



William E. "Bill" Davis

June 5, 1926 - July 28, 2013

Funeral services for William E. "Bill" Davis, 88 of Rockdale are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 2, 2013 in New Jerusalem Interdenominational Church in Rockdale. Burial to follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale with Military Honors. Pastor Dennis Brooks will officiate. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 1, 2013 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home. William E. "Bill" Davis was born June 5, 1926 in Sherman to Ezra and Roberta (Copeland) Davis. He excelled in all his endeavors, starting with academic achievements, graduating from high school at age 15 as valedictorian of his class of 1942 in Clarksville, Texas. He then attended Paris Junior College for a year, until he was, at age 16, accepted in the Army Officers training program. As a trainee, he attended classes at Texas A&M, Louisiana State, Ohio State and Oklahoma A&M, before basic training. Bill entered the U.S. Army July 23, 1943 where he served during World War II and was honorable discharged November 3, 1946. On completing his military duty, he attended Oklahoma A&M College, where he earned a double degree in both electrical and mechanical engineering. After graduating, he accepted a job with Texas Power and Light Company, with a life-time commitment. His first assignment was in Waco, at the main power plant. While there, he also earned an Masters in Business Administration. From there, he was sent to Rusk, to assume the position as superintendent of the Striker plant. His career took him to Dallas, then Rockdale as administrator over the Rockdale plant and the Alcoa installation, then back to the main TP&L office in Dallas until his retirement.

After his retirement and marriage to Adelfa he received a Master of Biblical Studies and Doctorate of Ministry from Institute For Teaching God's Word and a Doctorate of Philosophy Degree from Minnesota Graduate School of Theology. He and Adelfa, for many years operated New Life In Christ Christian Academy. They sponsored several students through school and college; also housed, fed and supported numerous religious practitioners for long tenures. He was a member of New Jerusalem Interdenominational Church. One of Bill's main delights was traveling. He loved long road trips to Branson, air or road trips to visit a sister and her family when they lived in North Carolina or trips to see his other sister while she lived in Wyoming. Sometimes he would bring a grandson along to experience the mountains, see the Tetons and the Yellowstone Park. His travels took him all over North America, to many places in Mexico and islands until he ran out of time. Bill married Elizabeth Davis, they had two daughters. He married Mildred Tidrow on December 29, 1965; Mildred brought two daughters to this union. After her death, he married Adelfa A. Galvan on August 26, 1995. Bill was known for his generous nature and his happy zest for life. His heart belonged to his family, his church, his friends and his civic organizations. He especially enjoyed his years and service as a Rotarian. Bill passed away at his home in Rockdale, Sunday morning, July 28, 2013. He was preceded in death by his parents; Wife, Mildred Davis on January 2, 1994; Sister, Joan Davis Green; his parents; Grandson, Blake McLemore on July 9, 1977 and a great-grandson, Mason Doyle McCoy on January 3, 2002. Surviving family; His wife Adelfa A. Galvan Davis of Rockdale. Four daughters, Margaret Redburn and husband Larry of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Gail Smith and husband Verlin of Jennings, Oklahoma, Brenda Tovar of Rockdale and Barbara Nauert and husband Gilbert of Taylor. His sister, Janelle Pepper Chew of Wimberley. 10 grandchildren, Monique Gebhart, Misty McCoy, Chad Pyeatt, Justin Praesel, Dustin Tounge, Carl Smith, Meg O'Laughlin, Kelsey Smith, Alexandra Smith and Courtney Smith; 10 great grandchildren, Stevie Tovar, Courtney Gebhart, Rylee Pyeatt, Owen Pyeatt, Branson McCoy, Carson McCoy, Carlee Smith,

Carson Smith, Kaylee Oakes and Colton Oakes; seven nieces and nephews, plus numerous great-nieces and nephews and cousins. Pallbearers are; Chad Pyeatt, Justin Praesel, Dustin Toungate, Arturo Galvan, Michael Mayberry, John Garcia, Wayne Galban. Those desiring to make memorials, please do so to the American Cancer Society, 963 N. FM 908, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

Tribute Wall



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Pat Ashley - August 23, 2013 at 05:25 PM



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Mike & Beckie Zelisko - August 13, 2013 at 04:41 PM



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Alisha Galban - July 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM