

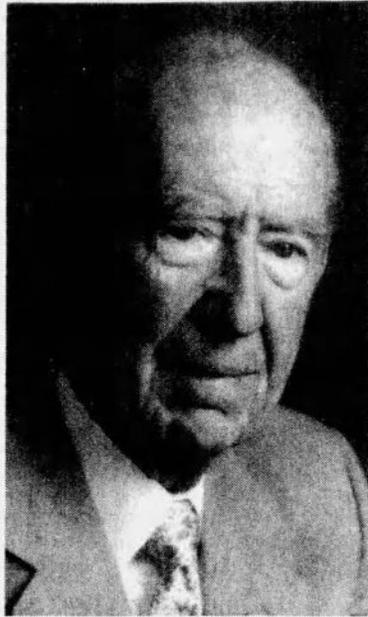
Obituary

Portland eye surgeon Dr. Lester Jones dies

Dr. Lester T. Jones, an eye surgeon and authority on the anatomy of the eye, died in a Portland hospital Sunday at age 89.

Memorial service will be at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church. The remains will be cremated and inurned at Riverview Mausoleum.

He was born in Danville, Ky., June 13, 1894, and came to Oregon in 1906



DR. LESTER T. JONES

with his family, which eventually settled in Forest Grove, where he attended high school and Pacific University.

Dr. Jones was the last known survivor of the University of Oregon Medical School class of 1921, which spent its first three years at Northwest 23rd Avenue and Lovejoy Street before it moved to Marquam Hill.

His knowledge of anatomy led him to be the first person to prove there is a lacrimal pump in the eye that moves tears.

He taught gross anatomy at the University of Oregon Dental School for 20 years while maintaining an active prac-

tice, first in general medicine and then as a specialist in eye, ear, nose and throat.

He served in World War I as an orderly in the Army and in World War II rose to the rank of captain in the Navy. He served as executive officer of the Bremerton (Wash.) Naval Hospital by the end of the war.

After World War II, Dr. Jones returned to Portland and limited his practice to ophthalmology. He did extensive research in the anatomy of the eye, publishing more than 40 articles and several textbook chapters.

He developed new surgical procedures for correcting tearing problems due to birth defects or trauma of the tear duct and tear sac, and also for correcting drooping eyelids.

He traveled worldwide demonstrating and teaching his procedures. He served on the volunteer faculty of the Oregon Health Sciences University's School of Medicine, retiring as an emeritus professor at age 82.

Dr. Jones was a member of many local and national medical associations and a former president of the staff of Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center, where he practiced more than 50 years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

In 1980, the Board of Trustees of Lewis and Clark College honored him with one of its annual Aubrey R. Watzek Awards for his research and professional work.

Dr. Jones is survived by his wife, Helen B.; sons, Dr. Warren L. Jones of Pasadena, Calif., and Dr. Richard T. Jones of Portland; daughter, Carol J. Clark of Woodland Hills, Calif.; brothers, Capt. Howard C. Jones of Sedona, Ariz., and Dr. Francis Jones of Berkeley, Calif.; sisters, Carrie J. Meierjorgen of Nehalem, and Kathryn J. Walker of Saratoga, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggest that remembrances be contributions to the Devers Memorial Eye Clinic at Good Samaritan, Lewis and Clark College or First Presbyterian Church.