

Mentor and Friend: Dr. Franklin Ross Jones, Dean, School of Education, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia

Rev. Frank Hughes went to college with his brother, Rev. Bill Jones, mentioned in article below. I worked at Ridgecrest with Bill's son.



Rev. Bill Jones, First Baptist Church, Clinton, NC

Obituary:

Franklin Ross Jones Norfolk - Jones, Dr. Franklin Ross, 93, of Tampa, FL passed away June 29, 2013. Born in Charlotte, NC to William Morton & Ruth Moser Jones. Survivors include his sons; Franklin Ross Jones, Jr. of Reidsville, NC and Clarence Morton Jones (Barbara) of Tampa FL; daughter, Susan Jones Richardson (Robert) of Portland, OR; and grandchildren Andrew Morton Jones, Kyle Adair Jones, and Lurline Margreth Richardson. As a young boy growing up in Asheville, NC he was a member of the Bicycle Relay Junior Marathon World's Record setting team in 1933. After the untimely death of his father, the family moved to Hickory, NC. There he attended and received an AB from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1941. He taught school from 1944-48 and was principal of Henderson Jr. HS from 1948-54. In the meantime he received his MA from UNC - Chapel Hill in 1951. He was district school principal for Wake County, NC from 1954-56 and then the district superintendent in Roxboro, NC from 1956-58. Well known for his research ability, he was invited by Dr. Allan S. Hurlburt to pursue his doctorate at Duke University in Educational Administration with a full scholarship grant and stipend. He earned his Ed. D. from Duke in 1960. With great anticipation he was recruited by Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA to chair their Education Department from 1959-64. In

1962 he served as interim Dean at the University of Richmond. From 1962-64 he served as the director of the Virginia Assn. of University Professors. Highly regarded, he was appointed Dean of the School of Education at Old Dominion College in Norfolk in 1964. His leadership resulted in the substantial expansion of the number of students taking courses as Education majors. In 1965 he raised the funds necessary to found the Child Study Center. He hired the first African American professor of Education based on qualifications alone. He was instrumental in winning approval and setting the design of the Education building which regally stands on the southeastern corner of the mall on the ODU campus. He was director of the Praxis Center from 1965 until his retirement to Florida in 2005. He was a member of the White House Conference on Children & Youth from 1968-71. In 1969 he stepped down as Dean of Education to concentrate on teaching and research. He coauthored: Psychology of Human Development, 1969, 2nd edition and the 3rd edition in 1985. He authored: Handbook on Testing, 1972; Understanding the Middlescent Years, 1978; Theory of Adult Development, 1980; How to Survive Middle Age, 2005; Handbook for Boomers, 2010. He was designated a Distinguished Professor in 1969 and named an Eminent Professor from 1974-94. In 1972, 73 & 78 he received Distinguished Research awards from the Virginia Educational Research Assn. His achievements for the University include organizing the first off-campus courses for the School of Education and teaching the very first television course presented by Old Dominion University. He was a charter member of the American Psychological Society, a member of the Southeastern Psychological Assn., and president of the South Atlantic Philosophy of Education Society from 1966-69. For 21 years he was active as a coordinator for the University's annual Joy Fund drive. He chaired the Assessment Committee of the VA Reading to Learn Program during 1990-91. In 2008 he was inducted into the Brewton-Parker College, Mt. Vernon, GA Football Hall of Fame. He enjoyed playing tennis and remained active well into his retirement years. He was blessed with a remarkable memory and superb concentration. Many graduate students would later say his courses were the toughest and his grading

the hardest of any professor they knew. As were his wishes, his remains will be laid to rest at the family plot in Hickory, NC alongside his beloved mother and sister. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Justin W. Jones Evangelistic Association, 4613 Andrews Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-2101. Online condolences can be made at www.blountcurrywest.com .

I can only begin to scratch the surface on the many blessings I have received in my 55 years on this earth. However, I know where all the blessings began. I was raised in a Christian home by parents who were called by God to ministry and genuinely believed that the only will to follow was the will of God. My Dad was a preacher of the gospel for 50 years. He never compromised the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Anyone who knew Bill Jones or ever heard him preach knew what he believed and the Savior he trusted. He was "not ashamed of the gospel" (Romans 1:16). My Dad taught me right! My Mom was a dedicated pastor's wife and a special missionary/minister herself. As a county Social Worker, she believed in treating everyone with respect. She lived out her Christian life by ministering to her husband, her five children, her church family and her clients. She taught me to love the Lord, live by the Golden Rule, and always trust in the One(Jesus)who saved me. Every blessing that I've received in my life began with love and life lessons my parents taught me. My parents walked by faith and not by sight. They trusted the Lord to lead them, guide them, empower them, provide for them, and, at the end of life's journey, to take them home to heaven. I have lived a few years now and traveled many roads. I've been challenged often by life and learned many lessons from being a called preacher and evangelist. I am more convinced than I have ever been that Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life and that no one comes to the Father except by Him. Also, I believe with all my heart that anyone who will call upon the name of the Jesus in faith and repentance can be saved. I must walk by faith and preach these simple truths without compromise until my Lord calls me home. A Servant for the Savior, Justin Jones



Dr. Franklin Ross Jones, former Coach of the 1946 Brewton-Parker Football Team, was named Honorary Alumnus for 2007.