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And all other related families

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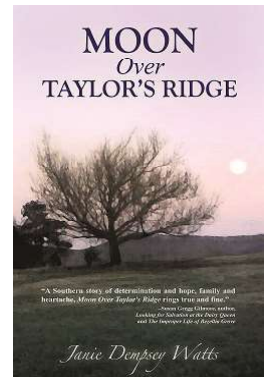
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“Moon Over Taylor’s Ridge”



Janie Dempsey Watts’ first novel, “Moon Over Taylor’s Ridge,” is a Southern story rooted in the cultural history—and mystery—of the Northwest Georgia hills. The story unfolds on the actual Taylor’s Ridge in Catoosa County, Ga. The ridge—named for Richard Taylor, a Cherokee leader and the great-grandson of Nancy Ward—was part of the original Cherokee Nation and stands as a landmark to the area’s Cherokee heritage, according to Watts.



In the story, Avie Williams Cole and her 13-year-old son return home to Georgia to settle her father’s estate. Her son’s fascination with the legend of a Cherokee silver mine leads Avie up to Taylor’s Ridge and into unexpected territory—on many levels.

Ultimately, “Moon Over Taylor’s Ridge” is a love story about the land—one that hits close to home, according to Watts. She grew up on Missionary Ridge in Chattanooga and spent most weekends of her childhood riding horses at her grandmother’s farm in Woodstation, Ga.

“Oftentimes, it is a sense of place that inspires me, either geographical or emotional,” Watts said. “I like to link the feeling created by a place with the place inside a character’s heart. My favorite stories are those where the sense of place, inside and out, interplays as the story unfolds.”

Watts left the Chattanooga area to attend college, graduating from the University of California, Berkeley with a bachelor’s in journalism and from the University of Southern California with a master’s in journalism. She has worked for newspapers, magazines and television, and her work has been published in seven nonfiction books, as well as literary magazines and anthologies. “Moon Over Taylor’s Ridge,” her first novel, was published in August 2012 by Little Creek Books in Johnson City, Tenn.

Like her leading character, Watts was called home to Georgia to assist her elderly father. While home, she was drawn to stories about her ancestors and her connections to the Cherokee people who once inhabited the land she loved.

Watts learned that one of her ancestors had been told about a mysterious Cherokee silver mine near Taylor’s Ridge before the Cherokee removal of 1838 that has never been found. While doing some research into the matter, she realized that her aunt, Mary Watts Mitchell, had written about the legend of the silver mine in Catoosa County as well.

“This novel is not my story, but my story inspired it,” Watts said. “After all, the best stories are based on truth.” In 2007, Watts and her husband, Steve, and son, Jack, moved back to Georgia. Today, she lives near the family farm south of Ringgold and continues to enjoy riding horses.

Taylor’s Ridge was the home of several Dedmon families around 100 years ago. It is also the location of the “Dedmon Cemetery”, where many of our ancestors are buried. I was intrigued by the title of the book and thought of one of our family lore. “Moonshine on Taylor’s Ridge”. Mark Dedmon, my grandfather’s uncle was killed by Revenue Officers for allegedly making “moonshine”

SO TELL ME AGAIN HOW WE ARE RELATED

The question I am asked most often when a new relative is discovered is, *“Just exactly how are we related?”* I depend upon the Family Tree Maker software to give me that information. However, at times I am still a bit confused as to our exact kinship.

There are some terms that definately describe our relationship. For example, mother, father, daughter, son, brother and sister will hit the nail on the head every time. If I say she is my mother-in-law or he is my father-in-law, you know of whom I speak, but if I say son-in-law or daughter-in-law, it would depend on the number of children I have. Grandson and granddaughter have similiar requirements to know for sure whom I mean. The same thing goes for brother-in-law and sister-in-law. Words like aunt, uncle, grandmother and grandfather do not tell us exactly, so we sometimes add maternal or paternal to indicate which side of the family they are on.

As a general rule we are able to be specific concerning those individuals with but a little explanation. However, when we come to the word cousin, it is not always so simple. I know the children of my aunts and uncles are my first cousins. Growing up I was told children of first cousins are third cousins and my parents first cousins are my second cousins. I also considered the children of my first cousins to be my second cousins. However, genealogy software and researchers use the terms first removed, second removed, etc...

That is when it becomes confusing to many of us. For example, instead of my parents first cousins being my second cousins, they are my first cousins, once removed. This is to show we are not in the same generation. So, who are my second and third cousins? If we share grandparents, we are first cousins. Second cousins are when we share great grandparents. For example, if your grandfather is a brother to my grandfather, we are second cousins. As long as you and I stay the same number of generations from our common ancestor, there is no removed.

Now, lets suppose my father was your grandfather’s brother. That means your father is my first cousin and we are first cousins, once removed. Now let’s move up a generation and my grandfather is your great

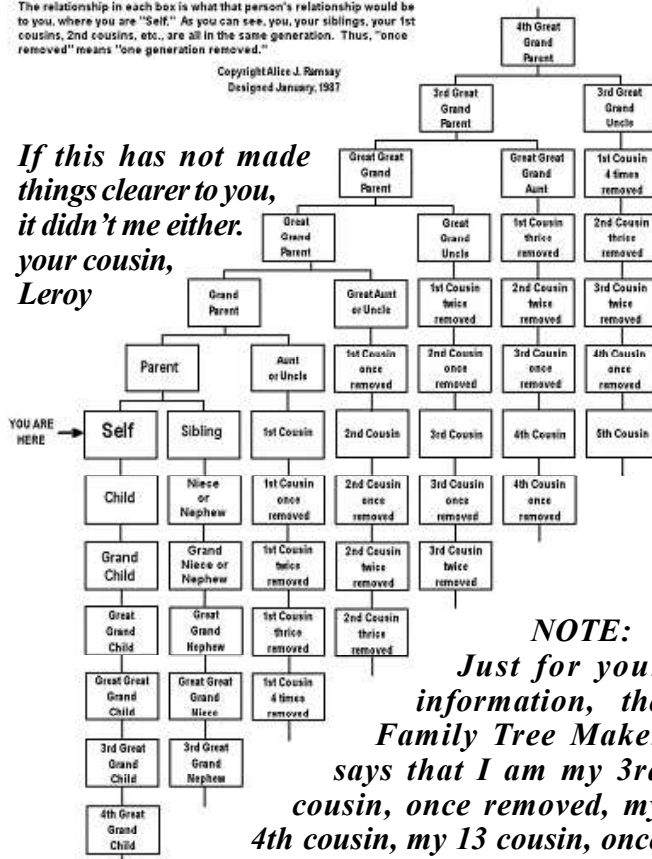
grandfather’s brother. That makes my father a first cousin to your grandfather and since I am in the same generation as your father, he and I are second cousins and we are second cousins, once removed. I have found that once it passes third cousin, the single word cousin is sufficient or sometimes just distant cousin. There have been times in history that different words were used for the various cousins, but all of that has gone away in the last couple of hundred years and as far as I know we never tried that in this country.

One thing I do know, if they think the once and twice removed makes it easier to determine our relationship, I must have been sleeping during that explanation. Also, I have found cousins since the beginning of this research project about twenty years ago that seem closer to me than some of those I knew growing up. I have some cousins that seem like brothers and sisters as we grew up together. I have some second and third cousins that are as close and sometimes closer than first cousins.

The chart below is supposed to help us figure all that out... I am not sure it does, but keep it handy.

The relationship in each box is what that person's relationship would be to you, where you are "Self." As you can see, you, your siblings, your 1st cousins, 2nd cousins, etc., are all in the same generation. Thus, "once removed" means "one generation removed."

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If this has not made things clearer to you, it didn't me either. your cousin, Leroy

NOTE:
Just for your information, the Family Tree Maker says that I am my 3rd cousin, once removed, my 4th cousin, my 13 cousin, once removed, and my 14th cousin. So far, I am not my own grandpa. Many of you may remember that song in the 50s.



CLEVELAND COUNTY, NC SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies were held Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm at Shelby City Park, with guest speaker Charlotte Smith Head Women's Basketball Coach at Elon University. The Hall of Fame Committee was very pleased with the largest attendance in recent memory with over 330 people.

The Cleveland County Fellowship of Christian Athletes Sports Hall of Fame was started in 1965 recognizing those in our community who have made outstanding contributions in the field of Sports and Recreation. In the fall of 2004 the Hall found a permanent home in the newly renovated Shelby Community Center at City Park. On display are the pictures and dates of every person that has been inducted in to the Hall of Fame for all to see and enjoy.

Cleveland County (NC) Sports Hall Of Fame: This award is given each year to the person(s) or team selected as having made the contribution and/or brought great recognition to our community in sporting endeavors. This award is based on cumulative as well as current achievements. The person must be a native of our community or have lived in the community during his/her significant athletic achievement.

Honor Athletic Award: Presented to an athletic at each of the four high schools in Cleveland County, selected by the coaches at the respective schools. The recipient must not only be a good athletic, but demonstrate outstanding citizenship, respect for others and dedication both to team and in their religious affiliation. The award was first given to a Shelby High student in 1967 and was expanded to include the other high schools in 1969.

(I found at least three family members who were inductees of the Cleveland County Hall of Fame:) 1993: Hal Dedmon, 2006; Kristyn Funderburke (Dedmon) 2016; Dr. Cliff Wilson. ***(I am fairly certain Dr Wilson is the grandson of Eulah Fay Dedmon and Byron Wilson.) There are other County Hall of Fames in NC and I am sure we have relatives in some of them. I looked for Lee Dedmon, but couldn't find him. I then realized he was actually from Baltimore, Maryland.***

AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE



Jessica Dawn Cochran and Adam Fuqua were united in marriage on October 1, 2016. Jessica is the granddaughter of my brother, Bill Dedmon. Her mother, Kym Dedmon Cochran Daugherty recently married Danny Daugherty. (See Vol. 112)

From the Mail (Eddie Hightower)

Cousin Leroy, a few days ago, I came across a link to click on to read the most recent Dedmon Newsletter, but unfortunately, my computer's system had settings that would not allow the downloading and since there are still a lot of things that I don't understand about these new fangled machines of modern society, I was disappointed that I couldn't get it to download. So this morning, while messing around aimlessly with the computer and internet, I "stumbled" across an option on security settings and I clicked on one of the buttons just to see what would happen...and...then went to the "Dedmon Family Community" web page and was wonderfully surprised that I can once again download the "Dedmon Newsletters". I like the way you presented the material which I submitted on my mother and other family members, who like myself are also Dedmon descendents with Cavernder and Clements family connections of the Walker County, Georgia area. Thanks for all that you do on our family connections and keeping us Dedmon Cousins in touch. ***As always it is good to hear from Eddie. I encourage all of you to send information.***





Tommy Deadman

A Motorcycle Legend



Tommy Deadman was born in 1904 and lived as a youngster in Clifton Street, Wolverhampton (just off Chapel Ash) with his uncle Bill Shakespeare and his aunt. Clifton Street formed part of the northern boundary of a large area of Victorian housing that extended southwards to Lea Road.



Tommy attended St. Jude's Mixed School in Riches Street, which still survives today, although its future (when this was written in 2008) is uncertain. In Tommy's day the school had accommodation for 372 children. He would have been a regular sight, walking daily along Tettenhall Road on the mile or so from home to school.

Tommy's grandfather, Thomas Deadman, had a very successful fruit and vegetable business in Wolverhampton Market Hall, and Tommy's father, also called Thomas Deadman, had worked there as a young man. He was a bit of a wanderer and left Wolverhampton to go to North America to follow a close relative who had travelled across the country in a wagon train at the time of the cowboys and Indians, and settled in Moultrie County, Illinois. He soon returned to Wolverhampton after his wanderings, and married and settled down. During the First World war he joined the armed forces and took part in the crossing of the Somme. Unfortunately he suffered from the effects of mustard gas, which made him ill for the rest of his life.

On leaving school at the age of 14 Tommy joined the sea scouts, and after making his way to Torquay, he ended up in the navy, after lying about his age. For several years he served on the mine sweeper H.M.S. Onyx. On returning to Wolverhampton his uncle Bill Shakespeare, who was a well-known Wolverhampton bookmaker, bought Tommy a half-share in a garage at Queens Ferry, Chester, called Deadman and Williams. After a couple of years Tommy returned home. He was very young at the time and missed Wolverhampton.

He decided to emulate his grandfather and set up a fruit and vegetable business. He rented a small shop and bought a horse and cart to collect and deliver the produce. Unfortunately he soon discovered that this was not the life for him. He was no good at all with horses. One kind gentleman even informed him that he had the horse's harness back to front! He decided to give the business to his mother and father and set out on a new career.

Tommy must always have been interested in mechanical things. At an early age he completely dismantled his mother's sewing machine to find out how it worked. After reassembly it worked the first time. He must also have been interested in motorcycles, because in the first years of the 1920s he got a job as a tester at A.J.S. on Graiseley Hill. Life as a tester could be hard in the winter months when he would have been constantly road testing new motorcycles in all kinds of bad weather. The summer months must have been far more enjoyable with runs through the local countryside, which must have given him a thorough grounding in all aspects of motorcycle riding and a good insight into the mechanical problems that sometimes occurred. After each trip he would have filled in a report card listing any problems that he found with the machine under test. His riding skills must have been recognised at the works because in the mid 1920s he took one of the company's 500c.c. motorcycles to Brooklands for trial runs, possibly the first A.J.S. overhead cam machine.

In the late 1920s Tommy moved down the Penn Road and joined the competition, in the form of Sunbeam. He became a competition rider, doubling as a tester, which was normal practice in those days. He also became a member of the Wolverhampton Motor Cycle Club.

Whilst at Sunbeam Tommy assembled his 350c.c. "Sprint Special", a motorcycle built from parts which came from mid 1920s T.T. models that were broken up after their lack of success. He used the machine for everyday use, courting, and in stripped down form for grass-track racing, speedway, trials and hill climbs.

His "Sprint Special" as he called it, would become a well known sight at Monmore Green stadium. Speedway began in the United Kingdom in February 1928 at Epping Forest and was a great success. As a result many tracks soon opened including the one at Monmore Green.

Speedway is a dangerous sport and nasty accidents do sometimes occur. *(The article from which I took this information described several accidents and injuries Tommy sustained.)* Tommy had a relatively short speedway career. He greatly enjoyed speedway and treated it as a hobby. He had many other interests and didn't want to devote all of his spare time to the sport. His last appearance on the track at Monmore Green was in August 1978 at a reunion of former riders.

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Tommy became a sporting celebrity in another sport, involving a team of six machines and riders. This was motor cycle football which began in the 1920s and had a large following for several years. In the late 1920s Tommy founded the Wolverhampton Motor Cycle Football Club who played on their home ground in Pinfold Lane, Penn and at other grounds throughout the area. The sport captured the public's imagination and its popularity resulted in the formation of many teams throughout the country, and the setting up of the A.C.U. league.

The Wolverhampton team, with Tommy as captain were a force to be reckoned with, they had many successes including defeating the previously undefeated Coventry and Warwickshire M.C.F.C. in April 1928. Later in the year they went on to win the Midland League Championship by beating Birmingham. Motorcycle football remained popular for several years and then disappeared into obscurity



The Wolverhampton team. Tommy is on the extreme left.

As previously mentioned Tommy started his motorcycle career at A.J.S. followed by a few years at Sunbeam. After a brief spell at Royal Enfield he became Stevens' chief tester and works competition rider, having many successes on his 500c.c. Stevens machine. For a time he had a small garage on Church Road, Bradmore, Wolverhampton, but it soon closed because of cash flow problems caused by bad customer debts.

During World War 2 he worked as a road tester for Guy Motors who at the time were producing "Quad-Ant" gun-tractors, a type of armoured car. He often would arrive at home driving one of them. He also worked for a time in London, on buses, during the air raids.

Tommy also took part in road race meetings. In one such event held by the Antelope Motor-cycle Club at Ansty Aerodrome, near Coventry, speeds of over 100m.p.h. were reached. A crowd of 10,000 spectators watched the many events including the Unlimited Sidecar Race in which Tommy finished in 3rd place, on his Norton.

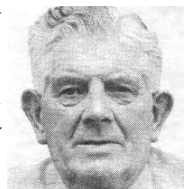
In 1930 Tommy married Lillian Thomas, whose parents ran the Barley Mow pub in Piper's Row, Wolverhampton. The newly weds moved into a house in Station Road, Wombourne, next door to the well known competition rider, Vic Brittain. Vic soon moved to Walsall where he joined his brother in running a garage, and Tommy and Lillian purchased the house from him and moved next door. They called their new home "Rushmere" after the famous hill climb that was founded by Tommy and his friends in the 1920s. His many friends at Wombourne included the well-known motorcycle rider, Pip Harris.

In 1945 he retired from racing and joined a building firm, K. E. Millard & Company of Oldbury where he worked as Transport and Plant Manager. When he joined they had just one lorry and a van, but he eventually had 50 vehicles to care-for including earth-moving equipment. In 1968 on reaching the age of 65 he retired, but soon returned to the company for a further six years or so.



He had a cabinet full of trophies to enjoy, and greatly loved reminiscing and telling stories about his racing adventures and successes. He also had his beloved Manx Norton motorcycle in the garden shed.

Tommy died on 5th December, 1989 at the age of 85 after a happy married life with Lillian. They had a daughter June, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was a kind and friendly man, with a strong competitive spirit, whose outstanding racing career will be fondly remembered by many enthusiasts throughout the country.



There is more information along with photographs at the UK website. <http://www.historywebsite.co.uk/articles/MotorcycleAce/EarlyYears.htm>. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. I did not include everything here due to space. -- Leroy

OPAL DEDMAN HENSLEY

STANFORD - Opal Dedman Hensley, 86, of Stanford died Tuesday, Nov 18 2008. Born Sept. 23, 1922, Hensley was the daughter of the late Harrison and Gertrude Strange Dedman. She was a homemaker and a member of Willow Grove Baptist Church. A foster parent for 50 years, Hensley was a volunteer for Bluegrass Community Action, a former librarian for East Hickman Baptist Church in Lexington, and was active in the Lincoln County Senior Citizens program.

Survivors include three sons, Ernest (Virginia) Hensley and David (Lorene) Hensley, both of Stanford, and Rick (Darlene) Hensley of Whitley City; two daughters, Lisa (Fred) Fox and Elizabeth (Robert) Bowen, both of Stanford; a brother, Tommy Dedman of Lexington; a sister, Lena Barnes of Lexington; a special friend, Bonnie Caldwell; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; three brothers, Charlton, Owen and Dixon Dedman; and two sisters, Rebecca Hensley and Florence Campbell.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Ernest Floyd Hensley. Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Spurlin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Johnny Adamson. Burial will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens. Active pallbearers will be her grandsons, Kenny, Scotty, Charlie, Gabriel and Cody Hensley and Jeremy Fox. Special thanks go to the staff at Fort Logan Hospital.

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ERNEST F. HENSLEY

STANFORD - Ernest Floyd Hensley Sr., 87, of Stanford, died Saturday, 22 Jan 2005 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center. Born Feb. 25, 1917, in Clark County, he was a son of the late Richard E. and Carrie Dawson Hensley. He was a farmer and a member of Willow Grove Baptist Church in Danville where he had been a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Dedman Hensley; three sons, Ernest F. Hensley Jr. of Virginia, Kenneth D. Hensley of Stanford and Richard H. Hensley of Whitley City; two daughters, Lisa Fox and Elizabeth Bowen, both of Stanford; a brother, Minor Hensley of Lexington; two sisters, Mary Aldridge of Nicholasville and Daisey Adams of Shelbyville; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Spurlin Funeral Home by the Rev. Brad King. Burial will be in Danville Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Dixon Dedman, Charles Hensley, Jerry Caldwell, Gabriel Hensley, Kenny Hensley and Scott Hensley. Honorary pallbearers are Manford Sims, Bob Marshbanks, Jim Reed, Tommy Owens, Ernest Waddell and Billy Stallard.

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DON DEDMOND

LAWNDALE, NC - William Donald "Don" Dedmond, 59, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, in Lawndale. He was born on March 12, 1957, in Shelby, to Haley and Elizabeth Dedmond, the youngest of three children.

After graduation from Burns High School, he continued his education pursuing Electrical Contracting. Don went on to

form his own electrical contracting business, Dedmond Electric, in Lawndale in 1984. Don's legacy will live on through his business and his family. He enjoyed camping with friends and fishing. His two most favorite places were Lake James and Oak Island. Don was preceded in death by his father, Haley Cantrell Dedmond, Sr.

He is survived by his wife, LaDonna of the home; his mother, Elizabeth Lattimore Dedmond of Cherryville; children, Seth Dedmond and Rebecca Mosteller and husband, Johnny all of Blacksburg, S.C.; step-children, Kasey Robinson and husband, Josh of Supply and Leigh Ann Crawford and husband, Cameron of Shelby; seven grandchildren and his beloved "puppy" Gizmo; brother, Hal Dedmond and sister, Jeane Dedmond Adams both of Lawndale and numerous close relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, at New Bethel Baptist Church. At other times the family will be at the home. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, at New Bethel Baptist Church, officiated by Dr. Tim Elmore.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or to New Bethel Baptist Church, PO Box 5, Lawndale, NC 28090.

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Funeral Home & Cremation Center.**

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I have never personally met Don or any of his immediate family members, but we are family. According to Family Tree Maker, we are fifth cousins and that is not as far away as it seems. Our grandfathers were 3rd cousins, so our "trees" are in the same patch of woods. We actually connect at Thomas Charles Deadman. My line descends his son Mark and Don is through his son James. My sympathy is given to the family.

CHARLES DEADMAN



Deadman, Charles (Chuck) L., 74, of Pompano Beach, FL passed away on Tuesday, July 12 as the result of a motorcycle accident. He was born in Chicago, IL and was a long time resident of Florida. He is survived by his loving family: daughter Tammy Silberberg of Delray Beach, Robert Charles Deadman of Lafayette, IN, five grandchildren, three great grandchildren (whom he regularly babysat), two brothers, one sister, and countless friends. Chuck was an active member of the Moose Lodge and the Harley Owner Group.

Visitation will be at Kraeer F.H. Sunday July 17, 2016 from 5-8 pm, where services will also be held at 10:00 am Monday July 18, 2016 followed by burial at Forest Lawn North Cemetery in Pompano Beach. KRAEER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION CENTER, 1199 E. Sample Rd., Pompano Beach, FL 33064

CAROLYN DEDMAN

Carolyn Courtney Dedman, a native and current resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was born March 5, 1933. She passed away peacefully at home September 1, 2015. She was 82 years old. Carolyn was a co-founder of Frank's



Restaurant and Smokehouse. Preceded in death by her parents, Herbert Courtney and Olga Wold Courtney; three brothers, Jerry Courtney, Herbert "Bo" Courtney, and Charles "Kink" Courtney; one sister, Faye Courtney Causey. She is survived by her husband, Frank E. Dedman; four children, Janet Dedman Hodges, husband Jack, Deborah Dedman, Cheryl Dedman Salter, husband Brent, and Frank Dedman, Jr., wife Cathy; one brother, Paul "Pete" Courtney; one sister, Julianne "Judy" Courtney; nine grandchildren, Kimberly Hodges Laschenski, Devon Hodges, Cari Wirt, Kristen Wirt McNabb, Kayla Salter Aucoin, Ryan Salter, Jennifer Dedman Guerin, Frank Dedman, III, and Ross Dedman; fourteen great grandchildren. Carolyn was a remarkably strong woman who generously gave of herself by her loving and caring for her family, working in the restaurant business, giving to others, and home-cooking which we all will miss deeply. She was a graduate of Istrouma High School and a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church. Visitation will be held at Greenoaks Funeral Home in Baton Rouge, LA, from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Monday, September 7, 2015. Visitation will resume at 8:00 am and will continue until the funeral service at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Devon Hodges, Ryan Salter, Frank Dedman, III, Ross Dedman, Cameron Nelson, and Brent Guerin. Online condolences are welcome at www.greenoaksfunerals.com.

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HAYWOOD DEDMAN

Haywood Erwin Dedman, 88, of Huntsville, AL, passed away Friday, April 17, 2009. He was born in Tarrant City, Alabama to Alof Hagood and James Erwin Dedman, and graduated from Woodlawn high school in Birmingham. During World War II, he served in the 69th Infantry Division in Germany. He attended Howard College (Samford University). He and Helen Harrell married in 1950 and had one child, Denise.

Haywood worked for the FDA and Southern Research Institute as a chemist before moving to Huntsville in 1962. He worked for the Army Missile Command until his retirement in 1981, later working for United Space Boosters supporting shuttle launches.

A member of Calvary Bible Church, he served as a deacon. He and Helen were frequent travelers, making trips with the Fabulous Fifties. Haywood enjoyed photography, reading and was particularly fond of World War II histories. The funeral service at Calvary Bible Church. Burial at Huntsville Memory Gardens with Laughlin Service Funeral Home assisting the family.

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When I lived in Huntsville, I was aware of the Dedman family, but then I did not realize the spelling of the surname varied with us and does not determine whether or not we are related.

"TONY" CAVENDER
(1928 - 2015)



AMORY—Anthony ""Tony"" Cavender, 87, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2015, at the Mississippi State Veterans Home in Oxford. He was born on August 21, 1928, in Bethlehem, Mississippi to the late Louis Owen Cavender and Mary Kay Cavender.

He graduated from Smithville High School where he was a ""star"" basketball player. After graduation Tony attended Holmes Junior College. He served in the U.S. Navy until 1950. Later he joined the Marine Reserves where he served in the 1st Marine Air Wing and fought in Korea with no contact with his loved ones other than letters for 17 months. His firm belief was "Once a Marine, always a Marine." Soon after his return, on February 8, 1952, he married the love of his life, Polly Crump. After their marriage, he began his career with U.S. Steel in Birmingham, Ala., traveling extensively.

Tony joined Forest Hill Baptist Church in Birmingham, where he was an active member and a deacon for a number of years. He loved serving the Lord and enjoyed making other people happy. His motto was ""it is better to give than to receive."" He and his wife enjoyed traveling. Tony always had a smile on his face and enjoyed listening to gospel music. He also liked working in the yard, fishing, and simply enjoying precious time with his wife and poodles.

Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Polly Crump Cavender of Amory and their special young ladies close to their hearts, whom they helped raise: Anne Hayden, Mallie, and Frances Bromberg, all of Birmingham, Ala. He has one surviving sister, Virginia Benton of Amory.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, January 4, 2015, at Becker Baptist Church with Bro. Randy Spencer and Bro. Charlie Ballew officiating. Graveside funeral service, with military honors, will be held at 1 p.m. at Corinth National Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Howard Crump, Dewayne Crump, Danny England, Robert Hudson, Chuck Cooper, Steven Reeves, and Steve Bolin.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the service at 10 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Becker Baptist Church, 52200 Highway 25 South, Amory, MS, 38825. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at eepicklefuneralhome.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

WALDEN SAM CAMPBELL

Campbell, Walden Sam, 85, husband of the late **Florine Dedman Campbell (Find A Grave Memorial# 162443730)**, died Mon. Sept. 14, 2009 at his residence. Born in Typo, KY, he was the son of the late John and Bertha Colwell Campbell. He attended the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Campbell was a WW II U.S. Navy veteran and the retired owner of Bluegrass Manufacturing. Survivors include two daughters, Karen Sue (Richard) Clay, and Linda Kay Campbell; and a grandson, Matthew Todd (Loreal) Clay. He was preceded in death by his 1st wife Shirley Rice Campbell, and two brothers, Saul and Eugene Campbell. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Harrodsburg Rd. by Rev. Terry Murphy. Entombment will follow in the Lexington Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Richard Clay, Matthew Clay, Steve Colwell, John Bronaugh, Larry Barnett, and Kevin Colwell. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Contributions can be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY 40504.

LENA DEDMAN BARNES

Lena Dedman Barnes 91, widow of Joe Barnes, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012 at Hospice Care Center. Born in Versailles, she was a daughter of the late Harris and Gertrude Strange Dedman. Survivors include her daughter Amy (Mike) Younger; three grandchildren, David Greene, Jon Greene and Brad Smith; six great grandchildren; and a brother, Tommy (Betty) Dedman. Along with her late husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Rebecca Bolin; three sisters and two brothers. Funeral services will be 12 p.m. Monday at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home—Main St. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Mon. in Pythian Grove Cemetery, Berry, KY. Pallbearers will be David and Jon Greene, Ernest Hensley, Tommy Dedman, and Mike and Mickey Younger. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday. Contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40504.

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