

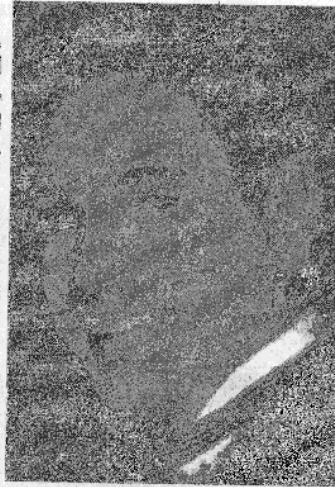
John Pearson, 61

June 12, 1946 - Dec. 29, 2007

John Warren Pearson, born June 12, 1946, was the youngest child of Dr. Ovid and Ruth Pearson of Rochester, NY. He attended Eaglebrook school and graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy before taking a BA degree from Cornell University in Romance Languages and Music. Later he graduated from the London School of Economics and the University of Chicago with degrees in Business and Economics.

In 1984, in Worcester, England, John married Celinda Brouhard formerly of Harlan, a teacher at Polytechnic School in Pasadena. John and Celinda set up house in Altadena. Their only son, John, is a student at Washington University in St. Louis. John taught his son to speak French as a baby

and took much pleasure in watching his son become a talented and gifted young man. John, from an early age, showed a love and passion for music. He studied piano at the Eastman School of Music, as well as throughout his pre-



paratory school years. In college, while he attended the Sorbonne in Paris, he studied French Impressionist composers such as Faure, Debussy and Ravel under a noted French pianist. As a member of the Vocal Majority he twice received gold medals as part of his internationally acclaimed barbershop singing group from Dallas, TX. He combined his love of singing with dancing and acting while he was with the Stage Club in Singapore. He performed with the Shakespeare League of Pasadena in *Oklahoma*, *The Music Man* and *Annie Get Your Gun*. He loved organizing musical evenings for his friends and family. John worked as an international banker for many years and lived in Singapore, London, Dallas and New York. In Los Angeles, he worked for Metromedia and stayed on as vice-president of finance when it merged with 20th Century Fox. Later, John ran his own investment company and managed the real estate company of North LLC. In addition to speaking and reading French and Spanish and playing Chopin, John avidly pursued family genealogy. His interest in family history was more than a casual hobby, as he diligently documented the Pearson family who came as Quakers to Bucks County, Pennsylvania with William Penn and the good ship *The Endeavor*. His extensive research meant various trips to England, Europe, Pennsylvania and the South. He carried on an extensive correspondence with relatives and wrote articles for various genealogical publications. His genealogical collection has been donated to the Hargrett Library at the University of Georgia. John's wide interests included sports, in particular soccer and squash. From the first moment he put on soccer cleats, his enthusiasm spanned forty years. He was co-captain with Michael Douglas on the Phillips Exeter team, played varsity soccer at Cornell and traveled to Spain and Australia as part of the Old-Timers League of Southern California. He was highly competitive on the squash ladder at Cal Tech and the Downtown YMCA. John served his community through various organizations, such as Altadena Heritage, administrator of Waldorf School in Altadena, a vestry member of Saint Mark's Church and President of the Board of Trustees of Saint Mark's School. Since John believed that scouting has a direct impact on the lives of boys, he requested that donations be made to Troop 1 of Saint Mark's Church in Altadena.

Memorial services were held Jan. 8, 2008 at Saint Mark's Church in Altadena, CA with the Rev. Betsy Hooper-Rosebrook celebrant and the Rev. Catherine Grier Carlson, preacher.