



## Robert Alvis "Bob" Davidson

June 3, 1919 - July 31, 2013

Mr. Robert Alvis " Bob" Davidson was born in Petersburg, Tennessee on June 3, 1919, died in Shelbyville, Tennessee on July 31, 2013.

Preceded in death by his parents, Isaac Marks Davidson and Nina Baxter Davidson, and a daughter, Diane Davidson Fulton. Survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Lillian Sammons Davidson; two sons, Robert (Linda) Davidson and Marks (Charlotte) Davidson and a daughter, Carolyn (John) Hurt; thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Davidson was educated at Morgan School and was a 1939 graduate of David Lipscomb College. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific aboard the USS Henry Tucker from 1944 through 1946, including 6 months duty in Tokyo, Japan following the end of the war. After the war, he obtained a radio engineering license and began a 40 year career in the radio and television industry, including ownership of WHAL AM and FM radio stations in Shelbyville. His voice was well-known in the community for his play by play announcing of high school basketball and football games. He was an early pioneer of cable television in Tennessee and formed the first cable television station in the state in 1968. Mr. Davidson was an accomplished farmer, musician, singer, public speaker and Bible scholar. He was a Dale Carnegie Course instructor for over 30 years, winning numerous awards and accolades for his public speaking. He served as Deacon, Elder

and song-leader for various churches and sang at hundreds of weddings and funerals during his lifetime. He taught Sunday school for over 50 years and served as a part-time minister at Raus Church of Christ. He was a member of Fairlane Church of Christ. In Shelbyville, Mr. Davidson will also be remembered for his clock repair and restoration business which he enjoyed greatly during his retirement years – specializing in antique grandfather clocks and spring-wound pendulum clocks. Mr. Davidson was a life-long Rotarian, serving as president and song leader and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Visitation will be held at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel at 2022 N. Main Street in Shelbyville from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 1st. Graveside services, with full military honors, will be conducted on Friday, August 2nd at 3:00 pm at Old Orchard Cemetery in Petersburg, Tennessee. His 13 grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions can be made to Alive Hospice of Shelbyville, Argie Cooper Public Library in Shelbyville, or the charity of your choice.