

# LLOYD RYDER



**STORY:** Lloyd Ryder (1922-2009) was a lifelong Yukoner who followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather who arrived in the Yukon in 1899. In his early years Lloyd helped his father with the town's water delivery business, which later expanded to include firewood and fuel delivery.

Lloyd obtained his private pilot license in 1955 and began flying part-time commercially for Yukon Airways in 1962, later to become Great Northern Airways.

Lloyd loved flying in the St. Elias Mountains and received a great deal of publicity for landing his planes on the glaciers for mountain climbers, including members of the Robert Kennedy expedition in 1965.

For his advancement of aviation in the Yukon for his 50-year flying career, Lloyd was named Yukon Transportation person of the year in 1997 and received an Order of Polaris in 2007.