

WILLIAM DUNCAN MCDAVID

William Duncan McDavid, Sr. born to Maude Durican and Wiley Joel McDavid on April 11, 1912 has died in the home he was born in.

Duncan attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. While there he joined Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. He was captain of his swimming team and set many collegiate records that remained unbroken for many years. Dunc was also captain of the golf team. He was a member of ODK Honor Society and graduated from W & L with a degree in Chemistry.

After college, Duncan worked at Newport industries until he enlisted in the Navy during World War II becoming an ordnance specialist. He attained the rank of Lt. Commander and spent most of his tour in the New Hebrides Islands. After leaving the Navy he returned to Newport Industries as a research chemist in Naval Stores. While there he was granted several patents for chemical processes. Newport Chemicals sent him to France in the early 60's to collaborate with international chemists. Later in his career he became Product Sales Manager for Paper and Rubber Chemicals with Tenneco Newport and then with Reichhold Chemicals Newport Division. He traveled over most of the Southeastern and Midwestern United States increasing sales for his company. He made many friends during his long career, retired from Reichhold Newport after 50 years of service.

Duncan's favorite hobby was golf. He was a member of Pensacola Country Club for 68 years. After college he won the Alabama State Golf Amateur of the Year Award in 1937. He started playing when he was 14 and continued his sport into his early 80's. Getting a "hole-in-one" eluded Duncan for years but he finally succeeded while in his 70's on Hole #2 at PCC. Golf helped my Dad seal many a deal in the business world. He used to joke that he was "working in the field".