Bob E. Jones — Bob E. Jones, a longtime Poplar Bluff resident and coach, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011. 

He was born in Cottage Grove, Tenn., in 1921. He moved to Poplar Bluff in 1939 and married Velma White Paulie. She survives.

At age 17, Jones took a part-time job at the former store at 507 Main St., near Hickpost Circle, and spent the next 20 years teaching and coaching baseball, basketball and softball, as well as coach and singing tenor in the lar Bluff, he taught Sunday School, and would hurry home dur- ter and introducing his sons to the piano prowess of his daugh-

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