

A Newsletter featuring the families of  
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And all other related families

# THE DEDMON

Volume 101



## ...A TIME TO DIE AND A TIME TO BE BORN...



As a young preacher, I thought I had all the answers, but now as I have reached the "Sunset Years" of my life, I realize, I do not have all the questions. It was a relief to me, when I learned I did not have to answer all the questions. While I do not claim to understand everything in the bible, I do accept it as Truth. One such passage is: **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** *"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace."* (NKJV)

In looking back over the past 100 volumes of this publication, I notice there are more deaths than births published. However, we know there are more people born each year than die. The last time I checked there were 131.4 million births per year and 55.3 million deaths each year. Of course, common sense tells us if it were the other way, we would cease to have existence. Somehow, the obituaries are easier to find when searching the "net". Or maybe, it is because I have not been paying enough attention. Whatever the reason may be, I am going to try to change that a bit. I would like to have more marriage and birth announcements.

However, I need your help!!! In fact, I want to hear from you. Send me email at [leroydedmon@gmail.com](mailto:leroydedmon@gmail.com). Tell me what is happening in your family. I used to get an email almost every day from some family member. Now, I rarely hear from any of you. I think Facebook has replaced the emails and messages we used to send back and forth. Also, some of those who corresponded regularly have deceased. I miss Floyd Dedmon, Danny McBee and Riley Deadmond. They kept me informed of family activity. Some of it may be my fault, (as a Dedmon you know how difficult that statement was) as I have become lax on sending emails as I once did....

## W E D D I N G S

**JESSICA DAWN COCHRAN  
ENGAGED TO ADAM FUQUA**

*I just heard the news, will post plans as I receive them. Jessica is the granddaughter of my youngest brother, Bill Dedmon, and my great niece. Then her mother, announced her forthcoming wedding. She is Bill's daughter and my niece*

**KYM COCHRAN ENGAGED  
TO DANNY DAUGHERTY**



*Down  
Memory Lane*

Send me your old stories or articles relating to the Dedmon Family. Come on folks!!! Dig into that old shoe box in the closet and bring out the goodies!!!!

## A QUARTER OF A CENTURY

I remember Saturday, November 23, 1991 as if it were yesterday... The day we officially opened GWEN'S FAMILY RESTAURANT, in Buchanan, GA. It began as a three way partnership. A friend of mine and myself put up the initial required deposits, (electric, gas, water) and the rent on the building for the first month. Gwen was the manager and included as the third partner. In March of 1992, Gwen bought the friends portion of the business. There was a time when we operated the concessions at the nearby city park at Lake Seabreeze and also a convenience store in Bremen. (Breakfast biscuits, snack lunches, etc.) We were getting ready to open another restaurant in Bremen, but I moved to Woodstock about that time and we decided it would not be a good idea. However, one of our cooks did in fact open the one in Bremen. I think it is now closed.

We were open on Sunday for a couple of years, but that proved to be a hardship on everyone. Those who attended church would rush to the restaurant to help with the rush, as everyone showed up at once. Although the gross intake was rather large on Sunday, Gwen decided it was not worth all the effort. At first we just rented the building and equipment, but later, Gwen purchased it. Maintenance and upkeep on such property does not come cheap. Gwen stuck it out for almost 25 years and is to be commended for a job well done.

Gwen has been in the food business since she was 14 years old. One of our church members in Springfield, TN owned a restaurant and Gwen was a waitress there for a while. Another one of our members owned the local Dairy Queen and she was introduced to the "fast food" business. By the time she was 16 McDonalds opened a restaurant in Springfield and Gwen was one of the first employees. In fact, they had to go to a nearby town to train prior to the opening of the one in Springfield. She also worked in grocery stores and convenient markets either cooking or cashiering.

When she moved to Bremen in 1986, she got a job at Ingles as a cashier, but soon met a lady who was a cook at Henderson's in Bremen and got her a job there. It was there that she began to build a following and when she opened the restaurant in Buchanan, many of her "regulars" followed her. Several of her customers to this very day were at Hendersons.



January 29, 2016

Well I made it almost 25 years... Tomorrow at 3:00 I will be cutting the lights out for the last time at **Gwen's Family Restaurant...** I want to thank everyone that has supported me all the years and especially my employees Dianne Overbey, Donna Goodman, Judy Evans, Bianca Brooks, my daughter Carrie J Webb, Ellen Mcelwaney, William Colvin, Tia Sellers, Lisa Miller, Ladonna Dungey, Martha Washington, Jane Oaks, Mag Melear, Brandy Brooks, Michael Morton, Hillary Carroll, My dad and mom..Leroy Dedmon and Jane Dedmon. My husband George F Kiley. Special Thanks to the ones that stuck it out with me this week..I know it has been hard....I will never forget yall!!

--Gwen

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*I remember an elderly gentleman, I think his name was Ned, who determined to be our first customer. As it happened just as we opened the door that morning someone just passing through town stopped and got a sasuage biscuit and coffee to go. He was there only a few minutes and was gone when Ned arrived. We always let Ned believe he was our first customer. He was our first "sit down" customer and his dollar hung on the wall 25 years.*





## Board of Education welcomes newly-elected members, chooses chairman and vice-chairman



**FIVE CITIZENS WHO WERE ELECTED TO THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE. DOT CHERRY (AT-LARGE), KEVIN COLLIER (RIVERBEND TOWNSHIP), LEE DEDMON (GASTONIA TOWNSHIP), CHRIS HOWELL (SOUTH POINT TOWNSHIP) AND CATHERINE ROBERTS (DALLAS TOWNSHIP) WERE SWORN IN ALONG WITH OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS DURING A CEREMONY AT THE GASTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE. THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THEIR FOUR-YEAR TERM OF SERVICE.**



Lee Dedmon, formerly principal of Cherryville High School and East Gaston High School, is now serving on the Gaston County Board of Education. He is known for his height, 6 foot 11  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. He played center for the University of North Carolina Tar Heels basketball team and a short time for the Utah Stars NBA, before a career ending injury.



Lee Dedmon, retired as principal of Highland School of Technology, a magnet public high school located in Gastonia, North Carolina. It is the first magnet school available to students in the Gaston County Schools public school district and draws students from each of the other nine high schools in the district. In July of 2014 Lee announced his candidacy for Gaston County School Board to continue his passion for education. Obviously, he won.



**LEE DEDMON IS THE GASTONIA DISTRICT INCUMBENT ON THE GASTON COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA. HE WON ELECTION TO THE BOARD IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014.**



# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

*As I mentioned on page one, I am trying to include more births in our newsletter as we can watch our family grow. I need you to help me with this as it is more difficult to find than obituaries for some reason. Send pictures and announcements of births and also weddings to me at: [leroydedmon@gmail.com](mailto:leroydedmon@gmail.com)*



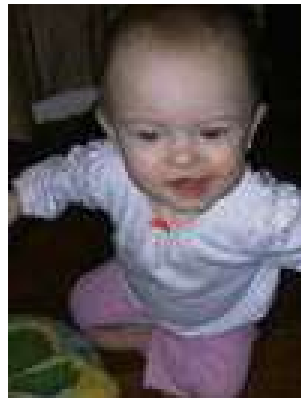
**Norah Grace McCune**  
b. July 25, 2015

Nora Grace is the great granddaughter of Tommy Gilbert and Ann McCall Gilbert. Tommy is my first cousin and growing up was almost like a brother. In fact for a period of time he and his sister Frances lived with us. Ann was my wife's best friend in High School. They were the first couple I married and although they are now divorced, Ann is still family. I sometimes introduce Ann, *"As the first woman I married"*. She says I shouldn't say it that way as it sounds like we were married. Surely no one would take it that way.

Norah Grace is the daughter of Tyler and Janet McCune and the grand daughter of John and Cathy Gilbert McCune. Cathy is the daughter of Tommy and Ann Gilbert. Norah Grace descends from Hannah Dedmon and David McArthur Dickson. Tommy Gilbert's mother was my mother's sister and Hannah Dedmon was their great grandmother. I know what you are thinking, and you are correct, my mom was related to the Dedmons. Her and dad were 4th or 5th cousins. *"Hit didn't seam two effect there chillen"...*



**Adah Elizabeth Dedmon**  
1/16/16, 6 lbs 14 oz



**Lyssa Marie Teeter**  
March 5 2015, 4 lb 4 oz

Lyssa is the daughter of Jim and Tabitha Nelson Teeter. She is the great great granddaughter of Leon and Eva Buckius Dedmon. Her parents are, Russel Nelson, Sr. and Holly Dedmon. Lyssa's great grandparents are Johnny and Helen Dedmon. Johnny passed away on March 21, 1998 after 43 years of marriage to Helen. In addition to Holly, Johnny and Helen had six other children, for a total of seven, three boys and four girls. The boys are Johnny, Chip and Scott. The girls are Candy, Penny, Holly and Sherrie. They descend through John Dedmon and Susan Hunt.

Adah's mother, Cassandra Jo Dedmon, is the daughter of Wayne Dedmon and grand-daughter of Jack Cleave Dedmon. Little Adah is kin to me four different ways, according to Family Tree Maker. Multi kinship is due to the marriage of cousins back down the line, which happens often in the Dedmon family ancestry.



**Elsie Dolive**  
b. 11/30/2015, 7 lbs 13 oz

Elsie is the daughter of Kelly Williams and Justin Dolive. Kelly's parents, Mark and Paula Williams connect on both sides of the family. Mark connects to the Williams, Capehart and Dedmon families and Paula connects to the Williams and other family members up the line. Paula served as one of the secretaries at the church in Woodstock, when I was the preacher there, and Mark served as one of the elders. We did not know then that our families were connected. That information came to light with a conversation with Mark's brother, Tony, a couple of years ago.

## ...AND ONE ON THE WAY



**Adam and Macy Gibbs Dedmon**  
proudly display the picture of  
their expected boy.



## DEDMON/DEDMAN IN THE NEWS

### TOT FOUND WITH PAPER TOWELS STUFFED IN MOUTH DIES

HOUSTON -- An 11-month-old boy whose babysitter stuffed his mouth with paper towels to stop his crying was taken off artificial support systems Saturday and allowed to die, officials said. JoAnne and Michael Dedman held a news conference Saturday afternoon to say they had allowed their son, Hunter, to be removed from a respirator, and he died at 9:15 a.m. The couple said they made the decision after doctors at Hermann Hospital told them Hunter was brain-dead.

Delia Hernandez, 27, a neighbor who had been babysitting the child while his parents were out of town, initially told authorities the tot put the paper towels into his own mouth, Harris County Sheriff's detectives said. Investigators said she later confessed she stuffed the baby's mouth to stop his crying.

'It would be impossible for a child to wad up the towels and put them that far down the throat,' Lt. Rickie Williams said. 'After questioning, she confessed to putting the towels in his mouth to stop the child from crying.' The parents said they had hired Hernandez to take care of Hunter several times in the past, with no problems. 'We lived next door to them for two years. We trusted her,' Michael Dedman said. 'Parents should be careful of who they leave their children with,' JoAnne Dedman said at the afternoon news conference at the hospital.

Police were called after an ambulance was summoned to Hernandez' rural home Wednesday evening. Williams said the towels were blocking the boy's airway, that he had stopped breathing and had no vital signs. Hernandez was arrested and charged with injury to a child. She was freed on \$10,000 bond. It was not immediately known whether she could face additional charges in light of the boy's death.

An autopsy was to be performed on the child's body. Michael Dedman said Hunter was left in the babysitter's care because he was away on business and his wife was vacationing with a friend. He said he phoned home periodically and Hernandez assured him the child was well. 'I was just sure he was in the best of care,' JoAnne Dedman said. 'She literally insisted them about their son's condition until his second day in the hospital, and then seemed indifferent and never went to the hospital.'

### BABY DIES AFTER SITTER PUTS PAPER IN TODDLER'S MOUTH

HOUSTON — An 11-month-old boy died Saturday, three days after his baby sitter stuffed paper towels into the baby's mouth to smother his crying. The infant, Hunter Dedman, died shortly after doctors removed life-support equipment because he was brain dead, hospital officials said. Hunter's parents, JoAnne and Michael Dedman, said they did not want their only son to suffer. "We just know our baby is in heaven," JoAnne Dedman said at the hospital. The baby sitter, Dalia Hernandez, 27, was released Friday from the Harris County jail on a \$10,000 bond. She was charged with injury to a child.

*This is not the kind of news we like to report but nevertheless it is news taken from public records..*

ON A BETTER NOTE....

### FAIREST OF THE FAIR

Smith County, TN



ALLIYAH MAI DEDMON

The 2015 Smith County Baby "Fairest of the Fair" Pageant was held on Saturday, August 1st, at the Smith County Agriculture Center. The winner of the girls 7-15 months Baby Fairest of the Fair pageant was Marielle Irene Maxwell, 1st runner-up was **Alliyah Mai Dedmon**, 2nd runner-up was Marilyn Gray Woodard. Baby Fairest of the Fair Pageants

*For whatever reason, John Dedmon/Dedman and Susanna Hunt moved from North Carolina to the Middle Tennessee in the early 1800s. Many of them settled around Smith, Dekalb and Warren County, Tennessee. Their descendents spelled the surname several different ways, the most prominent being: Dedmon, Dedman, Deadman, and Deadmon. We know now that the varied spelling makes no difference in kinship. As noted in the above article, some of the Dedmon family still lives in Smith County. There is a Dedman Cemetery in the nearby DeKalb County. I knew the Deadman family in Manchester, Tennessee, who owned the Deadman Funeral Home.*



### HAZEL W. DEDMON

Hazel Dedmon, 82, passed away on Thursday April 29, 2010. Mrs. Dedmon was born in Jacksonville on August 4, 1927 to James L. and Mattie Calhoun Williams.

She was a life long resident a devout Catholic and long time member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Mrs. Dedmon worked for many years in the food and beverage industry and then for many years with Roux Laboratories from where she retired. She enjoyed doing work for Catholic Charities, was very social and enjoyed being around people, helping others less fortunate and loved laughing with her family and friends. She was a very devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother and loved being with her family. She was preceded in death her husband of over 40 years, Rufus James Dedmon in 1989.

Survivors include 3 daughters, Dotty Dedmon (Jimmy), Roxanne Balkovic and Debra Pittman-Dickinson (Terry); a son, David Wayne Bowden; Grandchildren, Franky Dedmon, Sr., Michael Ganey, Adam Balkovic and Tara Balkovic; a great grandson, Frank Jimmy Dedmon, Jr. and other loving relatives and friends. She also survived by 4 stepchildren and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4 at Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home, 940 Cesery Blvd.. A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. A Celebration of the Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 5, 2010 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 4129 Broward Rd. with Fr. Jose Kulathinal the Celebrant. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

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### FRANCES DEDMON

SHELBY - Mrs. Frances Alma Campbell Dedmon, 77, of 3602 Bridges Dairy Road, died Thursday, April 13, 2000, at home. A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John Coren and Julia Bell Grayson Campbell. She was a homemaker and a member of Union Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Ervin Dedmon; and three brothers, Rush Campbell, John Campbell, and Charles Campbell. She is survived by one son, Gregory Mark Dedmon of Shelby; four sisters, Bessie Robinson of Slater, S.C., Beatrice Lee of Lawndale, Ruth Campbell of Shelby and Margaret Hubbard of Belwood; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Union Baptist Church with the Rev. Michael Shumate officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery. The family will receive friends Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Stamey Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Stamey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 639, Fallston, N.C. 28042.

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**GROVER C. DEDMAN**  
Grover Cleveland Dedman, 67, died at 1 a.m. Friday in the General Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born March 18, 1885, in Versailles, Ky. He lived in Kokomo a number of years before moving to Indianapolis, where he has been maintenance man in the Illinois building. While in Kokomo he was employed at the Haynes Apperson plant.

Surviving are the widow, Rosemary; daughter, Mrs. Louise Nult, Kokomo; sister, Mrs. Mabel Yeager, Ravenna, Ky.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Eilers Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Everett Nixon in charge. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Garden. Friends may call at the Eilers Funeral Home after 7 p.m. Saturday.

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### BOBBY JOE HULL

Bobby Joe Hull, 67 of Centralia, passed away Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015 at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon, IL. Bobby was born on October 8, 1948 in Dwight, IL, a son to Harley and Norma Jean (Hull) Deadmond. Bobby had a strong Christian faith and was a member of Eternity Baptist in Centralia. He enjoyed bicycle riding, fishing, antique cars, model cars, collecting aluminum cans, and watching Western shows. Most of all, Bobby was a devoted family man. In keeping with Bobby's wishes, he will be cremated and a graveside service will be held at Deadmond Cemetery in Odin, IL on Friday, December 18, 2015 at 11:00 am with Dr. Gary Allen officiating. Memorial Donations may be made to the Bobby Hull Family and will be received at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home. Bobby Joe Hull is survived by two sister, Diana Miller of Centralia and Jane Ellen Grabbe of Louisville, IL; one brother, Jack Deadmond of Sandoval, IL; and nieces and nephews, Tina Burner and husband, Terry, Michael Miller, Harley Miller, and Jenny Miller.

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### ARMON DEDMON

Armon Jacques Dedmon, 70, died Oct. 23, 2000 at Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe. He was born in Elk City, Okla., on July 24, 1930. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1955 in the 11th Airborne. In 1959, he graduated from Middle Tennessee State Teacher's College and was a 6th grade teacher for 5 years in Nashville, Tenn., and for 25 years in Camarillo, Calif. Mr. Dedmon is survived by his wife Alene Elizabeth Dedmon of Gardnerville; son Adam J. Dedmon of Gardnerville and daughter Tracey Halfhill of Vicksburg, Miss.; and two grandchildren.



## HALEY DEDMOND

Haley Cantrell Dedmond, Sr., 90, 201 Benbrook Drive, Cherryville, formerly of Ballpark Road, Lawndale passed away at his home on Saturday, March 26, 2016. Haley grew up in Cliffside, NC. He attended Cliffside High School until he was drafted in the service during WWII after completing tenth grade.

Haley served in the US Navy as a member of the 67th Construction Battalion (Seabees). He served in the Pacific Theater, most notably on Tinian Island. His battalion along with other Seabees built the runways on North Field on which the Enola Gay piloted by Paul Tibbets flew the first atomic bomb to Hiroshima. They never knew the significance of their assignment until the war ended. After being honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946, Haley returned to North Carolina and finished his high school education at Campbell College in Buie's Creek.

After high school graduation, he enrolled in Gardner-Webb University, graduating in 1949. He received his bachelor's degree from Limestone College in Gaffney, SC in 1951. Haley's first job was for NC Department of Transportation, then he worked for five years at Lawndale Auto Supply. In 1957 he went to work as a social worker with Cleveland County Department of Social Services. Cleveland Technical Institute began in 1965 and Haley joined the small staff in 1966, where he worked for twenty-two years as Dean of Learning Resources. While there, he received his master's degree in Library Science from Appalachian State University. He retired in 1988.

Haley married Elizabeth (Lib) Lattimore in 1948 in Lawndale. They were happily married for sixty-seven years. Haley was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church where he served for years as Sunday school teacher, youth leader and deacon. He was also a member of Lawndale Masonic Lodge and served on numerous committees in and around Cleveland County. Haley was instrumental in the establishment of the first branch of the Cleveland County Library System located in Lawndale on Old Piedmont School property - now known as Spangler Branch Library. Haley also served on the Board of Directors for Cleveland County Council on aging.

Haley was preceded in death by his parents and eleven siblings. He is survived by his spouse Lib of Cherryville; daughter, Jeane Adams and husband Guy of Lawndale; sons, Hal Dedmond and wife Corine Gusman and Don Dedmond and wife LaDonna all of Lawndale; five grandchildren, Lee Adams and wife Gail of Kernersville, Crystal Warlick of Shelby, Anna Osorio and husband Thiago of Lawndale, Seth Dedmond of Clover, SC and Rebecca Mosteller and husband, Johnny of Clover, SC. Kasey Robinson and husband Josh of Oak Island and LeighAnn Crawford and husband Cameron of Shelby; thirteen great grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews and good friends.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at New Bethel Baptist Church in Lawndale. At other times the family will be at the home of Phylis Powers, 201 Benbrook Drive, Cherryville. The funeral service will be on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at New Bethel Baptist Church with the Dr. Tim Elmore officiating. The burial will follow in the church cemetery. Stamey-Tysinger Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Fallston is serving the Dedmond family. **(Find A Grave Memorial# 160072397)**

## ANNIE TROUTMAN

FOREST CITY, N.C. - Annie Lizzie Ormand Troutman, 98, of 1107 Hardin Road, died Feb. 7, 1993, in Edgewood Nursing Center after a long illness. She was native of Rutherford County, and the daughter of the late Esby Walter and Martha Lookadoo Dedmond. She was a Baptist and had done private nursing.

Survivors include two sons, William "Bill" Ormand of Cliffside, N.C., and George Robert Ormand, Sr. or Forest City; three daughters, Laura Jean Sisk of Gastonia, N.C., Sarah "Maxie" Upton of Forest City and Wynona L. Joye of Columbus, N.C., three stepdaughters, Miss D.C. Troutman, Mrs. R.E. Taylor and Mrs. Arzula Dickert of p.m.31 grandchildren and 57 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8:30 tonight at the Crowe Funeral Home, Rutherfordton, N.C. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel by the Rev. Neal Murray. Burial will be in Columbus Presbyterian Cemetery, Columbus, Polk County, NC

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## BETTY DEDMON

SHELBY - Mrs. Betty Grill Dedmon, 74, of 518 Leander St., died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at the home of her son. A native of Burke County, she was the daughter of Eva Suddreth MacTaggart of Ormond Beach, Fla., and the late Henry Grill. She was a homemaker and a former nurse's aid. She was a member of Hoyle Memorial United Methodist Church.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her stepmother, Louise Johnson Cornwell, and two stepfathers, Hall Houpe and Ron MacTaggart. Burial will be in Cleveland Memorial Park.

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