



## Wally Wiggins

In 1956, Wally Wiggins was a pilot with **BC Airlines**. In 1961 when he was 35, he was flying for Forest Industries Flying Tankers. On 23 May Wally was co-pilot in Martin Mars JRM-3, CF-LYJ, taking part in a fire fighting mission in the region of Parksville, central Vancouver Island, when the aircraft struck the slope of Mt. Moriarty. The plane was destroyed and all 4 crew members were killed. The probable cause of the accident was the failure of the water drop mechanism which left the aircraft too heavy to climb quickly enough to avoid the mountain, though no definite cause has officially been documented. Wally left a wife and four children under the age of 12.

**Born:** 5 June, 1925  
Ochre River Manitoba

**Died:** 23 May, 1961  
Parksville B.C.

**Family:** Wife: Marion

2 sons Kevin and Jeff

2 daughters Sandra  
and Cheryl

**BC Airlines**

### Walter J. Wiggins

British Columbia



Other Information

Nickname	Wally
Rank	Pilot
Department	Forest Industries Flying Tankers Ltd.
Category	Wildland Firefighter
Date of Death	June 23, 1961
National Memorial	23
Location	

Flying a Martin Mars water bomber.

