

LLOYD RYDER



STORY: Lloyd George Ryder was a lifelong Yukoner, born in Whitehorse, Yukon in June 1922. His father and grandfather arrived in the Yukon in 1899. In his early years of living in Whitehorse, Lloyd helped his father with a water and ice delivery business. These services later expanded to firewood and fuel delivery. After graduating high school, Lloyd trained as an aviation mechanic in Vancouver and served briefly overseas at the end of WWII.

Lloyd greatly enjoyed flying planes, and after obtaining his private pilot licence in 1955 he went on to become a bush pilot and commercial pilot. His flying career spanned almost 50 years. Of equal importance to Lloyd was community volunteer service, and he spent over 60 years as a volunteer, primarily with the Whitehorse Lions Club. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman.

Lloyd was married to Marny Ryder (Prentice) in 1969, and the couple had two children in the 1970s. In 2009, Lloyd passed away at the age of 87. His family still lives in Whitehorse.