



## David Douglas Jones, Sr.

July 7, 1918 - January 11, 2012

Mr. David Douglas Jones, Sr., 93, of Salisbury, NC passed away on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at The Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks.

Born July 7, 1918 in Wilson Mills, NC to the late Major Marmond Jones and Almetria "Alma" Adams Jones, he was educated in Wilson Mills schools.

During WWII he had significant technical skills so he built airplanes for Martin Aircraft in Maryland. He worked with General Jimmy Doolittle in trying to build planes for the famous Tokyo Raid. Ultimately, another manufacturer was selected because of the short take off requirements.

After the War, he worked with Liberty Mutual and Durham Life Insurance Companies. He was consistently #1 salesman in the company. He moved to Salisbury in 1950 and opened a branch office for his insurance company. One of his clients was a radio and tv repairman. He saw the future in TV and enrolled in De Forest Technical Institute. Upon graduating, he went to work for Dixie Radio and TV Service on West Innes St. as a technician. Within a year he bought the company and continued his business until the age of 88.

Mr. Jones was a member of Maupin Avenue ARP Church where he served as an Elder.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his wife Virginia Corbett Jones on April 8, 1981. Also preceding his in death were his sisters, Wenonah Jones Byrd, Elsie Jones Spence, and Mozelle Jones Barnes and brothers, Aubry Jones, Ruben Jones, and Joe Jones.

He is survived by sons, David Douglas Jones, Jr. and wife Virginia Byrum Jones of Wake Forest, NC and Gerald Wayne Jones and wife Jane Barger Jones of Salisbury, NC. Also surviving are grandchildren, Meredith Jones Candler and husband Peter, Corbett Byrum Jones and wife Tamara, David Porter Jones, Jennifer Elizabeth Jones Johnston and husband Edward Robert Johnston, Jr., and Jessica Suzanne Jones, and great-grandchildren: Henry Byrum Candler, Charles McCray Candler, Oliver Illges Candler, Hayden Douglas Jones, Madison Chase Jones, Morgan Genevieve Jones, Jessica Lynn Zimny, and Edward Robert Johnston, III.

On Friday (Jan. 13) from 5-6:00 PM the family will receive friends at Summersett Funeral Home in Salisbury, NC. Saturday (Jan. 14) the family will receive friends from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM at Wilson Mills Baptist Church in Wilson Mills, NC. Following the visitation friends are invited to join the family for lunch from 12-1:30 PM at the church. The funeral service will be at 1:30 PM at Wilson Mills Baptist Church. Burial will be Sunday (Jan 15) at 1:30 PM in Selma Memorial Gardens in Selma, NC.

Memorials may be made to Maupin Avenue Presbyterian church, 100 Maupin Avenue, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Jones family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *DD was a good guy who always had something funny and encouraging to say. He somehow kept the Tall Blue Boys out of trouble. I send my condolences to you Gerald.##imported-begin##Steve Chandler##imported-end##*

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