

William George McGimsie

1880 -1968

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William George McGimsie, son of Sanmuel Charles McGimsie and Susan Charlotte George was born June 7 1880 was born in Woodsville, Ontario. He was known as Billie. He moved with his family to Rat Portage when only one. As a youngster he was a member of various church groups and school teams that played hockey. His father build the Princess Rink in 1896 and installed it with electric lights to be used by the senior league. Billie and his younger brother along with other local boys made the rink their club house. In 1896 he was a member of the Junior Thistles that took on and defeated the Senior Thistle team. In the 1903 games first challenge for the Stanley Club McGimsie scored three goals. In the 1907 Stanley Cup game he contributed to the win.

He married Clarice Ingram Kilburn June 2 1915 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They had at least one child

i. Rose Marie Suzanne McGimsie 24 Aug 1928 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

He was elected to National Hockey League hall of fame in 1960. He died at age 88 in Calgary, Alberta, October 28 1968. (Source Kenora Thistles: Our Hockey Heritage, Bowes Publishing Limited)