



## John E. Batson

July 2, 1922 - December 17, 2008

John E. Batson 86, of Howard, passed away Wednesday December 17, 2008 at the Twilight Manor in Howard. John was born July 2, 1922 in Howard, KS, the son of John and Isabelle (Tonkin) Batson.

After high school, John went to the Kansas City School of Pharmacy. He owned and operated Batson Pharmacy in Howard, and practiced as a Pharmacist for over 50 years.

On October 1, 1944 in Corpus Christi, TX John married Marjorie Mary Finley. They were married for 58 years until her death in November 2002.

John was in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1954 where he received his honorable discharge. He was a member of the Howard United Methodist Church, where he was very active until he could no longer do so.

John held the position of Mayor for Howard for many years; he also served as a councilman. He was a member of the Lions Club and the American Legion. In his spare time, John enjoyed fishing, hunting and collecting coins.

John is survived by:

One Sister: Vivian Barnhart Howard, KS

Two Nephews: John Barnhart and wife Jan Rose Hill, KS  
Rick Barnhart Eureka, KS

2 great nephews and 1 great great neice.

John was preceded in death by his parents and wife Marjorie.

Cremation has been requested, a graveside memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on Monday December 22, 2008 at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Howard, with Pastor Charles Cryderman officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions to the: Howard United Methodist Church or Hospice Care of Kansas and may be left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com) Arrangements are under the direction of Zimmerman Funeral Home P.O. Box 1233, 206 E. Washington, Howard, KS 67349