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Incident Name: Forest fire near Deppe, NC

Date: 4/17/1972

Personnel: James Melville Jones

Age: 56

Agency/Organization: North Carolina Forest Service

Position: firefighter, logistics

Summary: Early on the morning of April 17, 1972, Jimmy Jones died in a forest fire burning across the Pocosin. While moving equipment he became trapped when a wind-shift brought the fire back on him. (from the memorial plaque) If anyone knows more, please let us know.



Maps

Deppe, White Oak, NC

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{mosmap lat='34.848000'|lon='-77.282603'|marker='0'|text='Deppe, White Oak, NC'}
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If "the Pocosin" is Pocosin Lakes NWR, this is the general location.

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{mosmap lat='35.706846'|lon='-76.353141'|marker='0'|text='Pocosin NWR, NC'}
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- Location of memorial marker from waymarking.com: [James Melville Jones](#)

Memorial located at Located on Forestry Center Circle in Deppe, North Carolina
{mosmap lat='34.836550'|lon='-77.301950'|marker='0'|text='Forestry Center Circle in Deppe, NC'}

Text:
In honor of James Melville Jones

Here, early on the morning of April 17, 1972, Jimmy Jones died in a forest fire burning across the Pocosin. While moving equipment he became trapped when a wind-shift brought the fire back on him.

This marker, erected in the year 2000, by his fellow-firefighters former employees of the Hoerner-Waldorf Corporation and the N.C. Forest Service.

We remember!



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