George Milton Gibault

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved friend and mentor, taken from us too soon by failing health and a heart attack. A man of many talents, with an extraordinary breadth and depth of interests, he was kind, gentle and curious about things most kids and many adults weren't even aware of. This curiosity continued throughout his life, leading him to explore theatre, languages, cooking, genealogy, screenwriting, chess, history, poetry, music genres, playing classical Spanish guitar, and the banjo in the old timey music tradition, the law and politics. His career was as diverse as his personal life, having practised law, worked in politics for the BC Social Credit Party and the Federal Conservative Party, and conducted memorable Canadian Citizenship ceremonies as a Citizenship Court Judge – explaining so well the essence of what it was to be Canadian. George was a respected Public Member of the Board of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses, and most recently was a Member and the Vice-Chair of the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He co-hosted "The Magic Carpet" with Howie Siegel, a radio show in Victoria. Aside from his accomplishments, George was unique in his kind heartedness. The saying, "he didn't have a mean bone in his body" could have been written of him. Because of this, and because of his voluminous knowledge of many topics, George had a lot of friends from very different backgrounds. He was a true renaissance man, an eccentric character in the best of ways, and a loyal and true friend. He will be so very greatly missed by those of us who knew and loved him. "He was the microcosm of man, of a human being. He had everything."

Predeceased by parents, Joseph Paul Alphonse Gibault and Muriel Thoms, and brother Joseph Gibault. He leaves behind niece, Nicole Lake, and all his beloved friends.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for George with a reception to follow, will be held at 3:00 pm on Friday, August 26, 2016 at McCall's new location, McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive in Victoria.

In lieu of flowers, donations in George's memory would be appreciated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C., #106 – 1001 Cloverdale Avenue, Victoria, BC, V8X 4C9.

Condolences may be offered to the friends and family below.

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