

## Laura Jones

Miss Laura M. Jones, 95, of Franklin, died Saturday night, in Angel Community Hospital after a brief illness. She was the only daughter of the late Judge George A. and Lillie Lyle Jones, of Macon County, and is survived by a brother, Dr. J. Paul Jones, of Wakefield, R. I., and a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at First United Methodist Church, of which she was a member, and burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Officiating ministers were the Rev. Robin Hurley, pastor, Dr. A. Rufus Morgan, Rev. C. E. Murray, and Rev. Donald Haynes. Pallbearers were W. W. Sloan, A. A. Siler, T. W. Porter, Jr., Bob Coin, Frank Martin, and Eugene Lawrence.

"Miss Laura" attended Centenary College (later to become Bob Jones University) where she was awarded the "Character Medal". She later received her degree from Columbia University in New York and began her teaching career which included service as principal of Higdonville School and Franklin High School. She taught for approximately 25 years in the Raleigh school system, from which she retired and came home to Franklin. Even after "retirement" she maintained her interest in education and was available as a substitute teacher. She was also active in the Association of Retired Teachers.

Her life of service to others included, in addition to teaching, work in YWCA and in the Methodist Church, of which she was a member for more than 80 years. She had an avid interest in crafts and last year completed and presented to First United Methodist Church a needle-point bell pull, which hangs in the rear of the sanctuary as a constant reminder to all of "Miss Laura's" devotion to her church.