

## JONES, GWILYM CERI (1897 - 1963), minister (Presb.) and poet

**Name:** Gwilym Ceri Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1897  
**Date of death:** 1963  
**Spouse:** Mary Jones (née Symmons)  
**Parent:** Ellen Jones  
**Parent:** William Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** minister (Presb.) and poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born 26 June 1897 at Newgate, in the parish of Llangunllo, Cardiganshire, son of William and Ellen Jones. He was educated at Rhydlewis school, Llandysul grammar school, and the Theological College, Aberystwyth. He was ordained in 1922 and served his ministry at Cwm-parc (1922-28), Minfordd (1928-32), Llanwrtyd (1932-36), Port Talbot (1936-47), Clydach, Glamorganshire (1947-58). He married, 1934, Mary Symmons, Swansea; they had a son. He died 9 January 1963 at Llansamlet.

He was in great demand as an original and astute preacher until a severe illness left him with impaired speech. He then turned his creative talents to writing poetry, specialising in the strict metres and having his work published in weekly newspapers and Welsh periodicals. He competed at the national eisteddfod and won prizes for *englynion* and a love-poem. At Pwllheli in 1955 he won the chair for his *awdl* to 'Gwrtheyrn'. The booklet, *Dwy Awdl*, contains an *awdl* by him on 'Bro'r Ogofeydd' and one by T. Ll. Jones; and a posthumous collection of his poems was published, entitled *Diliau'r Dolydd* (1964).

### Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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