Ian Gilchrist remembers MSA in his will.



The late Ian Gilchrist left a $10,000 will bequest to the MSA. Ian was a long time MSA member and served on the Fredericton Dinner Committee. Ian passed away in Fredericton in September 2024. His wife Wilma (Sproull) Gilchrist presented the cheque to MSA in July 2025.

Ian's passions were sailing, fishing, and flying. He owned a Cessna 172 while he lived in Montreal and loved visiting airports and taking flights. He spent many fishing excursions with his cousins and friends, fly-fishing on the Miramichi and its tributaries. He had a special relationship with his cousin John McMullen. They were the same age and were like brothers; they started kindergarten together at Charlotte Street School in Fredericton and remained close throughout their lives.

Ian was born in 1939 in Kapuskasing, Ontario, where his father was an Engineer with the Spruce Falls Paper Company. Ian's parents were John Gilchrist and Mary McMullen. Ian and his mother relocated to her family home in Fredericton during the WWII years while John served with the RCAF.

Ian spent a year at Neuchatel College in Switzerland after high school, and then enrolled at the University of New Brunswick, and achieved his BSc Eng in Mechanical Engineering degree in 1964. His engineering speciality was steam and recovery boilers, and he had jobs with Babcock & Wilcox, Domtar Paper, Gotaverken Energy Systems, as well as contract engineering with NBPEC, Neill & Gunter and H.R. Grant. His engineering career took him to job sites throughout Canada, USA, and Sweden.

Ian was very athletic and was on the UNB Cross-Country Varsity Team while at UNB. He skied, both downhill and cross-country, and enjoyed walking and hiking. Ian loved to surround himself with

family, and to watch his grandchildren grow. He was always interested in their activities and lives. They meant the world to him.

Ian's most loved place was the cottage at Sand Point, Kingston Peninsula, which was passed down from his grandfather and mother. He often talked about how his grandfather built the cottage in 1910, and it has been a well-loved family treasure, where everyone comes to connect with family and enjoy the St. John River. The "round-the-mountain" walk was his daily exercise, and he enjoyed spending time relaxing on the beach with the "Sand Pointers."



Ian Gilchrist fishing at Slate Island

Conservation takes more than a lifetime.

At the Miramichi Salmon Association, we are doing important work that will benefit generations to come. When you include the MSA in your financial and/or estate planning as Ian did, you will be helping to ensure that those who come after you will inherit a healthy and vibrant Miramichi River, capable of sustaining the same great diversity of life and experiences that you have come to know and cherish.

There are several ways to do this including Will Bequest, Gifts of Stock or Securities, Gifts of Life Insurance, RRSPs or RRIFs, and Charitable Annuities. If you are interested in making a legacy gift to the MSA or would like to learn more, please contact butch@miramichisalmon.ca.