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**I**VY, SR., DAVID MONROE died peacefully at home on March 21, 2013. David was born in San Antonio on December 6, 1923. He was raised in Oak Cliff with his parents, Alfred Monroe and Annie Clyde, brothers, Robert and Tommy Joe and sister Winifred. David graduated in 1941 from Adamson High and enrolled at UT where he stayed until joining the army for WW II. Returning in 1945 he found his one true love, Ivy Helen Fain and they married on Sept 1, 1946. In 1947 David and Helen moved to Pecos, Texas to run the family business, the Pecos Laundry and in 1948, son David Jr. was born, and in 1952 daughter JoAnn. In 1956 the Ivy family moved back to Dallas where David sold cars at Maher Brothers Ford until he decided to work for himself and started Oak Cliff Linen Service. Two years later David sold the business to Cascade Linen Service, but retained the rags to start up Cotton Wiper Sales. He returned to NTSU and later SMU Law School, graduating in 1962. After practicing law in Oak Cliff for a year, David was elected to the state Legislature where he worked to help Dallas and Fort Worth agree on a plan for the new DFW Airport and several T.A.B.C. projects. After losing a bid for the state Senate in 1966 David returned to his private law practice in Oak Cliff. In 1967 the Ivy family was blessed with daughter Janet and in 1971 they left Oak Cliff and moved to Highland Park, and David moved his law offices to Highland Park Village. A creator and inventor, David introduced the Sew Easy and the Knit Picker to the world. Following heart surgery in 1980, David took on computers, an easy new way to manage his clients T.A.B.C. required records; the origins of ABC Data – Unicard Systems. In 1990 following a second heart surgery, Mr. Unicard returned to a booming private club business and armed with his Unicard brought untold millions of dollars in savings to the restaurant industry for 23 years. Always the first couple on the dance floor, David and Helen danced for 67 years and never left the party early. An avid tinkerer, sometimes golfer, and gifted “spoons” player, David Monroe Ivy Sr. is now in Heaven. He took so little. He gave so



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much. He will always be loved and always be missed. David was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, 2 nephews, brothers and sister in law. He is survived by his wife Helen, son David Jr. (wife Karen), daughters JoAnn (Miller) and Janet, and sister Winifred. Marshall Miller, grandchildren Dannah Walter (husband Jim), Paul Blanchard (wife Cheryl), Joseph and Angela Miller, great grandchildren Jameson and Noelle Walter, Madison and Jackson Blanchard, and many beloved nieces, nephews and lifelong friends. Services will be held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at Restland Wildwood Chapel followed by burial in Restland Memorial Park.



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