

Jane Loring Jones

Jane Loring Jones was born January 25, 1875, in Maysville, Missouri, daughter of Samuel G. Loring and Francis Giddings Loring. Reared in Maysville, she attended college at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois. She was united in marriage to Robert F. Jones on November 16, 1897, in Maysville, Missouri. They moved to Denver, Colorado, in April, 1898, where Mr. Jones became an employee of the Denver Post, in which employment he continued until his death on April 30, 1938, after forty years of continuous relationship.

Three sons were born of this marriage: Finley Loring Jones who died at age 16 in March 1915; Harold Stuart Jones, a Boulder, architect, who died November 1949; and Norwood Loring Jones who died May 1984. Finley and Harold were both hemophiliacs who died from complications from this condition. Norwood, or "Nick", who was not a hemophiliac, was married to Martha Mannington and they had two daughters, Carolyn Jones Fletcher and Anne Jones Mills, all of whom survived Jane Loring Jones.

Jane Loring united with the Baptist Church in Maysville at an early age, and with the Broadway Baptist Church, Denver, in 1903, where she served faithfully for fifty continuous years. She served her denomination as Associational Secretary, Administrative Vice President, and Devotional Leader and Literature Secretary of the Rocky Mountain District. She served as a member of the national Women's Foreign Mission Board,

now part of the Board of International Ministries, a capacity in which her daughter-in-law, Martha, also served. Her granddaughter, Anne, has been a member of the General Board of American Baptist Churches and the national Budget Review Officer.

While Devotional Director, Mrs. Jones instituted the observance of the fifth Thursday of each quarter as the Day of Prayer. At the time of her passing, although 78 years of age, she was leading the Women's Baptist Mission Society of Colorado as Spiritual Life Chair. Her influence was always in the interest of the underprivileged, and her voice was raised fearlessly in their behalf. Her passion was that all men everywhere might learn of Christ's redemptive power.

Mrs. Jones suffered for many years from impaired hearing. She served as Treasurer and President of the Denver Hearing Society. Her other services included that of Representative to the Community Chest.

Her influence with younger women was phenomenal. These she referred to as "My Girls." She was the teacher of the Amoma Sunday School Class of the Broadway Baptist Church, Denver, for thirty-two years, and her friends are legion in all walks of life. So many, and so dear!

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Revelations 14:13.

In Memory of Jane Loring Jones

By The Amoma Class

Her plan of living was a simple plan,
Composed of half a smile and half a tear,
She said, "We take what happiness we can,
And be content that we have found it here";
She said "At heart all men are just and true,

And God is never very far away,
So, there is little left for us to do
Except be kind and live from day to day."

She had a bright philosophy and wise,
She wore her age like flowers in her hair,
And looked on life with tender twinkling eyes,

And prayer with laughter, gay and debonair;
Contented with her world, and all things in it;

She said "It is so good to be alive
I almost hate to sleep away a minute."

Her merriment was gracious and absurd
And worthy of a long remembering;
And she who clung to life with every breath,
Blithely, brightly, with her wayward charm,
A jest upon her lips, met up with Death
And wandered off, still laughing, on his arm.

By Amme Mary Lawler, September 23, 1953

JANE LORING JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jane Loring Jones Scholarship Fund was founded September 28, 1953 by the women of the Amoma Sunday School Class of Broadway Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado, and by her son, Norwood Loring Jones and his family. Jane Loring Jones served the Broadway Baptist Church faithfully for 32 years as a teacher and counselor. The Scholarship perpetuates her lifelong interest in helping consecrated Christian young women further their education in preparation for their life as Christian leaders in the home, church and community.

The American Baptist Women of Colorado (ABWM) adopted the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship Fund in 1954 as a state project. The principal of the Fund is placed in sound investments and the income used exclusively for scholarships each year.

Any young woman may apply provided that:

She is an active member of a cooperating church of the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

- She has a high school diploma with a scholastic record indicating her capability for higher education.
- She is under 26 years of age as of July 1 of the granting year.
- Her pastor and two other persons, such as teacher, employer, or church associate, attest in writing to her

Christian character, personality and dependability.

- She will be a full time undergraduate at an accredited university, college or community college. Preference will be given to American Baptist related colleges and universities.
- To receive a scholarship, she does not have to be entering Christian service as a vocation, but she must have a real desire to prepare herself for Christian leadership in the home, church and community.

Scholarships will be awarded for the academic year based upon the above qualifications as well as a personal statement, recent academic transcript, and financial need. The amount awarded will be applied to the student's account and sent each semester/quarter directly to the recipient's chosen institution.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible, should be made payable to American Baptist Women's Ministries of Colorado for the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship Fund and sent to the ABWM Treasurer.

Application procedures and forms are available on the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains web site (www.abcrm.org).

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