George Ducharme.

George was born in the Métis community of St. Laurent, Manitoba, the son of Joseph Ducharme and Alice Lavallee. He is married to Camelia Allard. George and Camelia have two sons: the well-known singer, recording artist and sound engineer, Norbert Ducharme and oldest son, Albert Ducharme who is a mechanical engineer and is manager of the engineering department of Boeing Aerospace in Winnipeg.

In the mid-1990s George served as "Aide de Camp" for W. Yvon Dumont Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba.

George retired from the Canadian National Railway in 1999. Since 2000, he worked as Cultural Coordinator for the Manitoba Métis Federation; he retired from this position in 2012. He coordinated cultural events and music galas for Annual General Assemblies, Louis Riel Day and National Aboriginal Day. He has also done extensive cultural program development work for the Gabriel Dumont Institute and the Louis Riel Institute

George was the volunteer coordinator for Métis Culture for the 2002 North American Indigenous Games. He has been inducted as a "Member of the Voyageur" under the Voyageur name "Augustine Chartrand."

George is the Elder for the St. Laurent Aboriginal Head Start.



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