

Jone Chang was born in Vancouver in 1925 the son of Chinatown pioneers. In fact, he was the grandson of Yip Sang, the patriarch of the famous Yip family as Jone's mother was a daughter of Yip Sang. Jone attended King George High School on Burrard Street graduating in 1943. One of his highlights at King George occurred in 1942 at age 16 when he attended R.A.F. Flying Training School. As a member of the Air Cadets he hoped to become a pilot with the R.C.A.F.

Following high school Jone moved to Toronto where he attended the University of Toronto graduating in Medicine in 1949, specializing in Anaesthetics. He returned to Vancouver to complete his rotating internship at Vancouver General Hospital. He then entered the Anaesthesia training program at UBC, successfully completing his training. It was while in Toronto Jone met his wife.

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Dr. Chang was known for his problem solving and clinical skills and respected for his ability to manage challenging patients. He improved the use of regional anaesthetic techniques and in 1980 became director of Vancouver General Hospital's newly established Pain Clinic, retiring in 1991. According to his family he was also a wonderful cook and wonderful baker.

Throughout his career Jone served as Associate Professor in the Department of Anaesthesia at UBC where subsequently two memorial awards/prizes were established by his children; the Dr. Jone Chang Award in Anaesthesiology Excellence and the Dr. Jone Chang Prize in Chronic Pain.

Dr. Chang passed away in 2007.



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