



### **GIBSON, James Stenhouse (1955)**

Sadly, our dear James has passed away. Born in Victoria, James, Jim or as affectionately called Jimmie by his family, leaves his beloved sisters Leola and Patricia; nephew David, nieces Brenda, Laura, Lorraine and great-nieces Kaitlyn and Jessica. Predeceased by his parents James Stenhouse Gibson Senior and Margaret Alice Gibson (nee Brien). Jim was a career employee of the Department of Transport Canada in administration and personnel. For his last twenty-five working years, Jim was the Human Resources Personnel Manager with the Canadian Coast Guard. Jim was dedicated to his career, retiring after forty-four years of service.

A lifelong aficionado of the cinema, Jim got the opportunity to appear in a number of locally filmed movies as a bit player and extra. He had the chance to meet and chat with visiting actors. He also had roles in some television shows and commercials. Jim made several trips to Lone Pine, California to attend the Lone Pine Film Festival. He shared anecdotes about western movies with directors, producers and old-timer actors. A movie trivia devotee, Jim and three teammates were contestants on the Red Robinson television Trivia Quiz Show in Vancouver. Their team "The Active Passers" came second in the championship, final contest in Winnipeg.

Jimmie was a talented artist who liked to sketch and draw, particularly portraits. An avid reader and articulate speaker, he loved words. After retirement, he worked on his interest in writing. He wrote two published articles on the old movies and two radio, suspense plays for an American station.

Another passion was his concern for the welfare of all animals, rescuing several, including "Oscar" the seagull. Five pet dogs were great pals!

As a youngster, Jim's love for the sport of baseball started when he saw the "Rainiers" play in Seattle. Becoming an ardent and skilled ballplayer himself, Jim played fast pitch and slow pitch baseball spanning 57 seasons. Number 11 played for different teams over the years, often more than one during a season. The "Golden City Dragons" team was a favourite. In later years, Jim travelled to play in Seniors Games Tournaments. He treasured the trips to St. George, Utah for the Huntsman World Senior Games. His teams "The Raiders" and "The Ramblers" were proud to win bronze, silver and gold medals during the many years they represented Canada.

Jimmie, a kind, generous gentleman; one of dignity, integrity, compassion and loyalty, didn't criticize. He used his life experiences to help others. Jimmie enjoyed his variety of interests in a humble, unpretentious manner. He shared great times with schooldays friends. Always there for his family, Jimmie's wise, sincere advice and loving, cheerful smile will be missed. His sense of adventure, knack for retelling humorous events and quick wit have left us with many fond memories. My brother inspired, encouraged and guided me. The loss of my confidant came too soon. I (Leola) admired his scrupulous and resolute nature. I am thankful I could be there to care for him and be at his side for all of his final days. The best son a mother and father could have. The best brother two sisters could ever have!

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