Mr. Arthur Temple Jr., age 86, passed away Wednesday, April 12, 2006 in a local hospital, Mr. Temple was born April 8, 1920 in Texarkana, Arkansas to Katherine (Sage) and Arthur Temple. Mr. Temple was the grandson of T.L.L. Temple, founder of Southern Pine Lumber Company.

Mr. Temple graduated from high school in Texarkana and attended the University of Texas in Austin. In 1939 he married Mary MacQuiston of Texarkana and had two children, Charlotte Anne Temple and Arthur "Buddy" Temple, III. Mr. Temple served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

legendary Mr. Temple's business career began with Southern Pine as a bookkeeper, and in 1948, became manager of the Diboll operations. Subsequently, he became chief executive officer of the company, then known as Temple Industries, which became a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 1969. In 1973 the company merged with Time, Inc. and Mr. Temple was named a group vice president and a member of the Board. Mr. Temple served as vice chairman from 1973 to 1978.

Mr. Temple was instrumental in a major restructuring at Time, resulting in the forest products, paper, packaging and financial services operations being consolidated into a new public company. Temple-Inland, the new company, had its national headquarters in Diboll. Mr. Temple served as chairman of Temple-Inland from 1984 to 1991 and as chairman emeritus from 1991 to 1994.

Mr. Temple served the industry in numerous capacities including chairing the National Forest Products Association and many other industry oranizations. Mr. Temple also was prominent in the banking industry, having ventured with H.J. Shands, are form Diboll State Bank, now a product of the bank and Trust Bank and Trust Bank

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Mr. Tamele's keep interest in education and itself in serving as a member of the Texas Board of Education, a regent at Lamar University, and as trustee for Duke University. Mr. Temple was conferred honorary doctorates from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, and the College of Forestry at Stephen F. Austin bears his name.

Mr. Temple served on many community service boards including Hospice in the Pines, which he was instrumental in founding, the Salvation Army, and the Humane Society. Moreover, he was a dedicated conservationist and was recognized for his endeavors. At Temple-Inland he set high standards for the perpetuation of the forests.

As chairman of the board of the T.L.L. Temple Foundation from 1962 to 2000, Mr. Temple was able to do what he loved best, serve and support the people of East Texas.

Survivors include his wife Ann Shands Temple; son and daughter-in-law Arthur "Buddy" Temple, III and Ellen Temple, of Lufkin; daughter Charlotte Temple, of St. Helena, Calif.; sister Ann Allen, of Austin; stepson David Wimp, of Eugene, Ore.; stepson and daughter-in-law Jay and Susie Shands, of Lufkin; stepdaughter and son-in-law Becky and Kerry Getter, of Bastrop;

grandchildren William "Spence" Spencer, of Washington, D.C., Christopher ington, Spencer, Arthur Spencer and Katherine Zelanzy, all of St. Helena, Calif., Whitney Temple Grace, John C. Hurst, Jr. and Hannah Temple, of Austin and Susie Temple Duquette, of Jackson Hole, Wyo.; stepgrandchildren Rob Shands, Annie Brown and Richie Getter, of Austin, Hill Shands and Matt Shands, both of Lufkin; great-grandchildren Lilly and Maggie Duquette, Walter Grace, Mary Ellen Danders, Sarah Spencer, and Sam Charlotte and Anna Spencer, Tyler and Thomas Spencer; and brother-in-law Bill Mayo, of Dallas.

Preceded in death by his second wife of 38 years, Lottie Dean Temple; and infant great-granddaughter April

Sage Grace.
A Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the life of Mr. Arthur Temple Jr. was Saturday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Lufkin with the Reverend Douglass J. Tucker of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church and the Reverend Carol Turner, senior pastor of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Private Interment followed in the Temple Family Cemetery in Diboll.

Pallbearers were John
Booker, Ward Burke, Vernon
Burkhalter, Joe Denman, Murphy George, Henry Goodrich,
Kenny Jastrow, Phillip Leach,
Wayne McDonald, Walter Stern
and Charlie Wilson.

Memorial contribution may be made to The History Center, 102 N. Temple Dr., Diboll, TX. 75941, Hospice in the Pines, 116 S. Raguet St., Lufkin, TX. 75904, or the Salvation Army Adult Day Center, 305 Shands Dr., Lufkin, TX. 75904.

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