



William Bill Chenoweth

November 18, 1918 - April 3, 2014

William (Bill) Chenoweth passed away on April 3, 2014 at the age of 95. He was born in Los Angeles to Russell L. and Marie (Specht) Chenoweth on November 18, 1918. After the death of his mother, he was raised by his father and stepmother, Jen Lemon Chenoweth. He lived in the Los Angeles area until completing his education in Architecture. He joined an Architectural firm in Beverly Hills and helped design many local buildings, including several large residences in Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Lockheed Aircraft drafted Bill where he spent 10 years on a design team working on aircraft for the Navy. Following WWII Bill joined a family business involved with commercial millwork. The business was eventually sold and he moved to Portland where he worked developing a line of modular cabinets for Noblecraft. The plant grew and employed 175 workers and Bill became the Sr. V.P. The company is still in operation and now known as Diamond Cabinets. Subsequently, Bill worked at Simpson as the head of Marketing in their door division from 1967 to November 1981 when he retired. Bills real passions were airplanes, fishing and golf. He was a founding member of the Widgi Creek Hackers and recorded two holes in one and at one time had a handicap of 12. He also loved fishing, hunting, traveling and woodworking. Bill married Ruth Callan in 1941 and they had two children, Emilyn Howell (Lin) of Portland and Russell C. Chenoweth. He later married Bernadine (Berna) Olson Arnold in 1967 and gained two additional children, Jane Williamson of Bend and Chuck Arnold (Karen) of Modesto, CA. He was the happy Grandpa of 7 grandchildren, 8

great grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his son Russell and his wife Bernadine. A Memorial gathering is planned for Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Widgi Creek Golf Club from 1 to 3. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are appreciated to Partners In Care, 2075 NE Wyatt Ct. Bend, Or 97701.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New
105 NW Irving Ave
Bend, OR
US 97701

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“ *The one very important attribute about Bills life which was left out of his obituary was his incredible ability to remember and tell great stories from every part of his life. I always very much looked forward to his visits to my office and left extra time in scheduling to accommodate his stories and wisdom. Miss you Bill*

Mike Olin - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM