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Robert "Ray" Pearson, a prominent attorney in El Paso for over 50 years,



passed away on Friday, December 12, 2008 at the age of 83. Ray was born on October 27, 1925 in Buda, Texas the son of tenant farmer's Jesse and Ophelia Pearson. Ray, his four siblings, and parents worked the land picking cotton from dawn to dusk, from farm to farm instilling a strong work ethic and a desire to better his lot and those around him. He enlisted in the Navy at the young age of 17. During his term of service he lost his brother at home in a tragic electrical accident. After returning from a three year tour of duty, he worked his way through Sam Houston State College and Baylor University earning his BBA Degree in 1951. Thereafter, he attended law school at the University of Texas at Austin working nights as a floor attendant at The Austin State School. Through these experiences he developed a strong compassion for those less fortunate than him. He received his Law Degree in 1955. While in Austin he met his beloved wife Shirley Turner Pearson. Shirley was diagnosed with a heart condition and rheumatoid arthritis, requiring the move to a dry climate. With a law degree, resilient outlook and sense of humor, Ray and Shirley journeyed as far west as possible while remaining in the state that gave him the privilege to practice law. Ray unselfishly devoted the next 53 years of his life to his faith in God, his family, and the betterment of his fellow man. He was a humble man, the salt of the earth, and a listing of his accomplishments would be contrary to his character. Rather, let those he touched carry his legacy with remembrance of the act, the advice, the humor, the

compassion, or the mentoring that touched them. By the grace of God, Ray and Shirley were allowed to raise their two boys before Shirley was called to heaven, on March 23, 1983. Ray is survived by his sons, Brent Pearson and his wife, Lourdes, Robert T. Pearson and his wife, Susan, grandchildren Evan Zachary Pearson, Matthew Brandon Pearson, Carly Ray Pearson and Paige Susan Pearson. Visitation will be held Tuesday, December 16, 2008 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Funeraria del Angel Harding Orr and McDaniel, 320 Montana Avenue. Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 10:00 AM at Trinity-First United Methodist Church, 801 North Mesa with Rev. John E. Schwarting officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park. Pallbearers are Evan Zachary Pearson, Matthew Brandon Pearson, Javier Huertos Medina, Joe Oliva, David Mc Clure, Edd Fifer, Robert Malooly and Tom Angelos. Honorary Pallbearers are Mike Garcia, William A. Thurmond, Chalo Garcia, Barton Boling, Dickson Skidmore, Tom Diamond, Judge Ann McClure, Mario Martinez, James Speer, Don Henderson, Clay Evans, Alfonso Perez, Jack Luscombe, Phil Bargman, and Judge Joe Baca. Special thanks to Javier Huertos Medina and Guadalupe Macias D. for their care. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Memorial Tree Program, C/O the City of El Paso or Trinity-First United Methodist Church. Services entrusted to Funeraria del Angel Harding Orr and McDaniel.