

Remembrance



William Joseph Roddey

Mary Perry Dunlap Roddey

Harry Tudor Jones

Catherine Wylie Roddey Jones

John Thomson Cumming

Betsy Jane King Jones

Catherine Roddey Jones Henderson

Robert Ward Frith

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Introduction

On Saturday, June 6, 1998, as part of the Roddey-Dunlap-Jones-Cumming-Frith Family Reunion, family members gathered in Montreat, North Carolina, to dedicate a picnic area and to attend a memorial service for Catherine Wylie Roddey Jones, Harry Tudor Jones, Catherine Roddey Jones Henderson and Robert Ward Frith.

In response to the plans for this reunion, Nancy Frith Hullinger, daughter of Kitty Jones Frith, wrote *Remembering Granddaddy* about Harry Tudor Jones. Randolph Lee Jones, son of Harry Tudor Jones and Catherine Wylie Roddey Jones, thought that a collection of similar memories and stories, about all four family members to whom the picnic area was being dedicated, would be a treasured keepsake. So, as a prelude to the reunion, family members and friends were asked to submit their written memories of these four, which would be printed and bound for distribution at the reunion.

Soon it became clear that there were stories and memories to be shared about other family members as well. It was decided to include memories and stories about Perry Dunlap Roddey (Mama Joe), William Joseph Roddey (Papa Joe), Betsy Jane King Jones, and John Thomson Cumming. Out of the many stories and memories about these eight people, *Remembrance* was born. It is hoped that stories and memories and photographs will continue to be sent to the editors so that future editions can be published.

The editors gratefully acknowledge the many family members and family friends who chose to share their memories. These memories showcase the many emotions and experiences that make us the very human children of God. The stories are in turn, joyous, humorous, wistful, grief-filled, humble, grateful, and certainly celebratory. Harry Tudor Jones once began a family newsletter, *Count your many blessings!—Count them one by one!—Who can? Nobody can do it! All of us have so many blessings, known and unknown, that we cannot count them all.*¹ This collection of memories is but a counting of our many blessings.

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¹ See page 76.

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