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Griffith Pugh

Griffith Thompson Pugh Dr. Griffith Thompson Pugh, 99, died the fourteenth day of April, 2008, at the Agape Kathwood Retirement Home in Columbia, S.C. A celebration of his life will be at Shandon United Methodist Church on today, the sixteenth of April at two o'clock in the afternoon. The family will receive friends at the conclusion of the worship service. The committal service will take place on Friday, the eighteenth of April, at eleven o'clock in the morning at Culley's MeadowWood Memorial Gardens in Tallahassee, Fla. Family will receive friends following the committal at Culley's Funeral Home, Timberlane Road Chapel (850-893-4177).

Dr. Pugh was born Sept. 5, 1908, to the now late Griffith Thompson Pugh and Lila Wayne Epps Pugh in Kingstree, S.C. He was a longtime resident of South Ride in Tallahassee. He moved back to Columbia in January 2005 to spend his final years near his daughter. He was married to Clelia Freer Dixon Pugh for 64 years. Dr. Pugh graduated with a BA in English from the University of South Carolina and then pursued advanced degrees, including a master's

from Duke University and a doctorate from Vanderbilt University. He began his long teaching career at Bishopville High School before moving to Greenville, S.C. He was an English professor at Winthrop College prior to moving to Florida State University in 1948. Dr. Pugh directed many students' doctoral studies in English. He specialized in teaching and studying literature of the South and enjoyed reading and reviewing such authors as Faulkner and Hemingway. His published Guide to Research Writing was used for many years in many colleges and universities. He retired from FSU in 1976 and was named Professor Emeritus. He had been a dedicated member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Tallahassee since 1948. A very active member, he taught the Men's Bible Class and served on the Administrative Board as a lay leader and on numerous commissions. He and his wife also took many trips with the Senior Adult Fellowship. Dr. Pugh was president of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Red Cross and was a member of the Capital City Kiwanis Club for more than 65 years. He was an avid gardener, reader and traveler. A faithful servant to God and his church, devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Dr. Griffith Pugh will be deeply missed by all those who loved him. He always cherished the ability to be able to help other people and his genteel spirit and winsome smile endeared him to many. Dr. Pugh is survived by a loving host of family members including three children, Griffith Thompson Pugh Jr. of Columbia, Clelia Pugh Moore (Cliff) of Columbia and John Dixon Pugh of Tallahassee; three grandchildren, Wayne Clifton Moore (Lori) of Savannah, Ga., Phillip Thompson Moore (Tonya) of Galivants Ferry, S.C., Caroline Pugh Johnson (Dean) of Tallahassee; and six great-grandchildren, Meredith Grace Johnson, Henry Nicholas Johnson, Thomas William Johnson and Jack Presscott Johnson, all of Tallahassee, and Chandler Joseph Moore and Charity Rivers Moore of

Galivants Ferry, S.C. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Clelia Freer Dixon Pugh; three sisters, Caroline Pugh Bagnel, Lila Wayne Pugh Sturgis and Ann Pugh Spinks; and one brother, William Epps Pugh. The family respectfully requests that those wishing may make memorials to the American Red Cross; Trinity United Methodist Church, 120 W. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301; or Shandon United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine St., Columbia, SC 20205. Greenlawn Funeral Home (803-776-1092) in Columbia is honored to be assisting Dr. Pugh's family with local arrangements.

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