



George Jung, Massachusetts native who inspired movie 'Blow,' dead at 78

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WEYMOUTH, Mass. — A Massachusetts man who was a major player in the U.S. cocaine trade in the 1970s and 1980s, and the subject of the biographical crime film "Blow," is dead at the age of 78.

George Jung died Wednesday morning in his hometown of Weymouth, according to a post shared on [his Instagram page](#).

A post on Jung's Twitter account also confirmed his death by sharing his lifespan (1942-2001) and a quote from the movie "Blow," in which he was portrayed by Johnny Depp in

2001.

"May the wind always be at your back and the sun upon your face, and the winds of destiny carry you aloft to dance with the stars," [the tweet reads](#).

Neither of the social media posts revealed the cause of Jung's death.

Jung, known as "Boston George" and "El Americano," was a major player in the U.S. cocaine trade in 1970s and early '80s as part of Pablo Escobar's Medellín Cartel.

He was arrested in 1994 and was imprisoned for 20 years.

[TMZ is reporting](#) that Jung had recently been experiencing kidney and liver failure, and that he died in hospice care.

Jung is survived by his daughter, Kristina Sunshine Jung, whose 19-year-old daughter, Athena Karan, died in a rollover crash in California in January.