

Capt. Willis Carpenter

Born: July 31, 1918

Died: 2005

Period of Service: WWII
and Korea

Sources: Cemetery 456 S,
son Tom

Originally from Durham, North Carolina, he went to the University of North Carolina, and went into the Army from there. He saw service at Ft. Bragg, and at posts in Maryland and Arizona during his stint in World War II. He stayed in the reserves after the end of the war, and was called into active service again when the Korean war began. He spent much of his Korean service in Korea.

After service he lived in Chicago for a while. During the 1970's and 1980's he owned the Holiday Inn in Sturgeon Bay.

The family had visited the Island after Korea and he bought a home here in 1966, and then a different home on the Island in 1973 which his son Tom and Tom's wife Valerie still live in. Valerie is the Town Clerk for the Island. He played in a polka band after moving to Algoma.