



## **John Stone,**

June 23, 1917 - July 29, 2011

John Spencer Stone, Jr. was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia on June 23, 1916. His father was once the President of the West Virginia Dental Society and his mother, Martha Seely Stone, was from a family owning hotels around the country. During the Depression, John left West Virginia for Borger, Texas, a oil and gas boomtown in the Texas Panhandle. He was an office boy in the office of the father of his future wife, Lavoo Gwendolyn Lipps Stone. She had a daughter, Beverly Jo, from a previous marriage. John's talent and intellect helped him move along the company's business, and in 1938, John Spencer Stone, III was born in Borger. The family lived in barren wooden houses on the hills above the Canadian River, with European immigrant men working in long metal buildings, gathering carbon from the burning of natural gas, for the needs of World War II. Eventually, the family moved into the town of Borger, before moving in 1961 to Monroe, Louisiana, where John directed the natural gas operations on Northern Louisiana and nearby parts. John received many awards and honors for his work as a petroleum engineer and a member for years of the Rotary Club. Gwen Stone died in Monroe 25 years ago, and John eventually met and married Christine Hutt. They moved to Hot Springs Village, where last year Chris passed away, and John, a resident then in Fountain Lake Nursing Home, passed away last Friday, July 29, 2011. John's son, John Stone, is a psychoanalyst in Berkeley, California, and his spouse, Peggy A. Wilson, have a daughter, Caitlin Noel Wilson Stone, born Christmas Day in 1981, now living in Oakland, CA