

Charles W. Dodson Sr., (18 Jan 1923 – 24 Jul 2015), Perry County Times,, August 8, 2015

Charles W. Dodson Sr., 92, of Blain died Friday, July 24, 2015, in Reading Hospital.

He was born Jan. 18, 1923, in Northumberland to the **William W.** and **Mary M. (Meiser) Dodson.**

He was a graduate of Harrisburg Academy (1939), Duke Engineering (B.S.M.E., 1943), and Lehigh University (M.S.M.E. 194848); was a registered Professional Engineer; a member of American Society of Mechanical Engineers; served in the Air Force, 1943 to 1949, and remained in the Air Force Reserves until 1983, during which time he served in the World War II Pacific Theater and the Korean Conflict, retiring as a lieutenant colonel; was employed as a mechanical/aerospace/systems engineer at Pratt and Whitney, General Electric Aircraft Engines and General Electric Space Systems; became a civil pilot and enjoyed taking trips in his single engine, four-seat Stinson "Flying Station Wagon"; a lifetime member of the Legion, VFW and NRA, and a member of the Lutheran Church, Blain Senior Citizens Center, Tuscarora Property Owners Association, Lions Club, Wild Turkey Federation and several environmental organizations; enjoyed hunting, fishing, winemaking, restoring the old home in Blain, antiques and helping others; and he and his wife delivered Meals-on-Wheels to western Perry County residences for 14 years.

He was the widower of **Mary J. B. Dodson**, to whom he was married 60-plus years.

Surviving are a son, **Charles "Chip" W. Jr.** of Morgantown; four nephews, **Rob Kelley**, **Bill Dodson III**, **David Buttram** and **Willam Buttram**; and a niece, **Cynthia (Dodson) Popp**.

He was preceded in death by a brother, **William W. Jr.**

A memorial service will be held Friday, Aug. 21, in the Zion Lutheran Church, Main Street, Blain, with the Rev. Robert R. Yankovitz officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 6:30 p.m. prior to the service. Fellowship will follow the service in the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market St., Suite 102, Philadelphia 19106.

Nickel Funeral Home, Loysville, is handling arrangements.

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