



## Bruce Johnson

Although he was a native of Indiana, Bruce Johnson made his mark in Oklahoma. Born in 1913, he spent the early part of his professional career practicing law in Indianapolis, specializing in federal tax law. In 1951, he moved his family to Oklahoma City where he joined the law firm Crowe & Dunlevy. He would practice law at the firm until his retirement in 1978.

Soon after Mr. Johnson's arrival in Oklahoma City, a dispute arose in the community as to the proper functions of attorneys and CPAs. He took the opportunity to collaborate with a CPA to organize a group of top practitioners of both professions to cooperate in a joint study of tax law for the benefit of their clients. Several such groups continue to meet weekly more than 50 years later. A frequent lecturer on tax subjects at universities, Mr. Johnson was appointed in 1967 by Gov. Dewey Bartlett to a committee that advised on changes to the state income tax laws. He also donated his time and expertise through his participation in numerous tax-related and legal organizations including serving on committees of the tax section of the American Bar Association.

A member at different times of Quail Creek Golf and Country Club and the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club, Mr. Johnson enjoyed playing golf with friends and recorded eight holes-in-one. He also volunteered his time to serve on the board of Integris Baptist Medical Center. He was married for 69 years to Frances who preceded him in death. Mr. Johnson died Dec. 13, 2011.