

Art Jung



Arthur Ernest Jung was raised in a Canada where Chinese were not considered citizens, were restricted in where they could live and what they could do, and were denied the vote. Even so, he enlisted in the RCAF in 1942. He trained as a bomber pilot and was rated above average. Posted to England, he piloted a Lancaster and survived 30 sorties over enemy territory. He was honourably discharged in 1945.

After the war, Art returned to Vancouver and married Vivian, who was 'Canada's Rosa Park' when she challenged the existing colour barrier, protesting to be allowed to swim at Crystal Pool with her fellow teachers. A lane in Vancouver was named 'Vivian Jung' after her. In 1947, Art was employed as a commercial pilot by **Pacific Western Airways**.

Born: 1921?
Victoria B.C.?

Family: Wife Vivian
One daughter, Cynthia

Died: 2 Jan 1973
Crash PWA flight 3801,
Leduc Alberta

R.C.A.F.

P.W.A.

Roy Reaville remembered Art as one of three pilots who would fly PWA's C-47 into Port Hardy for shift changes at the remote camps. They would fly in a new crew at 1:00 pm and wait while a floatplane flew the new crew into the camp and the old crew out ready for a 5:00 pm return flight. Art would spend the 4 hours waiting time amending his approach plates and company manuals.

On January 1st 1973, Captain Arthur Jung and First Officer Lowell Doerksen boarded P.W.A. flight 3801 in Toronto, along with the Chief Engineer, the Loadmaster and the Project manager. They were bound for Seoul, Korea, and had a heavy cargo of 86 Holstein cows. The aircraft took off at 12:47 a.m. on January 2nd heading for Edmonton for a fuelling stop. A major blizzard blew into Edmonton and the First Officer, who had little experience flying the 707, was to make the approach in the blowing snow. When he ran into difficulties, Art took control, but it was too late. Art was **P.W.A.**'s most senior pilot and

had 6 years' experience flying 707's. He was 51 and already making long term plans for his retirement. A memorial has been erected to the crew, cargo and aircraft of flight 3801 in Leduc, Alberta.



Art was one of three exceptional brothers. His older brother Ross was a doctor who served in the Canadian Army Medical Corps in WWII. After the war he joined the US Army Medical Corps in Shanghai, and later joined the CIA as a physician on classified duties, including doctor to President John Kennedy's family. He received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2020. Art's younger brother Douglas volunteered for special Intelligence duties and trained as a paratrooper. After the war, he qualified as a lawyer and was the first Chinese Canadian MP, serving Vancouver Centre during the Diefenbaker years

Picture Left **Doug, Art and Ross Jung with their parents**

