos on the camera. They show a large group of travellers exploring the region — Teslin, Whitehorse and Skagway, Alaska make appearances.

"There's a few pictures of the parking lot at Canadian Tire here in Whitehorse," Gardiner said. "They obviously hiked the Chilkoot Trail. Then it goes down to Bennett, so there's a few photos of them canoeing on Bennett. But most of the photos are actually of ducks or small wildlife that they saw."



One picture on the camera showed a bunch of canoes and gear being loaded onto a White Pass train — a useful clue, as it turned out. (Terry Johnson)

Gardiner says that right from the beginning, they knew it would make a "great post" on the Whitehorse Buy and Sell Facebook group. They had seen others post similar quandaries in the past, and thought it would be a good way to track down the camera's owners.

"Let's get a bunch of detectives on it," he said.

Solving the mystery

Response to the post was almost immediate.

Some people suggested contacting outfitters, Parks Canada, or the White Pass Railroad (one photo shows some of the travellers loading up canoes and gear onto a White Pass train).

Gardiner sent off some emails, and included the photos.

When Gardiner's email appeared in her inbox at the White Pass ticket office, Allyson Nannini quickly got on the case and scanned through her August reservations.



'It felt like a little mystery,' said Allyson Nannini, who works for the White Pass railway. (Submitted by Allyson Nannini)

"It felt like a little mystery," she said.

One reservation, from Aug. 10, jumped out at her: it included 17 canoes, kayaks and gear.

"It was exciting — I immediately recognized it because we don't have a lot of reservations for that much gear," said Nannini.

She knew it was her best bet.

It took a couple of days to get in touch with the man who had made the reservation. The camera wasn't his, he told her, but he knew how to track the owner down.

"[He] said there were a lot of shouts of excitement," recalled Nannini. "It must just make their day."

Finding the shutterbug

Meanwhile, in Anchorage, Terry Johnson was just starting to navigate his way around Facebook.

"I'm kind of a troglodyte when it comes to technology," said the University of Alaska professor.

Last week, he finally created an account for himself — not knowing how useful it would be in just a few days.

Friends started getting in touch. Word was getting through the grapevine, from Facebook to White Pass and finally to him: someone was looking for the owner of a lost camera.

Johnson had lost a camera.



Terry Johnson's 'waterproof' camera. (Gavin Gardiner)

He had bought it just before a big trip last summer to hike the Chilkoot Trail, and paddle in the Yukon. He'd used it a lot, on the trail and on the water, but at some point it fell out of the pocket in his paddling suit.

"So that was that, it was gone," he said. "Nothing to do, didn't have any pictures from the trip."

He was sorry to have lost the photos. He had hiked the Chilkoot Trail 40 years earlier, and this time was very different.

"It seems like the mountains have gotten steeper since then, and the trail has gotten more rugged," he said. "It was a fairly demanding trip for someone in my demographic — my family would have liked to see [the photos]."

'Really heroic'

Eventually, Gardiner managed to get in touch, and told Johnson the story of how he had found and retrieved the camera.



Terry Johnson on the Chilkoot Trail. He was upset thinking that his family would never get to see pictures of his hike. 'It was a fairly demanding trip for someone in my demographic.' (Terry Johnson)

"I thought that was really heroic of him," said Johnson.

Johnson was amazed to hear the camera was still working.

"It was underwater for two and a half months. I think that says something about the gaskets."

Most of all, though, he's blown away by the effort to reunite him with his photos.

"The most amazing thing was that he would have taken the trouble to try to find the owner. And this huge community of people passing messages back and forth eventually got through to me," Johnson said.

"That was the best part."

Johnson says Gardiner has offered to mail the camera, and Johnson said he'd cover the costs. He's also offered to host Gardiner, if he visits Anchorage.

"He could have just said, 'Oh look, I found a camera' and taken it home, and that would have been the end of it," said Johnson.

"But you, you live in a nice country, of nice people."

Fred and Shirley Read



Fred and Shirley Read

Shirley Read's 80th Birthday Party at Gillian and Edward's Secret Garden
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Shirley Read's 80th Birthday Cake at Gillian and Edward's
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Gillian's son Richard Campbell and Shirley Read's daughter Jackie
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Edward Thompson, Gillian Campbell, Fred Read, enjoying Shirley Read's birthday Yacht Cruise.

Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)

The First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun is restoring the Old Legion Hall in Mayo to provide additional heritage interpretation and exhibit space on the Mayo waterfront. We are looking to collect stories and photos of the building from its early years in the 1940s and 50s when it was the YTG Liquor warehouse through later years when it housed the 15-2 variety store, then the public library, Legion Hall, Yukon College classroom and arcade. If you have any ideas to share about its past, present or future uses please contact Linda Johnson at 867-332-3929 or email lrjresearch@icloud.com Numerous current and former Mayo residents have contributed their stories and pictures so far - but there's always room for more!

Aviation Reunion in Whitehorse

Just about everyone from the Yukon knows someone who is or was involved in aviation. Airplanes are still the lifeblood of the North where highways are few and far between.

In the Fall of 2016, Donna Clayson, an aviation enthusiast from Whitehorse, decided to organize a reunion of anyone who was involved in aviation in the Yukon, past or present. She had help from too many people to be listed here but Buffalo Airways, Air North, Yukon Brewery, Alkan Air, the organizing team, and everyone who donated prizes, were instrumental in ensuring a successful reunion.

What a party! Over 120 people including pilots, mechanics, ticket takers, baggage handlers and others associated with Yukon Aviation gathered in Whitehorse, July 21 and 22, 2017.

During the Meet and Greet, Doug Phillips, the Commissioner of the Yukon and a pilot, opened the reunion with a story of a harrowing experience he had when flying a small plane in Whitehorse. After his speech the hangar doors were wide open with everyone meeting old friends and swapping aviation stories. We could have used noise cancelling headsets.

Rick Nielsen, the Chief Operating Officer of Air North, took many of us flying into a remote lake in his beautiful Turbo-Beaver, Joe Sparling, the President of Air North, took us on a tour of the airline's facilities and Brian Langevin, who flew an Air Tractor 802 for Conair Aviation on contract to the Yukon Wildland Fire Management program, gave us a tour of the Air Tanker operation. We also had a windup dinner at the Westmark Hotel with everyone sharing 'tall tales' and renewing acquaintances.

We had a fantastic reunion. Will we have another one? Hmmm.

Danny Bereza (Vancouver Island)

Sherron: Here's a brief description of each photo.

Should you wish to have further information re this reunion please contact Danny Bereza at dannybereza@gmail.com

Cheers Bob

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Reunion participants sharing flying experiences in front of a Beaver aircraft at Schwatka Lake in Whitehorse
Photo forwarded to Bob Campbell by Dan Bereza taken by someone else. ??



Rick Neilson, owner of the Turbo Beaver at Whitehorse airport
Photo courtesy Bob Campbell carolynandbob@shaw.ca (In Kelowna)



Rick Neilson taking photos of reunion attendees at a lake SW of Whitehorse. An amazing aircraft along with spectacular scenery
Photo courtesy Bob Campbell carolynandbob@shaw.ca (In Kelowna)



A beautiful Air North Boeing 737 inside their amazing hanger facility at Whitehorse airport
Photo courtesy Bob Campbell carolynandbob@shaw.ca (In Kelowna)

OBIT

PATRICK JOSEPH KING –

Born: February 2, 1939, in Chicago, Illinois

Passed: November 9, 2017 in Penticton, B. C.

Pat is survived by his loving wife, Diane, daughters Christine King and Cathy (Mike) Needham, grandchildren Matthew and Brett Needham and Tyler King.

He was predeceased by his mother Mary (Kelly) King in 1946 and step-brothers, Bob and Wayne Agar.

Pat was brought up in the London-Stratford, Ontario area where he took his schooling. He joined the RCMP in 1960, and after training in Regina, Pat spent the next ten years of service in the Yukon and N.W.T. He retired from the RCMP in 1981, settling in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. He spent the next ten years in financial planning before he and Diane retired to Penticton in 1990. Pat had a passion for the game of golf and loved sitting on the deck watching the activities on Okanagan Lake. Pat became the First National Vice President of FSNA (National Federal Retired Association) being associated with them for over 25 years.

Special thanks to the staff at Trinity Care Center and Dr. H. Ingraham who took such good care of him for the last three months.

No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations to the South Okanagan Medical Foundation/David E. Kampe Patient Tower.

Ron Taylor passed away Oct 4 2017 in Olds, Alberta.

Ron moved into Sunrise Village on March 3 2017.

Ron was born Jan 28 1935 in Wainwright AB.

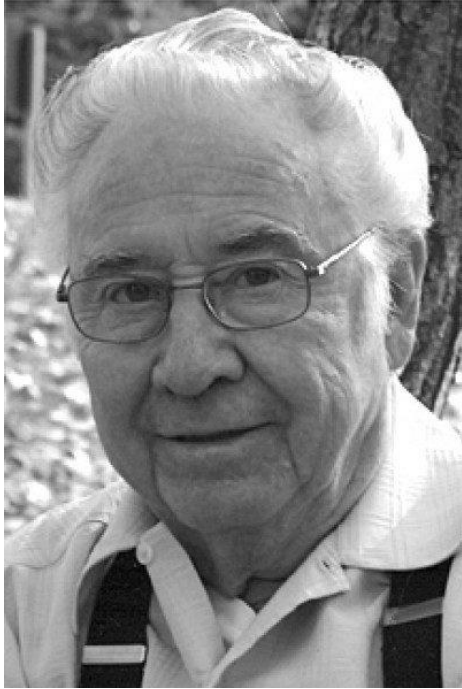
He loved the Yukon and wanted to go back.

Ron was married to Irene for 62 years and they have 3 children 2 boys Keith and Ken and one girl Charlene. They have 7 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

Ron Dabbled in everything from Wood work, farming, oil fields and was mechanically inclined.

He loved to attend Farmers markets and always stopped at fabric shops for Irene to buy material.

His family was important to him and Charlene his daughter made the best carrot cake (his favorite).



Stephen Theodore Carlyle
1927 – 2017

Mr. Stephen Theodore ‘Steve’ Carlyle passed away peacefully at Points West Living, Red Deer, Alberta on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at the age of 90 years. Steve was born on April 16, 1927 in Eckville, Alberta.

The Carlyle family would like to say a special thank you to all his doctors, and to the staff at The Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre, and Points West Living.

Steve will be lovingly remembered by his sons, Randy Carlyle of Benalto, Greg (Mary) Carlyle of Eckville and Guy (Janice) Carlyle of Red Deer, as well as his daughter, Cheryl (Tony) Thorsteinson of Red Deer.

He will also be greatly missed by seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Steve was predeceased by his beloved wife, Isabelle and three of his siblings.

We can no longer see you with our eyes; touch you with our hands, But we will feel you in our hearts, Forever.

A Memorial Service will be held at Parkland Funeral Home and Crematorium, 6287 – 67A Street, Red Deer, Alberta on Thursday October 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation entrusted to Parkland Funeral Home and Crematorium.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.parklandfuneralhome.com.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

It costs you nothing to make another happy - and you gain your true self through the act of spreading joy.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

From The Star Cook Book, The Women of Yukon Chapter No 1 order of Eastern Star, Dawson, Yukon Territory, for the Benefit of the War Work 1942.

Bacon and Cheese Omlette

½ c diced bacon
3 eggs
½ cup bran flakes
½ tsp salt
4 tbsps cheese
½ c milk

Measure ½ cup bran flakes in cup and pour milk over until cup is full. Allow to stand while you beat egg yolks. Add bacon, seasonings and bran mixture. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into hot greased pan, cover over moderate fire until bottom is browned (7 or 8 minutes). Uncover, sprinkle with cheese and place in oven for 1 or 2 minutes.

Pretoria Butterworth

COMING EVENTS



Vancouver Yukoners' Association

90th Annual Reunion Weekend

Fri Apr 6 to Sun Apr 8/2018 ♥ River Rock Casino Resort

Celebrating

"90 Years: A Retrospective through The Decades"

♥♥♥ We are looking for pictures & memorabilia for the display (items returned at the end) ♥♥♥

contact Doug 778-679-2894 hospitality@telus.net ♥ Vivian 250 383-1349
lornellis@shaw.ca

EVENT TICKETS...contact Vivian Stuart, email lornellis@shaw.ca
tel 250-383-1349 ♥ address #217-3255 Cook St, Victoria BC, V8X 1A4

\$68.00 each for VYA Members ♥ \$75.00 each for Non-Members

(membership may be purchased for discounted rate)



Payments....cheque (payable to Vancouver Yukoners' Association to Vivian's address),
etransfer to Vivian's email address or by credit card (contact Vivian with card info)

Note...tickets are not confirmed until payment received ♥ pick up tickets in Hospitality
Room

Cancellation Policy – before March 20th full refund, after March 20th no refund

Whitehorse & Area Residents...contact Penny Sippel 867-667-4094 for purchase

AIRLINE PARTNER...contact Air North, Yukon's Airline 1-800-661-0407 extension 1
book online at flyairnorth.com please ask for the Vancouver Yukoners' Association
Discount

HOTEL PARTNER...River Rock Casino Resort ♥ 8811 River Rd, Richmond BC
tel 604-247-8900 ♥ toll free 1-866-748-3718 ♥ free parking in casino parkade

When booking hotel rooms, please ask for the Vancouver Yukoner's Association Rate
1 King Bed or 2 Queen Bed Standard Room \$152.00 ♥ 1 Bedroom Suite \$182.00
2 Bedroom Resort Suite \$232.00 ♥ Purchase Breakfast Coupons at Check-In (Avoid
Lineups)

Hotel special rates for 3 extra days for before or after the event, based on availability
Book early! Room availability & rates subject to change on March 7, 2018

Looking for a complimentary room?? Register before Feb 28, 2018 and your name
goes into the VYA draw for a FREE 1-bedroom suite for 2 nights at the River Rock
Casino Resort!!!

WEEKEND FESTIVITIES...

Hospitality Room ~ join us on Friday 3:00-9:00pm & Saturday 12:00 noon
pick up event packages ♥ no host bar service ♥ complimentary coffee & tea

Saturday Evening Gala ~ pre-dinner reception in the Whistler Ballroom Foyer 5:00–
6:00pm (no host bar service) ♥ dinner in the Grand Ballroom at 6:15pm (advise of any
food allergies)

♥ followed by evening program & live entertainment (bring your dancing shoes)
Hank Karr and the Canucks will play for enjoyment

Sunday Morning Breakfast ~ no host breakfast buffet ♥ last opportunity for more
socializing

For Sat dinner seating reservations, check our website www.vancouver-yukoners.com
or contact Mike Rawlinson 604 565-7581, email mrcrawlinson@gmail.com

Looking to see who's coming?? Check our website for updates & a list of those
attending

Donations gladly accepted...for silent auction contact Doug Stuart hospitality@telus.net
♥ for door prizes contact Cary Gertzen carycomm@telus.net

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