



William 'Bill' Davis

William ("Bill") F. Davis was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and grew up in the Hartford area. As a very young man, he joined the Air Force and served during World War II. After the war, he returned home, went to Hilliard College, and married Jacqueline Gaudreau. He then attended graduate school at Parson's School of Design in New York City.

He started working with illustration and design as a commercial artist in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1959 he and his family, which now included his three children (Gabrielle, Maxine, and Ted), moved to upper New York State (Rochester, New York).. He subsequently moved back to New York City, transferred to Houston, Texas, and then to Dallas where he retired in 1986. After retiring, he had time to pursue his first love--fine art painting. He won several awards in juried country-wide art shows, such as the Southwest Federation, which includes the southwestern states and California. He was certified as a signature member of the Associated Creative Artists after having his paintings shown in five juried art shows.

When not painting at work or for pleasure, he was an avid mountain climber, certified as having climbed all 46 peaks over 5,000 feet in the Adirondack Mountains as well as peaks over 3500 feet in the Catskill Mountains during the winter time. When arthritis prevented him from climbing mountains, he turned to kayaking for sport and kayaked all the major rivers in the United States and Canada.