

Daisy Pon

Provided by the Chauvin and District Museum

Two remarkable individuals graced the halls of Chauvin School in the past – Jenny and Daisy Pon.

The Pon family first came to Chauvin in 1930 and operated the Chauvin Cafe. The family had a wide circle of friends and proved themselves valuable members of the community. Their four children attended Chauvin School and all were fine examples to the other students.

In an era when women's educational opportunities were limited, Jenny and Daisy defied the odds. Jenny's dedication led her to earn a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Education from the University of Toronto. Her impact was felt as she taught at Eastern High School of Commerce in Toronto.

Daisy's story is one of pioneering achievement. Graduating in 1948 from the University of Toronto as Canada's first female Aeronautical Engineer, she etched her name in history. Her progressive spirit didn't stop there – Daisy then embarked on a groundbreaking career at A.V. Roe Ltd., contributing to iconic projects like the supersonic aircraft, Avro Arrow.



*Two Young Achievers Who
Stood Out at the Chauvin School*

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Through their notable achievements, Jenny and Daisy Pon serve as inspiration. Their legacy reminds young women of today and tomorrow that barriers are meant to be broken, and dreams are meant to be pursued.

The museum was delighted to have Jenny's son, Gordon and his wife Linda visit in 2021.



Pet Aversion: School.
 Activities: Telling corny stories.
 Ambition: To master a full gasoline barrel.
 Favorite Saying: "Hello — what say?"

Our Grade XII Graduate

● DAISY PON

Studious, lots of fun,
 Daisy's a pal to everyone.
 And now she has not long to wait,
 Before she'll be a graduate.

Favorite Saying: "What makes you so pretty?"
 Pastimes: Playing basketball and reading.
 Ambition: To enter University in the near future.
 Pet Aversion: Being disturbed in class.

The other day I
 Ligurdson's Drug Store
 "Have you anyt
 "Here's a lovely

the farm and took work in Wainwright and later in Lloydminster. At present she lives in Calgary.

Ernestine took all her high school in Chauvin; then took a business course at Reeves Business College in Lloydminster. She worked for a year as secretary for Ms. Jones, a lawyer in Mannville, Alberta. In 1971 she and Melvin Tetz of Lloydminster were married. They lived in Lloydminster for four years and there their two children were born, Keith in 1972 and Kathie in 1975. They moved to Wainwright in 1975 and still live there. Melvin was operator of the Esso Bulk Station there for six years.

THE PONS

by Jenny Lee (nee Pon)

Mr. and Mrs. Pon lived in Chauvin from August, 1930 to September, 1944. Mom and Dad were both from Kwantung Province in China.

My brother, Jim, was born there and came over with Mom in 1922. Jim is married to Vera (Wong) and they have three children, Louise, Karen and Douglas. Jim has his degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensaleer Polytechnical Institute in Tray, New York. He also has a Master's Degree in Business from Rensaleer.

Louise is a graduate of the University of Toronto in Architecture and is married to Larry Dodd, also, an architect from U. of T. They have a son, Jason, who is ten years old.

Karen has her M.A. from U. of T.

Douglas is at U. of T. at present in his final year of his Bachelor's degree.

Jim works at Atomic Energy of Canada.

I was born in Killam, Alberta in 1923. My husband, Roy Lee, and I have three sons, Gordon, David and Peter. I have my B.A. and M.Ed. from University of Toronto. Roy is a Meteorologist and has his B.A. and M.A. from U. of T. Roy works for the Atmospheric Environment Services as Director of Administration, and I teach mathematics at Eastern High School of Commerce in Toronto. Our Gordon has his B.A. from U. of T. and his Master of Business Administration and works in Ottawa.

David is a lawyer; B.A. from U. of T. and L.L.B. from Queens University in Kingston. He practises law in Toronto. He is married to Janet, a graduate (B.A.) of U. of T.

Peter, our youngest, just received his B.A. from U. of T.

Daisy graduated from U. of T. as an Aeronautical Engineer, the first woman to graduate in that course in Canada. Daisy married Bob Wong, another Aeronautical Engineer, and they reside with their two sons in Burbank, California.

George received his Bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics at U. of T.; his Master's degree at Massachusetts' Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) and his Ph.D. in Engineering at U. of T. He is currently a Vice-President of Atomic Energy of Canada. He and wife, Wynne, have a son, Craig, a graduate of U. of T. in Engineering and Kerri who is at University of Waterloo. I believe George has an Order of Canada.



Jennie (Pon) Lee family - Left to Right: Jennie, Ray, David, Gordon and Peter.



Jim Pon's 21st birthday.

Dad passed away in 1944 (April) and Mom in 1976 (March). We had Dad moved from Chauvin Cemetery and they are now side by side here in Toronto.

THE H.J. POIRIER (JOE) FAMILY

My dad, H.J. Poirier or (Joe) as he was well known to many people, came to Chauvin in 1917 from River Que Barre, a small town northwest of Edmonton. He had a family of two boys and four girls, Rosalie, Andre, Lena, Felix, Agnes and myself, Yvonne, being only five years old at the time. I do not recall too much of the first years in Chauvin, whether Roaslie who was married to Leonard Comeau, and Andre married to Alvina Lambert, came to Chauvin at the same time as we did. When