



BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM BRANHAM JONES

William Branham Jones (Bill) is the youngest of three sons born to James Harding Jones and Myra Hume Jones on September 24, 1931 at Spring Hill, Tennessee, where his father was an instructor of Latin and Greek at Branham and Hughes Academy. In 1932 the great depression forced the school to close and the Jones family traveled to France so that James Jones could complete a Doctor of Letters degree in French from the University of Montpellier. Returning to the United States in 1934, the family spent a year at Lewisburg, West Virginia, where Dr. Jones was on the faculty of the Greenbrier Military Academy. Then they settled down in Jacksonville, a small town in the northeast Alabama foothills of the Appalachian mountains. Most of Bill's earliest memories are from this little town whose primary employers were a cotton mill and Jacksonville State Teachers College (JSTC) where his father was a professor of foreign languages.

Bill's formal education began in the Jacksonville public school system which was operated by the college as a laboratory for training teachers. From an early age mathematics was his favorite subject, partly because it came easily and partly because reading was difficult due to dyslexia, a disability not widely recognized at the time. At Jacksonville High