

## 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), Minffordd (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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