William Reed Chunn 1920-2008

Obituary of William Reed Chunn, 2008-01.

William Reed Chunn, 87, a long-time resident of Grants Pass, OR, died Wednesday, January 2, 2008. He will be remembered by his many friends and relatives for his quick wit, his love of music and dancing, and his inquiring mind.

The oldest child and only son of William Beam Chunn and Ethel Lydia Reed, former Grants Pass residents, Mr. Chunn was born February 8, 1920, in Hettinger, ND. He grew up in Hettinger, as well as in Lodgepole, SD, and Ridgefield, WA. He graduated from Hettinger High School and attended Dickinson State College in Dickinson, ND.

When World War II broke out, he was recruited by Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, CA, to work as the person responsible for making the final repairs on P-38 and P-80 jet fighters before they were approved for flight. While there, he met and married another Lockheed employee, Azalia Z. Haraldson whom he married on September 17, 1943 in Wee Kirk O' the Heather – Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California.

After the war, Mr. Chunn was. ???