

## **RICHARD L. JONES**

Associate Justice: 1973-1991

BORN: March 03, 1923; Carrollton, Alabama

DIED: April 22, 1996; Birmingham, Alabama



***Portrait by JERRY WHITWORTH,  
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A native of Carrollton, Alabama, Richard L. "Red" Jones was born on a farm in Pickens County, Alabama. He attended the University of Alabama until 1943, when he joined the Army. After World War II, he returned to the University of Alabama, earning his LL.B. in 1949. He served two tours of active duty in the Army, and continued serving in the Army Reserve with the Judge Advocate General Corps, until he retired in 1979, with the rank of Colonel.

Jones practiced law for twenty-four years in Aliceville, Birmingham, and Bessemer. He was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama in 1972 and reelected in 1978 and 1984. Although he retired from active service in January 1991, he continued to serve the Court.

He was a member of the Alabama Code Revision Committee, the Alabama Judicial Conference, chairperson of the Appellate Judges Conference of the American Bar Association, and also served sixteen years as one of Alabama's commissioners to the Uniform State Laws Conference.

Jones married Jean Leslie and they had three children.

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