Funeral services for William R. “Rob” Davidson, 76, Bois D'Arc are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 at Carroll Lehr Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Ken Calhoun officiating. Burial will follow in Oaklawn Memorial Park, Athens.

Mr. Davidson died Oct. 8, 2011 in Palestine.

He was born Feb. 12, 1935 in Fort Worth, Texas to the late William Reed and Carroll Elizabeth Moore Davidson.

Rob lived on a farm in Joshua, Texas as a child. He was a Boy Scout and awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

He graduated from Paschal High School in Fort Worth, Texas, and later graduated from Arlington State College (UTA), with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Rob served in the United States Army and was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany as a cryptographer with the Signal Corp, during the Cold War. He received an Expert rifle rating and graduated with honors from Cryptography School. He was employed with IBM Corp as a field engineer in 1957 and retired as a systems programmer in 1989. He started his own business as a home remodeler and builder and was employed as a carpenter with Trinity Valley Community College at the Athens campus. Rob was also a hay farmer. He was a charter member of the Edge Park Methodist Church in Fort Worth, and a leader of the Methodist Men at St. Paul UMC in Hurst, Texas.

He was married to Jo Ann Bishop on March 30, 1957. They had one son, Mark William Davidson; and one granddaughter, Courtney Jane Davidson, all of Bois D'Arc; sister, Barbara Jones of Fort Worth; nephew, Billy Rains of Burleson; nieces, Lynda Jones of Crockett, Susan Mahon of Fort Worth and Kimerly Oremo of Rowlett; and other relatives and numerous friends.

His hobbies and interests included drag racing, boxing, water skiing, football, hunting, fishing, target shooting, building and fixing (anything). He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and followed his granddaughter’s activities, including band, cheerleading, and theatre. He will always be remembered for his faith, vivacious sense of humor, encouragement, and unfailing positive attitude.
Mr. Davidson was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Rains, 2001.

Pallbearers will be Zach Carlson, Tom Mack Connor, Virgil Feinsod, Billy Rains, Earl Winterroud.

Honorary pallbearers will be Troy Allen Adams Jr., Floyd B. Turner Jr., Isaac Knick and Ken Summerville.

Family will receive friends Thursday from 1 p.m. to service time.

If desired, memorials may be made to Cartmell Home for Aged, 2212 W. Reagan St., Palestine, Texas 75801 or to Heart to Heart Hospice.

FACT:
Wildfires burn over 4 million acres a year.

What can you do? CLICK HERE