



## Rev. Grover D. Jones

October 6, 1925 - January 26, 2011

The Rev. Grover Duffie Jones, 85, died in the Georgia War Veterans' Home January 26, 2011 after an extended illness.

Born in Forsyth County, GA, October 6, 1925, he was the son of the late Rev. Mack Duffie Jones and Victoria Carnes Jones. He was preceded in death by eight sisters and brothers-in-law: Violet Jones, Jessie Jones, Dora Lee Wilson (Hill), Nell Bennett (Hubert), Estelle Bunn (Cyril), Kathryn Crowe (George), Eunice Martin, and Harriet Phillips (Charles). Eunice's husband, Wade Martin of Gainesville, GA, survives.

Celebration of life and memorial services will be held for Rev. Jones at Milledgeville First Baptist Church on Saturday, January 29 at 10:00 a. m.; at McCaysville First Baptist Church on Sunday, January 30 at 1:30 p. m.; and at Choestoe Baptist Church, Blairsville, on Sunday, January 30 at 4:00 p. m. Interment will follow at New Choestoe Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors by North Georgia Honor Guard.

The family will receive visitors at Williams Funeral Home in Milledgeville on Friday, January 28 from 6 to 8 p. m. and at Finch-Cochran Funeral home in McCaysville on Saturday, January 29 from 7 to 9 p. m.

Rev. Jones was ordained to the gospel ministry on August 19, 1951 at Choestoe Baptist Church. He served for 43 ½ years as a pastor, director of missions and denominational representative.

He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II as a Radioman 3rd Class. His crew was deployed to Nagasaki, Japan following dropping of the atomic bomb with mission to restore communication.

He received his education at Martin Institute, Lyman Hall High School, Truett McConnell College (charter student), Mercer University, Southern Seminary, Southeastern Seminary, Western Carolina University and the University of Georgia.

Churches he served as pastor were Antioch at Blairsville, Harmony at Eatonton, Union Hill at Gray, Mt. Hebron at Hartwell, McConnell Memorial at Hiawassee, and First Baptist, Epworth. After 21 ½ years in the pastorate, he became associational Director of Missions for Morganton, Mountaintown and Gilmer-Fannin Associations in North Georgia, from 1972 through his retirement in June, 1988. He also worked as a consultant for the Georgia Baptist Foundation and the Georgia Baptist Health Care Services from 1988 through 1992. Active in ministry, education, community development and historical preservation, he and his wife spent July, 1978 in Gaza, Palestine and July, 1986 in Liberia, West Africa. He led his associations in partnership missions with pioneer churches in upstate New York. He was instrumental in getting off-campus college instruction locations at Blue Ridge and Epworth. He and his wife assisted in compiling two Fannin county history books on the county itself and on cemeteries (both in partnership with Dale Dyer). The 100 Years of Heritage and Hope Morganton Baptist Association History (1993) was written by Rev. Jones and his wife. They assisted with compiling Faith through Flood and Fire: A History of First Baptist Church, McCaysville (1983). Rev. Jones initiated the "Sunday School Lesson of the Air" over WLSB Radio, Copperhill, and taught it weekly for 35 years. Rev. Jones wielded a strong influence for good in various capacities of leadership. He was noted for his humility, humor, and capacity for hard work. He was mentor to several ministerial protégés, among whom are Rev. David Sunday-gar and his wife Magdalene, natives of Liberia, West Africa.

He is survived by his wife and partner-in-ministry of 61 years, Ethelene Dyer Jones of Milledgeville. They were wed December 23, 1949 after meeting at Truett McConnell College. Two children survive: Rev. Keith Jones (Debbie) of Epworth and Cynthia Berenguer (Carlos) of Milledgeville. Seven grandchildren survive: Brian David Jones, Kennesaw, GA; Nathan Jones (Kayla), Karnes City, TX; Matthew Jones (LaTasha), Emerson, Ga; Elizabeth Megale (John), Orlando, Fl; Dr. Christina Berenguer, Midway, GA; Crystal Diaz (Bryan), Monticello, GA; and Paula Aguirre (Ernesto), Macon, GA. Five great grandchildren survive: Brenna Jones, Gavin and Elisa Aguirre, Cydni and Jake Megale. In addition to brother-in-law Wade Martin, brothers-in-law Troy Dyer and Loyd Shelton and sisters-in-law Louise Dyer, Dorothy Dyer, Linda Fortenberry (Claxton), Brenda Murphy (Bobby), Gail Hedden (Wayne), and Janice Lance (Bobby) survive, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to Morganton-Mountaintown Baptist Association, PO Box 1167, Blue Ridge, GA 30513; to Georgia Baptist Foundation, Dyer-Jones Scholarship Fund, 6405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097-4092 or to the Bonnie Higdon Reaves Mountain Regional Campus Council, Jones Scholarship, P. O. Box 275, Blue Ridge GA 30513.

Officiants at the Celebration of Life services include the Reverends Jerry Bradley, Dan Hodges, Harry Gilbert, Claude Mathis, Harold Willis and Keith Jones. Grandsons, grandsons-in-law and nephews will serve as pallbearers. Music will be provided by Rev. John Cotton and Amelia Cotton, (organist), Rev. Harry Gilbert, Katie Gilbert (organist) and the Prime Time Choir, Johnny Carter and Debbie Jones (pianists), and Rev. Rick Grammer, (trumpeter). The North Georgia Honor Guard will provide military salute and graveside services.



# Tribute Wall



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. It is always so inspiring seeing someone who has lived a life serving others. Grover's work will live on in the lives of so many people.##imported-begin##Jeff Payne##imported-end##

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January 30, 2011 at 10:32 PM



“ Ethelene and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With DAR love and friendship, your sisters of Old Unicoi Trail, NSDAR##imported-begin##Old Unicoi Trail Chapter, NSDAR##imported-end##

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January 28, 2011 at 02:32 PM



“ Our Prayers and thought are with you always,Love you just keep the faith.

From  
CSH Stockroom  
Irvin,Ronald,Sarah,Marshall,##imported-begin##sarah carver##imported-end##

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January 28, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ Ethelene and family, my prayers will continue with you during the days of adjustment; praising God Grover is now in a Glorified body. Remember this: Those we have loved never leave us; memories live on in our hearts forever##imported-begin##Mrs. Sara Nelle Warr##imported-end##

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January 28, 2011 at 01:21 AM



“ We grieve with you over the death of Rev. Jones. He was a great Christian man who contributed much in helping others. I am sure he will be missed by all the family!##imported-begin##Frances and Grady Torrance##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 11:12 PM



“ Mrs. Jones,  
We met you and Mr. Jones at the Ga. War Veterans Home while visiting my uncle, James Youmans. We are so sorry to hear of my Jones passing. It was very evident that you loved him deeply as you lovingly cared for him and fed him . You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Rickey and Brenda English##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 03:59 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Grover's passing. This is a tremendous loss! I'd like to think that God needed him in heaven. His work on earth was so great and now he has gone on to his reward. A destination we all hope for one day. To be with Jesus! We love you all and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your family. May Grover now rest in peace.##imported-begin##Ida & Charles Reed##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 01:00 PM



“ Ethelene,  
So very sorry, but what a life he lived for the Lord, and what a legacy he left for his family! My sincere sympathy to all of you. Marian and PCHGS.##imported-begin##Marian Presswood##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 10:54 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God grant you strength and courage. Please accept my condolences.##imported-begin##Milly Thompson Day##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 10:32 AM



“ What a blessing and inspiration Grover and his wonderful wife Ethelene have been to me as we shared our time at GWVH. God has continued to use both these wonderful Christians even in difficult circumstances to witness for His kingdom.

*I am so thankful to have had our paths cross.*

*With love and prayers,  
Shirley Maxwell##imported-begin##SHIRLEY mAXWELL (gEORGE)##imported-end##*

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January 27, 2011 at 09:24 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the wife and family of Rev. Jones. We ask God to comfort you all during this time of grief.  
Pat Self##imported-begin##Patsy Self##imported-end##

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January 27, 2011 at 08:55 AM



“ We are deeply saddened but we know your faith will sustain you Ethelene.##imported-begin##Bradley Bennett##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 07:51 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. The Lord has called his faithful servant home and he is now at peace

*In DAR Friendship,  
Marg Wischmeyer##imported-begin##Margaret S.  
Wischmeyer##imported-end##*

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January 26, 2011 at 05:04 PM



“ HE IS IN THE ARMS OF THE LORD.MRS.JONES YOU WILL BE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.4##imported-begin##DONNA GODFREY WATKINS##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 04:54 PM



“ THEY GAVE THEMSELVES

*Our lives were blessed when they gave us life.  
Our minds were stretched when they presented challenges.  
Our hearts were lifted when they showed the examples.  
Our love was strengthened when they gave themselves.##imported-begin##Eloise S. Wolfersteig##imported-end##*

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January 26, 2011 at 04:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Grover. I know God will give all of the family the courage and strength to get through. I know he will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers to all the family.##imported-begin##Linda Garrett##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 04:20 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.##imported-begin##Marvin & Sandra Denton##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 03:38 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Grover. I have many wonderful memories of him & Ethelene at Epworth where I spent my early years growing up and then later at West Fannin High. I remember the Class Reunion at Horseshoe Bend Park it was so good seeing them as many others. That was the last time that I saw them I think. Thank you all for being a part of my life. You will be missed greatly. Thoughts & Prayers to all the Family.##imported-begin##Teresa Ledford Deal##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 03:35 PM



“ Our hearts go out to all of you, love Ron & Mary##imported-begin##Ron & Mary Crowe##imported-end##

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January 26, 2011 at 02:37 PM



“ I wish I could be with you. Im praying for you and family my love is with you. I love you annette and family##imported-begin##annette Beck Summerlin##imported-end##

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