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Ivan Johnson

IVAN JOHNSON OBITUARY

Ivan E. Johnson Jr. Ivan E. Johnson Jr., 91, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Inez Stocker Johnson. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. EDT Monday at First Presbyterian Church, with reception following in Westminster Hall. Burial will be at a later date in San Marcos, Texas. Memorial contributions may be made to American Red Cross, Capital Area Chapter, 187 Office Plaza, Tallahassee, FL 32301, or First Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund, 110 N. Adams St., Tallahassee, FL 32301. Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home, Riggins Road Chapel (877-8191) is handling arrangements. Ivan was a native of Denton, Texas,

and was born Sept. 23, 1911. He married Inez Stocker on Oct. 24, 1942, in San Marcos. He received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in art from the University of North Texas; a Master of Arts in art from Columbia University in New York; and a Master of Arts and Ph.D. from the Institute of Art at New York University. He also had advanced studies in professional art schools. His experiences included: professor emeritus of art education and constructive design at Florida State University; professor and chairman of the Art Education Department at FSU; oil painting instructor at the Senior Center in Tallahassee from 2000 to 2003; teacher in public and private schools in Texas and New York; instructor at the University of North Texas; guest professor at Columbia University; visiting professor at New York University, the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, the University of Tulsa and more; and lecturer in Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Oregon, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Alabama, North Carolina, Florida and more. He served in the Coast Guard and in the Navy during World War II with the rank of lieutenant commander. He was honored as the following: president of the Texas Art Education Association; president of the Western Art Education Association; president of the National Art Education Association; National Art Education Association diplomate; distinguished art educator, NAEA; distinguished art educator, Southeastern Arts; and

distinguished art educator, Florida Art Education. He was a contributor to art journals and Arts & Activities magazine, he was an art book editor and more. He did volunteer work with the American Red Cross (for 55 years), First Presbyterian Church (elder and Sunday school superintendent), FSU Senior Academy, Goodwood Restoration Project, Art-In-Medicine program at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and the Governor's Mansion Commission. He designed the Florida State University Mace used in academic processions, and he designed the Werkmeister Humanities Reading Room stained glass window in FSU's Dodd Hall. He traveled as tour conductor throughout Europe for 18 years beginning in 1972. He was co-director of the Oxford University Program at FSU. Other survivors include three sons, Ivan E. Johnson III (and wife Marsey) of Tallahassee, Lynn "Buzzy" Johnson (and wife Betty) of St. Augustine and Joe Johnson (and wife Cindy) of Cairo, Ga.; two daughters, Susan Shelton of Humble, Texas, and Jeannie Bolinger (and husband Bob) of LaJolla, Calif.; and 11 grandchildren, Ben Johnson, Nate Johnson and Margi Johnson, all of Tallahassee, Jessie Johnson and Cody Johnson, both of St. Augustine, Charlie Johnson and Willy Johnson, both of Cairo, Matt Shelton and Kelly Shelton, both of Humble, and Maddie Bolinger and Sophie Bolinger, both of LaJolla. He was preceded in death by a sister, Laura Jean Johnson of Kerrville, Texas.

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