

William Lee "Bill" Davidson, 87, died Saturday April 20, 2013, at the Kansas Soldiers Nursing Home, Fort Dodge.

He was born March 3, 1926, to William Edmond and Mary Pauline (Roller) Davidson in Oklahoma City.

He married Mary Elizabeth Grisham June 20, 1944, in Oklahoma City. She died Sept. 23, 2006.

He attended Moore, Okla., High School but was drafted into the military before graduation. He later received his diploma while in the military. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during World War II from May 1944 – April 1946.

He worked for Doll Motor Co. for nine years, American Motors for two years and Freightliner for 15 years. In 1980, he started B&M Rebuilders and also worked as a bus driver for USD 480 until his retirement in 2007.

He was a member of Trinity Faith Church and of the American Legion Post No. 80.

He is survived by his son, Jimmy L. Davidson and wife, Patricia, Fritch, Texas; daughter, Debbie Schmitzer and husband, Randy, Turpin, Okla.; two brothers, Don Davidson and wife, Pat, Brenham, Texas, and Sam Davidson and wife, Rowena, Norman, Okla.; sister, Ann Melton and husband, Fred, Houston; nine grandchildren, Brandie Reynolds and husband, Dee, Josh Davidson and wife, Jackie, Maranda Grimes and husband, James, Shane Hammerschmidt and wife, Crystal, Isabella Davidson, Angela Whitley and husband, Brian, Julian Holt and wife, Aja, Thomas Schmitzer and wife, Ashley, and Heather McMillon and husband, Justin; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Joseph and Johnny Lee Davidson; one brother, Robert

Davidson; one daughter-in-law, Margaret Rosemary Davidson; and one sister-in-law, Beverly Denwalt.

- Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Faith Church, Liberal, with Larry Young presiding.

Burial will follow at Restlawn Cemetery with military honors conducted by U.S. Navy Honor Guard and American Legion Post No. 80.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday with the family present from 6 – 8 p.m. to greet friends at Brenneman Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to Kansas Soldiers Home at Fort Dodge in care of Brenneman Funeral Home, 1212 W. Second, Liberal, KS 67901.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brennemanfuneralhome.com.