



**Guy R. Mabee**  
**1910 - 1998**  
**Inducted 1989**

Guy Mabee, nephew of legendary oil man John E. Mabee, was born in Missouri in 1910. As a young man, he married and left the family farm in Lockwood, Missouri during the Great Depression. He and his wife, Ruby, hitchhiked to Oklahoma City and lived in a tent in the oil field until they could afford a house. He worked as a roughneck for his uncle, who had patented the first power-drilling rig. The drillers had trouble drilling with the rig, but Guy was always mechanically inclined and learned how to operate it. In 1938, Guy became a driller himself, then a superintendent, operating several rigs. Later, he operated his own rig in Illinois and Indiana but moved the operation to Midland during World War II. With the country at war, he received permission from the government to order ten drilling rigs. Guy Mabee operated his own independent oil production company in Midland, as does his son, Joe Mabee, who followed him into the business.

