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## ELWOOD JENNINGS JONES

May 21, 1917 — June 19, 1984



and served there until he retired in 1977.

Throughout his career as an educator, Elwood was never able to shake off the urge he felt to be a preacher, and he was licensed to preach in 1952. After earning a master's degree in administration, he enrolled in the Pastors' School at Bennett College. Through this channel he qualified for conference membership. He was admitted on trial in the North Carolina Conference (CJ) and ordained deacon in 1956 and was admitted to full connection and ordained elder in 1961.

Brother Jones served appointments in the North Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction at Mitchell, Wentworth-Bethel, St. Paul's, Kernersville, St. Peter's, Fletcher's Chapel, and Philadelphia. In the Western North Carolina Conference, he served the Empire Circuit (1973-77) and Addie's Chapel-Brooks' Chapel (1979). Ill health forced him to give up this, his last appointment, in 1979. He was on leave of absence until his passing. He received his final appointment from the great Bishop of us all on June 19, 1984.

The service of celebration was held in St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Asheboro, North Carolina, on Friday, June 22. H. Alexander Smith officiated, assisted by Walter H. McKelvey and James H. Graves. Bishop L. Scott Allen preached the sermon. Interment was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Asheboro.

When death o'ertakes me, Thou alone  
My strength and stay shalt be;  
In need, distress, perplexity,  
I look and long for Thee.  
Thy name upon me Thou dost write,  
Which puts the fear of death to flight.

— J.S. Bach

James T. Jones

Earl G. Hunt