

Seattle Born Resident Turns 100 Lynnwood Centenarian keeps Busy Building Web Pages



Burnett Sams is king for a day and has a lot to smile about after 100 years of living.

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LYNNWOOD – Burnett Sams (he goes by Sam) turned 100 years old this week. After completing an interview for the Today Show earlier in the week, the resident of Chateau Pacific in Lynnwood celebrated his birthday on June 10th surrounded by neighbors, friends, family and his favorite treat—root beer floats.

Sam was born and raised in the Wallingford area of Seattle. Sam was a part of one of the first classes to graduate from the then newly-built Roosevelt High School. During his career he worked for U-Drive, one of the earliest rental car companies in the country. A lifelong collector of interesting things, Sam once had a collection of Mandarin hat bells. More recently, Sam enjoys tinkering with the internet. He has built web-pages, and stays in active e-mail contact with friends and family.

At his birthday party, Sam displayed cards and letters received from President and Laura Bush and Governor Gregoire in honor of his first century. “This was nice of them,” he said, “but it would have been nicer if one of them actually showed up.”

Sam suggests, with a wink, that staying away from doctors, a good sense of humor, and enjoying each day in life is the secret to a long and happy life.

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