A third-generation oil man, Joseph Guy Mabee was born in 1930 in Indiana and moved with his family to Midland, Texas in 1943, where they lived for a time at the Scharbauer Hotel. He attended McMurry College in Abilene, then worked as a tool pusher for fifteen years during the Snyder and Spraberry oil booms. Joe’s father, Guy Mabee, was a driller and rig operator who, for many years, ran his own independent oil production company with its main office in Tulsa and a subsidiary in Midland. Joe and Guy were preceded in the industry by Guy’s uncle, legendary oilman John E. Mabee, who was once one of the most successful independent oil well drilling contractors in the Southwest. Joe Mabee went on to operate his own independent oil production company in Midland. The Mabee name will forever be associated with oil and philanthropy, thanks to Joe, Guy, and John.