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Obituary

Nathaniel R. Johnson Jr., 88, passed away on Oct., 10, 2008, on St. Simons Island after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Maybelle (Mibs) Johnson.

Nat, as he was known, was born in Cape May Courthouse, N.J., and grew up in Wildwood Crest, N.J. He graduated from Ursinus College and attended Duke University Law School on a full scholarship. When the law school closed during World War II, he joined the FBI until he was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. He served on a destroyer in the Pacific until the war's end.

Mr. Johnson rejoined the FBI and went on to serve as a special agent in charge in many areas of the country. He left the FBI after 17 years to join the then Southern Bell Co. in Atlanta. He rose to become vice president of personnel for Bell South. He retired in 1985 and he and Mibs relocated to St. Simons Island.

Throughout his career and retirement, Mr. Johnson was active in charitable and community activities. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers, and was a trustee of Presbyterian College. He served as an elder in the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, and was a longtime member of Rotary, including a term as president of the St. Simons chapter.

Mr. Johnson was a lifelong sportsman who enjoyed golfing, fishing, boating and hunting, and shared both his talents and enthusiasm with his children and grandchildren. He was an active member of the Atlanta Athletic Club and Sea Island.

In addition to his beloved wife, Mibs, Mr. Johnson is survived by his sister, Iris Karl of Wildwood Crest; three children, Michael R. Johnson (Camille) of Mystic, Conn., Stephen W. Johnson (Ginger) of Cranford, N.J., and Wendy J. Baker (Dean) of Fairfield, Maine; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his grandson, Nathaniel W. Johnson.

Burial will be private.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, at St. Simons Presbyterian Church, 205 Kings Way, St. Simons Island.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Simons Island Rotary Club, P.O. Box 21887, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.