

# THE DEDMON

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## Volume 111

# Connection



### PACK YOURE BAGS AND GET READY TO TRAVEL

Several issues back in the Dedmon Connection, Volume 51, I wrote about roads named after related families. Most of these are in Catoosa and Whitfield County, GA. They include: Dickson, Dedmon, Bates, Templeton, Cavender, Greeson and Wimpy, All are my relatives. I have for some time been interested in how many Dedmon/Deadman, etc roads there actually are in the good old USA and other countries. With the help of Google, I found a few. I am sure there are more and await your sending them to me.

**Dedmon Road** is just south of Ringgold, GA on Hwy 151 towards Trion, GA. It was named for John Dedmon,

who owned a large farm in that area and at one time served as the sheriff of Catoosa County. It dead ends at the county landfill. While researching the Civil War History, I stumbled across this bit of information. *"The Civil War Archives, Union Regimental Histories 1864. Expedition from Scottsboro, Ala., toward Rome, Ga., January 25-February 5, 1864. Ringgold, Ga., February 8. Demonstration on Dalton, Ga., February 22-27. Near Dalton February 23-24. Tunnel Hill, Buzzard's Roost Gap and Rocky Faced Ridge February 24-25. Scout to Dedmon's Trace."* I have been unable to find where Dedmon's Trace is actually located, but am quite certain it is in the Ringgold-Tunnel Hill area. It may be Dedmon Road in Catoosa County, but that would have been several miles backtrack.

From North Georgia we travel to the deep south and visit **Dedman Street** on the east side of Selma, Alabama. The Dedman claim to fame in Selma is divided between Col. James Monroe Dedman and his younger brother Marcus Lafayette Dedman, sons of William Howard Dedman and Elizabeth D. Haile Dedman of Tennessee. Col. Dedman was the commander of the Twentieth Alabama Infantry Regiment. His brother, Marcus, was a Lieutenant in Company D, Fifth Alabama Infantry Regiment. Company D, known as the Greensboro Guards, was composed of men from Greene County, a neighboring county to Dallas County where Selma is located. Col. Dedman returned from the war and became Mayor of Selma. He operated the St. James Hotel, where legend has it, he played billiards with Jesse and Frank James. Marcus Lafayette Dedman served

as marshal in Selma in the 1860s and 70s, and helped upgrade the Selma Fire Department. Marcus later moved to Monroe, LA, and then onto Vicksburg, MS.

Now we will cross the Mississippi River into the State of Mississippi and travel north to Arkansas, a state with several varied spellings of the family surname. In Bay (Craighead County), there is a **Dedman Street**, and also a **Dedman Sanitation Waste Disposal Company**. There is a **Dedman Avenue**, in Camden, a city rich in Civil War history. John Lemuel Dedman, a descendant of Christopher Deadman is buried there. It is interesting to me that our early lineage has John Lemuel Deadman, Sr., Jr. and the 3rd. With that rather unusual name it tends to make one think there may be a connection with the two lines, or it could be wishful thinking. Most of those family members came from the Huntsville, Alabama area and then on to Oklahoma, Texas and California, dropping a few off on the way.

We go next to **Dedman Drive**, in Shreveport, LA. The most prominent Dedman I found in Shreveport was James Richard Dedman (Find A Grave Memorial# 102476882). He and a few other family members moved down from Arkansas. There are not many Dedmons buried in Louisiana, but one is a little two day old baby, Cynthia Lou, born to Roy L. and Pearl Dedmon when they were living in DeRidder, LA in 1950.

Going North West into Oklahoma, **Deadman Trail** is in Wister, just south of Heavener, where many of our ancestors lived. Several of them are descendents of Abraham Dedmon who was my grandfather's first cousin. Abraham married Rachel Gentry, my mothers great aunt. There is a **Deadman Spring Road**. In Milburn, just south of Oklahoma City, and also a **Deadman Spring** and a **Deadman Mountain**.

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There is also a **Deadman Road** in Huntington TX. It is rather interesting in that I can't find any family members in that county. I think the road is actually Dead Man Road, maybe because of the number of accidents occurring on the road. There is a Dead Man Curve in Catoosa County, GA named for that very reason. That could also be the case in Oklahoma. It is Deadman just the same. We will move on to **Dedman Street** in Pasadena, TX. There is a **Robert Dedman Drive** at the University of Texas in Austin, TX. I featured Robert in Volume 105 of the Dedmon Connection. There is a **Dedmon Road** in Old Boston, in Bowie County. The Lone Star State is called home by many of our family members. There are well over 250 listed in FindAgrave.com of all our varied spellings. However, Oklahoma is not far behind with around 200.

We continue west through New Mexico to Nazlini in Apache County, Arizona. It is no surprise to find a **Dedman Road** there, as the county has been under the leadership of Sheriff Joseph Dedman, Jr. for more than 25 years. His family is of the Navajo Tribe of Native Americans. I have found his grandfather, Clitso Dedman, born around 1879 near Chinle to a woman of the Táchii'nii (Red Forehead) clan, and schooled at Grand Junction Indian School. I have been unable to find his father and the correspondence I have had with some of the family indicates they do not know either.

From Arizona we will turn Northeast to Colorado where we find **Deadman Road**, a major county road that provides access to many OHV roads in the Red Feather Lakes area located in Roosevelt National Forest. Unlicensed vehicles cannot ride on the road, but much free camping is available, so people tow in and camp near their favorite OHV trail. The road is closed in the winter from Dec. 1 through June 14. You can take short side trip to **Deadman Fire Lookout Tower**, open to the public on weekends from 10-4 in the summertime.

Leaving Colorado, we continue our Northeast journey to the "Corn Husker" State to Crawford, Nebraska. Here we find another **Deadman Road**. We have some family buried in Nebraska, but not in this area of the state. Many others lived there enroute to points west.

We now turn west to California, and **Dedmon Court** in Oakland. The oldest Dedmon I know in Oakland was Joseph Asberry "Joe" Dedmon, the son of Sinnac and Obedience A. "Beady" Pettypool Dedmon. He was born there in 1850 which means his parents lived there at one time, although they died in Missouri. This would put them in California in the midst of the Gold Rush. There is also a **Dedman Court** in San Francisco.

As we head north, we leave the lower 48 and enter the State of Alaska. In the little town of Minto, AK there is another **Deadman Road**, and I am not sure if is named after a family member or because of potential danger. Not many of our family members are listed as being buried there, but it is possible some are. I have record of four and know very little about them. George R. Dedman (1857-1925) is buried in Skagway along with 3 others. George was the son of Elijah Craig Dedman, who was a doctor in Oregon. The other three buried in Skagway are: Clara Elisabeth Susan Dedman (1861-1936), She could be George's wife. Henry Alaska Dedman (1891-1954) and I am guessing he was George's son. Bessie Moser Dedman (1892-1979), who is listed as a photographer and possibly Henry's wife. There is a **Deadman Lake** and campground there also.

Crossing the border into Canada, the home of many of the Deadman family we will find **Deadman-Vidette Road in Deadmans Creek**, British Columbia : **Deadman's Road**, in Ontario. In fact Canada is filled with references to Deadman which include: **Deadman's Island**, **Deadman's Pass**, **Deadman's Hill**, and **Deadman's Cave**.

Back to the lower 48, we go to **Deadmans Lake Road** located in Kalkaska County, Michigan. Deadman's Lake is a fishing lake so bring your ole cane pole and worms. It is not certain if the lake is named for one of our family members or if some tragedy occurred.. This is the case over at Alba in Antrim County, where we find **Deadman's Hill Road**. On May 20, 1910, 21 year old Stanley "Big Sam" Graczyk, was to marry his childhood sweetheart. On that morning he was working the steep ridges of the Jordan River Valley with his crew. Poor Stanley never even made it to the altar. He was driving a team of horses and a "Big Wheel" loaded with timber down the ridge when the huge cart slipped out of control and ran over him, killing him instantly. It's been called **Deadman's Hill** ever since.

Leaving Michigan, it is very tempting to swing by Greenwich Village in New York and take a stroll down **Leroy Street**, but I am probably the only one who would have an interest in that trip, so we will head for **Dedmond Avenue** in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and then on to Blue Grass Country, the State of Kentucky.

Kentucky is also famous for the varied spellings of our surname as they weave in and out of each family. We will pay a visit to **Dedman Lane** in Lexington. The oldest family member I could find there is Lewis Dedman, Sr. (1795-1841). He and his wife, Patsey Ashurst Dedman had at least eight children and account for many of the Dedmans in that area. There is also Archie V. Dedman who was associated with Joyland

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Park for over 35 years prior to his retirement in 1952. In nearby Harrodsburg, the home of the Historic Beaumont Inn, owned by the Dedman family and the Dedman Drug Store, there is a **Dedman Street**. That street is also listed as Pleasant Hill, also known as Shakertown, in northeastern Mercer county near the Kentucky River. It was founded by members of the Society of Believers in Christs Second Appearing, known as the Shakers, in 1805, and the community eventually reached a size of 4,500 acres and a population of about 500. It was disbanded in 1910 and the last Shaker resident died in 1923. After many years of private ownership, much of the land and many of the buildings were restored as a museum known as Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. A post office operated at several locations at Pleasant Hill intermittently from 1818 until 1904 under the names Shawnee Run or Pleasant Hill. Mercer County, KY contains rich heritage for the Dedman family. Before we leave the Blue Grass State, lets drop down to Bowling Green where there is a **Bill Dedmon Road**. If I had to guess, I would say it is named after Bill Dedmon, but I am not sure which one. There is a William R. Dedmon (1900-1959) buried in Bowling Green. His wife was Oma Anderson, they had a daughter named Nona. There is another Dedmon buried in Warren County by the name of James Dedmon (Feb. 23, 1929-Dec. 6, 2011) and by age, could have been William's son.

Continuing south we will enter the Volunteer State, Tennessee. There are several Dedmon families in West Tennessee. In Milan, the location of the Milan Box Company, there is a **Dedmon Street**. Milan Box Corporation had its beginning in 1927 when A. N. Dedmon moved to Milan from Gibson County, and began making boxes and crates to pack out the region's bountiful fruit crop. With the advent of World War II, the company expanded and began manufacturing military ammunition boxes. During the 1950's, due to the rapidly growing demand in the industrial sector, the company shifted more of its production from the fruit and vegetable markets to the industrial market. Milan Box Corporation is a fourth generation family business. There is a **Jim Dedmon Road** in Dyer and in nearby Rutherford there is a **Jim Dedman Road**. Gibson County has several of the Dedmon branch and a fairly well known James Dedmon, but this road is **Dedman**. There was some well known James Dedmans in Maury County, which is about an hour east of Rutherford and they could have had some influence there. It could also be a case of an alternate spelling to the James Dedmon who lived there. There is a **Dedmon Road** in

Camden. The only Dedmon in Camden I know about is a Chriopractor, Roy Dedmon, I am not sure if the road is named for him. There is a **Dedmon Street** in Lebanon, were many Dedmons live. Most of them are descendants of Jonathan and Susan Hunt Dedmon. DNA testing has revealed Jonathan was probably adopted by Mark and Hannah Bailey Dedmon, but he is still a Dedmon. As I have said many times, anyone can plant seed, but the crop belongs to the one who cares and takes care of it. Growing up, I had some step cousins, but we ignore "step" as they are cousins like all the rest. Down in Dekalb County at Liberty, there is a **Dedmon Hollow Road**. At Manchester in Coffee County, there is a **J.B. Deadman Lane**. John Bethel Deadman, a descendant of Jonathan and Susan Dedmon, was the father of Frank and Fred Deadman (both deceased), who were the owners of the **Deadman Funeral Home** in Manchester.

We come to the beautiful State of North Carolina, the "Cradle of our Ancestors". Many of our ancestors came to Baltimore from England. I am told we were Torries and at some point our land in Maryland was taken from us so we drifted south down to North Carolina. However, that is another story for another day. In Charlotte there is a **Dedmon Drive**, and a **Tom Dedmon Road** in Shelby. There is a **Deadman Road** in Ellenboro and also in Hollis, a **Deadmon Road** in Mocksville and in Mooresboro a **Dedmond Road**. In Watauga County, there is a **Deadman Gap**. North Carolina is probably the only state with some of each of the varied spellings of our surname. It would not even be an educated guess as for whom these roads and places are named.

South Carolina is also the home of many of our family members. David Dedmon is a Denist in Spartanburg. There is a **Dedmon Road** in Blacksburg. There is a Ned Dedmon living on this road. Several of our family moved to South Carolina from North Carolina, before coming on to Georgia. Among those is Clemeth Cavender, who married Rebecca Deadman.

To complete our journey we would have to board a plane or ship to travel to **John Dedman Parkway** in Canberra, Australia. Although, I think a portion or all of it has been renamed to **Gungahlin Drive Extension**. John Johnstone Dedman (1896 – 1973) was born in Scotland and in 1922 he travelled to Australia, where he bought a dairy farm. He was a Councillor on Upper Yarra Shire Council from 1926 to 1939 and its president in 1931 and 1937. In 1938, he studied Keynesian economics at the University of Melbourne. There is also a **Dedman Road** in Sydney.

I know there are more, so if you know, send it to me.

# From the Mail Bag

Jim Dedman

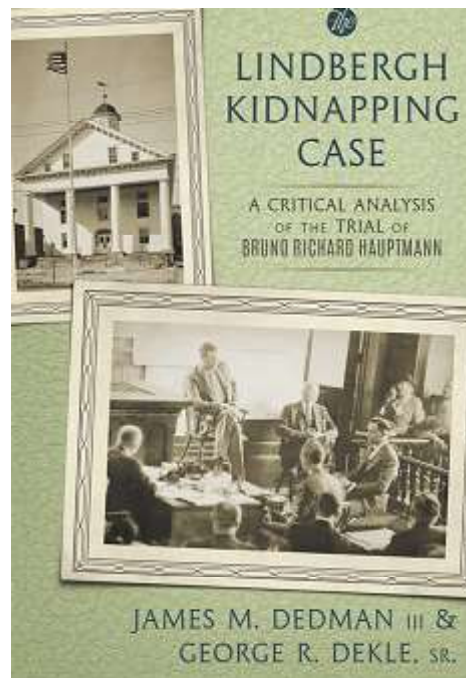
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Good work, Leroy. Everything looks fine. Since you mention Bill Dedman's book, I'm including a link to my book which may be out in September. I've gotten a lot of information on the William Howard Dedman and Elizabeth D. Haile Dedman branch of the family. I have both Col. James M. Dedman and Marcus Lafayette Dedman down to this year.

Link to book: (<http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=64822>)

**Dedman, James M., III and George R. Dekle, Sr.** The Lindbergh Kidnapping Case: A Critical Analysis of the Trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann. Clark, NJ: Talbot Publishing, September 2016. xvii, 394 pp. ISBN-13: 978-1-61619-533-5. ISBN-10: 978-1-61619-533-9. Hardcover. \$75. \* The kidnapping and murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. touched off one of the most massive manhunts in the history of American crime detection and generated so much publicity at home and abroad that it was touted as the "Crime of the Century." The arrest of Bruno Richard Hauptmann in connection with the kidnapping inevitably led to the "Trial of the Century." Although Hauptmann was almost universally detested at the time of the trial, the tide of public opinion began to change with his conviction. In the decades following Hauptmann's execution, writers have advanced one theory after another seeking to pin the blame upon various members of the Lindbergh household and others. Almost every aspect of the crime and the investigation has been examined and critiqued-with one exception. No one has written a critical analysis of the trial itself. This book seeks to remedy that omission with an investigation and evaluation of the marshalling, presentation, and arguing of the evidence, and a study of the post-conviction litigation. •This innovative book includes: -- a thorough analysis of the evidence presented at trial by both the prosecution and defense -- a comprehensive critique of the performance of the lawyers -- a discussion of inculpatory scientific evidence available to, but not used by, the prosecution -- a section listing the major protagonists in the investigation and trial -- a timeline -- a modular analysis of the prosecution case -- a table of cases. After extensive experience in defending and prosecuting criminal cases, JAMES M. DEDMAN III taught theory-based trial advocacy for the National College of District Attorneys for twenty-eight years at the University of Houston Law Center and the University of South Carolina National Advocacy Center. GEORGE R. DEKLE, SR. was a legal skills professor at the Levin College of Law, University of Florida. Before that he served for thirty years as an assistant state attorney in the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida. Dekle has authored several books on trial advocacy and legal history.



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*It is always good to hear from Jim as he always has excellent information to share with us. He referenced Volume 109 in his email in connection with Bill Dedman's book. I had already completed Volume 110 when I received this or I would have included it then. I am always happy to publish anything dealing with the accomplishments of family.*

*I am confident the book will be well worth the price. That incident has intrigued many of us for a long time. I remember my mother talking about it. Maybe after it's publication release it will be available for download on Kindle, I am sure he will let us know.*

*Jim is the son of James Monroe Dedman, Jr. and of course the grandson of James Monroe Dedman, Sr. If I have my facts correct, his son, James Monroe Dedman, IV is also an attorney.*

## WANTED

INFORMATION AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF



**CHAS. A. LINDBERGH, JR.**

OF HOPEWELL, N. J.

**SON OF COL. CHAS. A. LINDBERGH**  
World-Famous Aviator

This child was kidnaped from his home in Hopewell, N. J., between 8 and 10 p. m. on Tuesday, March 1, 1932.



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!!!!

by James Monroe Dedman III

The entire time I was growing up, I heard the "Dedmans were from Alabama". Well, that's partly true. My line of Dedmans comes down from Christopher, so we began the USA experience in York County, then Mecklenburg County, VA. At least two Dedman brothers, John and William Howard Dedman, both sons of John Dedman and Carrie Elizabeth White Dedman, moved their families to the Tennessee Natchez Trace area near Leatherwood Creek, right on the Maury and Hickman county lines. After William Howard's death near Williamsport, Maury, TN, in 1846, two of his sons, James Monroe Dedman and Marcus Lafayette "M. L." Dedman moved to Selma, AL. James was the commander of the Twentieth Ala Infantry Regiment and M. L. was a Lt. in the Fifth Ala Inf Regiment. Col. James is buried in Live Oak cemetery in Selma, but sometime in the later 1870s, M. L. moved his family to Monroe, LA, and then later to Vicksburg, MS, where he and his wife are buried. Col. James and brother M. L. married the Scarff sisters, Mary Ann and Martha Louisa.



This is a portrait of Col. James Monroe Dedman after the Civil War. He was in the Battle of Bentonville, NC, where General Joseph E. Johnston, CSA, surrendered to General W. T. Sherman--the last major battle of the war. This battle occurred after Lee had surrendered to Grant at Appomattox and after Lincoln was assassinated. Accounts

of the battle report that Confederates from Appomattox were straggling through the battlefield on their way home.

Col. James had three children: a daughter Mamie died just over a year old and is buried in Live Oak Cemetery in Selma. James then had two sons, Joseph Marcus and James Edwin. Joe Dedman moved to Red Boiling Springs, TN, after his father died. Col. James had been in the hotel business (and his father William Howard Dedman ran a sleep over place in Tennessee), and Joe began a hotel career in TN. He eventually had three children: Bertram Cottingham Dedman, Gladys Bill Dedman, and

James Monroe Dedman. They moved to Columbia, TN, where Joe owned the Bethel Hotel until the mid 1940s. There were four additional generations of the Joe Dedman family which began in Columbia, TN.



Mary Ann Scarff Dedman, with grandson, Bertram Cottingham Dedman, Jr.

Now there are no Dedmans left in Columbia, TN, but there are many descendants of John Dedman in eastern Hickman County, TN, near the areas of Little Lot and Bon Aqua. Some may be descendants of other children of William Howard (he and Elizabeth D. Haile Dedman had seven children). One daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth Dedman, married Edward Williams who many credit with founding the town of Williamsport, TN, on the Duck River in Maury County near the Hickman County line.

Most of Joe Dedman's immediate family are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, TN. The brothers Bertram Cottingham Dedman and James Monroe Dedman married the Fariss sisters, Mary Ella Fariss and Elizabeth Claiborne Bibb Fariss. There is a joint Fariss-Dedman plot at the cemetery. Their sister Gladys Bill Dedman Moore is also buried there in a separate plot with her husband, J. Henry Moore. Gladys' two daughters moved to Houston.

Col. James' other son, James Edwin Dedman, followed his older brother to the University of Alabama where they were Honor students. James Edwin went on to the University of Tennessee Med school (then in Nashville), and he became a career officer in the U.S. Medical Corps which essentially became the VA. Dr. Dedman had a son, James, Jr, who had two sons, James Edwin III, and Robert Whitney Dedman. For the most part they lived in the PA and DE areas. I guess you could say we are "Alabama Dedmans" since we spent some time there.

It is interesting to note the Dedman connection to Columbia Military Academy in Columbia, TN. It closed several decades back and is now Columbia Academy. Col. James' older son, Joseph Marcus Dedman, sent both of his sons, Bertram Cottingham Dedman and James Monroe Dedman to CMA. Their two sons, Bertram Cottingham Dedman, Jr. and James Monroe Dedman, Jr. went to CMA. Dr. James Edwin Dedman sent his son, James, Jr. to CMA; and James, Jr. sent one of his sons, James Edwin Dedman III to CMA. Joseph Marcus Dedman served four terms as Mayor of Columbia, TN.



## DEDMONS IN THE NEWS

### TOP PRODUCING REALTOR JEFF DEDMON JOINS CRYE-LEIKE'S FORT OGLETHORPE, GA BRANCH

April 10, 2014



Jeff Dedmon was recently welcomed to Crye-Leike's Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia branch office. Jeff has been a successful Realtor for three years. He recently transferred to Crye-Leike from Coldwell Banker to be more centrally located for his clients. Being a

licensed Realtor in both Tennessee and Georgia, Jeff assists real estate buyers and sellers in and around Catoosa, Walker, Hamilton and Bradley counties. He specializes in working with residential and commercial sales, first-time homebuyers, relocation and land.

In his first year in real estate, Jeff won the "Rookie of the Year Award" and in 2012 he won a Diamond Society Award for his sales achievements. "My clients know if something is important to them then it's important to me," said Jeff. "Being a good listener is one of the best skills I have to help my clients. You are not listening if you are thinking of what to say while someone else is talking. I listen to my clients and do my best to fulfill their needs." Jeff lives in Ringgold, Georgia. When he isn't busy assisting real estate clients, he enjoys camping, hiking, fishing and spending time with his wife and kids.

In June, 2016, Jeff transferred to the East Brainerd office in Chattanooga, TN. In 2015, he sold over \$4 million in sales and was named Crye-Leike's top agent in north Georgia and No. 13 in the region. His sales achievements include being a member of Crye-Leike's Multi-Million Dollar Club for consistently selling annually in excess of \$2 million and meeting other stringent requirements. Dedmon is a member of the Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce and is a participant in its Leadership Catoosa program.

*I am not sure exactly where Jeff "fits" in the family tree and the entire time I lived in Ringgold, It was my intent to visit him. However, since I am the master of procrastination, it never happened. Maybe he will see this and fill us in. -Leroy*

### EDDIE DEDMON RETIRES

After a 44-year career in the IBEW, International Representative Eddie Dedmon retired March 1, 2015. Brother Dedmon, born and raised in Jacksonville, Fla., said labor activism was in his blood. "My dad was the business manager for the brickmasons," he said. "He showed me that with the union, you could always make a living. He pointed me to it."



He was initiated into Jacksonville Local 177 in 1971. Prior to joining the IBEW, Dedmon served in the U.S. Navy, stationed in San Diego. Trained as an inside wireman, Brother Dedmon held a variety of positions in Local 177. He served as president and assistant business manager in the 1990s before serving as business manager-financial secretary from 1998 to 2005.

Dedmon served on numerous committees including: pension, health care, negotiating, labor management, apprenticeship and organizing. He studied labor relations at the George Meany Center, later known as the National Labor College. Membership at Local 177 grew significantly during Dedmon's tenure as business manager, from roughly 490 members in 1990 to more than 1,800 in 2005. In 2005, International President Edwin Hill appointed him to serve as Fifth District international organizing coordinator.

"Organizing was my passion and No. 1 objective," he said. "In the early days, the union structures were not set up as they are today and it was an uphill battle in Florida. There was a lot of work involved to organize effectively. I created membership orientations and gave video presentations to get it done." During his career, the homebuilders in Florida were notoriously nonunion. "I got to be so well known they had a cheat sheet prepared: 'How to deal with this man.'" Brother Dedmon also served as president of the North Florida Building Trades Council and president of the North Florida Labor Council. On behalf of the entire membership and staff of the IBEW, the officers wish Brother Dedmon a long and healthy retirement.

*Eddie is the son of Charles Gilbert and Roberta Giles Dedmon, Sr. and the grandson of Charles Benjamin and Carrie Maggie Stewart Dedmon. Our family line connects at William and Margaret Daniels Dedmon, we are 4th cousins. -Leroy*

## DALE WESTBROOK



Retired U.S. Navy Commander Dale Allen Westbrook, 74, of Rossville, GA passed away Monday, July 18, 2011 at his residence. He was a 1954 graduate of Rossville High School and a 1993 inductee into its Sports Hall of Fame.

Graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1958, he served in the Naval Aviation Community until he retired in 1978. He was of the Protestant faith and a member of McFarland Memorial United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gisela Klara Reichstein; and his parents, Darrel Edwin and Alice Clarkson Westbrook. Survivors include his brother, Retired U.S. Navy Captain Darrel E. Westbrook, JR. (Jean); several nieces, nephews, great niece, great nephews, cousins, and special aunt, Mildred Beagle Clarkson. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10:30a.m. in the South Crest Chapel with Reverend Hoyt Jenkins of Jasper, GA officiating. Burial will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery with Full Military Honors. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Rossville High School Class of 1954 in attendance. The family will receive friends Thursday from 5-8p.m. at the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home and Crematory, Rossville, GA. Burial: will be in Chattanooga National Cemetery; Chattanooga, Hamilton County, TN.

**Find A Grave Memorial# 73917521**

*Growing up, I knew the Westbrook family very well, but never knew they were connected to the Dedmon family. Dale was the grandson of Mary Elizabeth "Mamie" Dedmon, the daughter of Riley Dedmon. Riley's mother, Mary Hannah Dedmon Dickson, was my father's great aunt and my mother's great grandmother. So actually, Dale and I were related on "both sides of the fence". According to Family Tree Maker, he was my 3rd cousin and 3rd cousin once removed. He was three years ahead of me in school, but I remember his ability on the football field. He was no doubt a great player and deserved the place given him in the Rossville High School Hall of Fame. We lived near a Westbrook(s) family, but I can't remember their names. We may have been related. (LD)*

## BARBARA DICKSON SHIELDS

Barbara Jean Dickson Shields, 84, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2015, at her residence. A resident of the North Georgia area most of her life, she was of the Christian faith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lewis Shields; parents, John "Alex" and Clara Lucille King Dickson; daughter,



Sandra Parks; sister, Linda Dickson; and three brothers, Troy, Carl and Paul Dickson. She is survived by three sons, Johnny (Denise) Shields, of Ringgold, Jeff Shields, of Ringgold, and Mike Shields, of Ooltewah; four sisters, Audrey (Bill) Collison, of Ringgold, Wilma Scott, of Ringgold, Martha (Jack) Baggett, of Ringgold, Ga., and Doris (Bill) Pitts, of Tunnel Hill, Ga.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held 3 p.m. Sunday Aug. 2, 2015 in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Delbert Young officiating. The family will receive friends Sunday from 2 p.m. until funeral time at the funeral home. An online register book may be signed at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home, Wallis-Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Ga.

**Find A Grave Memorial# 152656171**

## DORIS MARIE DICKSON PITTS



Doris Marie Dickson Pitts, 78, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2016. A lifelong resident of the Ringgold and Tunnel Hill area, she was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Alexander and Clara Lucille King Dickson; three sisters, Bobbie Shields, Linda Dickson and Wilma Scott; three brothers, Carl, Troy

and Paul Dickson. She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Pitts, of Tunnel Hill, Ga.; three children, Laura Pitts Campbell (Mike), of Cohutta, Ga., Hank Pitts (Anna), of Tunnel Hill, Ga., and Patricia Pitts Montgomery (Michael), of Dalton, Ga.; two sisters, Audrey Collison, of Ringgold, Ga., and Martha Baggett, of Ringgold, Ga.; ten grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2016, in the funeral home chapel, with Rev. Neil Hasty officiating. Interment will follow at Anderson Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Friday, from 3-8 p.m. and Saturday, until funeral time at the funeral home. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia. An online register book may be signed at:

[www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com)

**Find A Grave Memorial# 161131775**

## BEVERLY DEADMON



Mrs. Beverly Ann Deadmon, entered eternity on Nov. 12, 2007. Born in New Orleans, LA on April 24, 1945, Beverly relocated to San Pedro, CA

with her family where she grew up and raised her family. In 1962 Beverly married Lawrence Lesure, with 3 children, Renelle, Rochelle and Kenneth born to this union. In 1988, Beverly married **George Deadmon**, whom she enjoyed 14 dedicated years with before he joined the Lord. She received her Associates Degree from Los Angeles Harbor College and actively pursued a career in real estate. Beverly was welcomed at heaven's gate by her son, husband, father and brother. She is survived by her mother, Annie Mae Robinson; daughters, Renelle and Rochelle; granddaughter, Danielle, Dominique and Jazzmine; brother, Gary; sisters-in-law, Noni, Gloria, Beverly, Pamela and Donna; brother-in-law, Walter; step-children, Tasha & Mark; nieces, Moya & Crystal; nephews, Lionel, Eric and Frederick; and a host of family and friends. Viewing will be on Friday, November 16th from 1:00-8:00pm at Green Hills Memorial Park, 27501 S. Western Avenue, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Services Saturday, November 17th at Calvary Chapel South Bay, 19300 S. Vermont, Gardena, CA. Repass immediately following at 1137 W. Sepulveda, San Pedro, CA.

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## NETTIE HARVEY DEADMON



Mrs. Nettie Mae Harvey Deadmon of Petersburg, VA passed away Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Petersburg Home for Ladies. She was born on September 25, 1920 in Evergreen, VA and was the oldest child of Manie C. and E. Larkin Harvey, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, James E. Harvey, Lewis G Harvey, and W. Henry Harvey; one sister, Martha Harvey Conner; her husband, Herbert Kenneth Deadmon; oldest son, John Raymond Deadmon; and grandson, Jeffery Raymond Knight. She is survived by two sisters, Mary Phelps and husband, Twyman, and Roberta Mitchell, both of Appomattox, VA. She is also survived by her son, Kenneth B. Deadmon and wife, Carolyn of TN; daughter and main caregiver, Carol D. Knight and husband, Bobby of Disputanta, VA; grandson, Gregory C. Deadmon; granddaughter, Tracey L. Rogers and husband, Tommy, all of SC; granddaughter Kelly M. Deadmon and husband, Victor Verhaeghe of NY; and Tamara K. Knight of VA. Great-grandchildren include Tyler and Travis Rogers of SC, Preston T. Harris of NC, and Flynn Henry Verhaeghe of NY. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; a very special friend, Nancy A. Meade; and former caregiver, Doris O. Jackson. Living in Prince George on 10 acres, she and her husband raised milk cows, chickens, and horses and had a bountiful garden each year, canning and preserving the fruits of their labor. They opened a grocery store and barber shop in the 50's and ran a very successful business. After closing the store only, she worked at Lerner Shops in Petersburg, having many faithful customers as well as making good friends with employees. She loved to cook and bake and became known as the "cake lady" at church and by many others. She always hosted a large family Thanksgiving and Christmas celebration at her house. Christmas was always a favorite time of year for her and she had great joy with her family around her, and the pleasure of carefully selecting gifts for them. She was a very accomplished seamstress helping family and friends with sewing. Mrs. Deadmon loved her family and her Monumental Baptist church family. A funeral service will be held at the Petersburg Chapel of J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. The family will receive friends one hour prior. Interment will take place at Southlawn Memorial Park in Prince George. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Crater Community Hospice, 3916 S. Crater Road, Petersburg, VA 23805 or in her honor to Petersburg Home for Ladies, Fellowship Fund, 311 South Jefferson Street, Petersburg, VA 23803. Condolences may be registered at [www.jtmorriss.com](http://www.jtmorriss.com)

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## EVAN DEDMON (Find A Grave Memorial# 87753388)

Evan Dedmon Obituary: Charlotte (NC) Observer, Date: June 6, 1998: Evan Dedmon 85, 111 Harrilson Road, Cherryville, NC, died Thursday, June 4, 1998 at Carolina Care. Funeral 2:30 PM Sunday at David's Chapel UMC, Lawndale, with Rev. Jim Scott, Rev. Alvin Jones officiating. Burial in Kadesh UMC Cemetery. Visitation 7-8:30 PM Saturday at Stamey Funeral Home. Mr. Dedmon was born in Lincoln County, son of the late Charlie Crawford Dedmon & Gertrude Wellmon Dedmon. He was a retired farmer, member of David's Chapel United Methodist Church. Survivors include his brother, Glenn Dedmon of Vale; 3 sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Mae Smith of Vale, Mrs. Levone Huskey of Cowpens, SC, Mrs. Faye Kennedy of Fallston. Stamey Funeral Home is in charge.