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CAN YOU BELIEVE WE ARE IN THE YEAR 2017?

The years just keep coming. Although I am writing this between Christmas and New Years, It will be sometime in January or maybe February before this issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION will actually be on line for public viewing. I have never been a huge fan of New Year's Resolutions, although I have made a few. I can't boast of keeping many of them. However, we should all take a look at where we are and determine if that's where we want to be. I heard or read that if we want to improve, we can't continue doing the things tomorrow that we are doing today. There has to be some truth to that statement. So it is out with the old and in with the new. Life is like that. If you don't think so just read the obituaries and birth announcements in the newspaper. There are a 158, 500 deaths and counting today, December 28, 2016. (This number will be higher by the end of the year), while 379,000+ are being born. That figure changes by the minute. For the year 2016, there were more births than deaths.

Someone else asked the question, *"If you don't know where you are going, how will you know when you get there?"* You have to admit, it is a good question. Thinking on that brought to mind a story I read. There was a preacher down in Mississippi who was asked to preach a funeral in Nashville, TN at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The family realized it would be difficult for him to be back home to preach on Sunday so they chartered him an airplane. *"Everything is arranged"*, he was told, *"The plane and pilot will be waiting on you when you get to the airport"*. When he arrived he saw the plane warming up, so he jumped in and announced, *"Let's go"*. When they got in the air the preacher asked, *"How long will it take us to get to Nashville?"*, to which the pilot replied, *"Why are we going to Nashville?"* After the preacher explained the purpose of the trip, the pilot was silent a few minutes before he asked, *"So you are telling me you are not my Flight Instructor?"* So I guess the best laid plans sometimes go awry. At least I have found that things do not always work out the way I plan, but that has never stopped me from making plans.



In looking back over the last five years I noticed at least one resolution I seem to make every year.

- 2012 - "I resolve to get my weight down to 225".
- 2013 - "I resolve to get my weight down to 235".
- 2014 - "I resolve to get my weight down to 250".
- 2015 - "I resolve to get my weight down to 265".
- 2016 - "I resolve to get my weight down to 275".

I am not sure I will include that in this year's hopeless causes. Although I really do need to lose weight. The last I weighed I was at 273...that's progress!!!

Losing weight is one of the more common resolutions made. To stop smoking is also high on the list. That is one I have never made. Don't get me wrong, I did give that a try, but it didn't last. It was just one of those things many teenagers often do. I sometimes think I may have been somewhat like the fellow who said, ***"I started smoking to prove I was a man, and I quit for the same reason"***

I just pray that 2017 is a little better for me health wise than 2016 has been. I hope you and your family has a good year in 2017...

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS: FRANK'S RESTAURANT GIVES PERSONAL TOUCH

by Chet Folkes Special to The Advocate JUL 7, 2014 - 2:04 AM

Lovingly prepared dishes, cordial service, friendly atmosphere, a vast menu and “the best biscuits in the world” are keys to the success of Frank’s Restaurant which observed its 50th year of operation on May 28. The big, bustling eatery at 8353 Airline Highway in Baton Rouge has provided lavish breakfasts and hearty lunches to a diverse crowd of customers representing some of the area’s top shakers and makers in the political, industrial and business world. Open at 5 a.m. seven days a week, it averages 500 customers a day who enjoy the menu’s large selection of down-home fare. The two dining rooms can accommodate up to 200 people.



Founded by Frank Dedman Sr. and his wife, Carolyn, on May 28, 1964, the business was originally known as the Blue Bird Drive-In and was across Airline Highway from the current location. It’s now in its third generation of family ownership and is beginning its fourth generation of loyal customers.

The business has been owned by Frank Dedman Jr. and his wife, Cathy, since 1999. Their three children, Jennifer Guerin, Frank Dedman III and Ross Dedman are all involved in its operation. Their son-in-law, Brent Guerin, is manager. The family opened a similar restaurant with an identical menu, also called Frank’s, at 17425 Airline Highway in Prairieville in 2004 with a separate building housing a large reception center. Frank Dedman III and Ross Dedman operate the Prairieville restaurant. Their sister is responsible for the business details and payroll for both operations.

Citing the success of the business, Frank Dedman Sr. said, “We’re a family operation, and we’ve always given it a personal touch. We’ve built up our business through the years by getting to know our customers, remembering how they like their eggs, remembering what they wanted. Our waitresses — all of the servers — have to be professional. They’ve built up a real fellowship with their customers through the years.”

Although practically every Louisiana-style dish is available, Frank Dedman Jr., cites the restaurant’s large, light, creamy buttermilk biscuit as the culinary super star of the establishment’s large and diverse menu. He said his father worked on the recipe for a year after beginning the business to get the biscuits “just right.”

Frank Dedman Jr. said, “We like to call them the best ‘homemade’ biscuits in the world,” citing statistics that prove Frank’s customers’ unwavering affection for one of the South’s most treasured foods. They make 600 to 700 buttermilk-style biscuits every day, requiring 70 pounds of flour daily and gallons of buttermilk.

“We begin rolling them out at 3 a.m. when the family arrives,” Dedman said. “They’re then placed in the refrigerator so they can be baked as needed. That way they’re always good and fresh.”

Some diners use the large biscuit, which come two to a serving, as a base for their meal, especially at breakfast, ordering them with ham or sausages; with chicken fried steak or Cajun-style shrimp or with a choice of grilled cheese. For a sweet treat the biscuits are available stuffed with strawberry, blueberry or apple filing topped with powdered sugar.

Among Frank’s most popular items through the years are the six hot lunch daily specials, which include a fried seafood plate, red beans and rice with homemade sausage and chicken fried steak. In addition to the hot meals, the menu offers soups, salads, gumbo, po-boys, sandwiches and every possible breakfast choice, including omelets, pancakes and French toast. And Cathy Dedman said, “If a customer wants something special, and it’s not on the menu, we’ll try to prepare it.”

In the late 1980s the Dedmans purchased a building on an adjacent lot and turned it into a large smokehouse which supplies a variety of smoked meats and fresh sausages for the restaurant. The smoked products, which include brisket, ham, turkey, whole pigs, ribs and turducken, are also available directly to customers.

As a young man, Frank Dedman Sr. was introduced to the restaurant business working for the family who owned the three Hoppers Drive-In operations in Baton Rouge. After holding several positions through the years at Hoppers, Dedman decided to go out on his own, opening the first Blue Bird Drive-In on Airline and later one on Nicholson Drive and another on Plank Road. He made his own ice cream at the Airline location, supplying it to all of his locations.

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The 1950s-era drive-in concept with car-hops serving ice cream, milk shakes, sandwiches and burgers was fading by the mid-60s, Frank Dedman Sr. said, and he wanted to make a complete change. Few places were selling biscuits, so he decided to switch from ice cream and shakes to biscuits and breakfasts. He opened at 5 a.m. to catch the early workers on Airline, and served lunch later in the day, but not evening meals.

The big breakfast concept caught on, the customers came and the business prospered. He changed the name to Frank's in 1972, and in 1983 purchased a tract across Airline and to construct the 5,000-square-foot building that now houses his eatery. "The area around Baton Rouge has the best food in the world, and Baton Rouge people really know good food. They know what they like," Frank Dedman Sr. said. "That's what makes the restaurant business so very competitive here."

"We're a family operation, and we knew we had to work hard and offer a personal touch to encourage business," he said. "In addition to our good food, we've always had professional servers, many have been with us for years. We made it our business to know our customers and develop a personal relationship. That's what built our business." He added, "We know our business can't be franchised because it takes a personal touch in addition to the food. The style of our business has stayed the same, and it's not going to change now. When you have a winner, you stay with it."



SEATED ARE FRANK SR. AND HIS WIFE CAROLYN, THE FOUNDERS OF THE RESTAURANT. THE CURRENT OWNERS STANDING ARE FRANK, JR. AND HIS WIFE CATHY, WHO HAVE OWNED THE RESTAURANT SINCE 1999. CAROLYN PASSED AWAY IN 2015.



FRANK'S RESTAURANT TAKES ITS FAMOUS BISCUITS TO LOCAL STORES

Served with homemade apple butter, sausage gravy, country ham and more, buttermilk biscuits are the cornerstone of Frank's Restaurant. But, says the son of the founder, the winning formula didn't happen overnight. "It took my dad about a year after he opened to get that recipe down," says Frank Dedman Jr., who runs Frank's with his wife, Cathy, and their adult children. "Eventually, he did and biscuits became our bread and butter. People love the fact that we deliver them hot."

Frank's Baton Rouge and Prairieville locations each serve around 600-700 biscuits daily, he says. The third generation of Dedmans is further expanding their biscuits' popularity. Frank Dedman III has led the launch of Frank's biscuit mix, which went on sale in the restaurant about six months ago and is now also in Hi Nabor grocery stores. The team hopes to scale up distribution in other independent supermarkets soon, Dedman Jr. says.

About 18 months ago, Dedman III began working with Blendco Inc. in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to perfect a dry formula that would mimic the taste of Frank's biscuits. It took a year of working with food scientists to get the formula right, he says. Blendco produces 5,000 pounds of the biscuit formula every month and a half for use both in the restaurant and in retail sales, says Dedman III. He is also working on packaged take-and-bake biscuits and is interested in wholesaling the products to other restaurants. Talks are underway now with a food manufacturer.

Hours for the Airline Highway restaurant are 5 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. seven days a week. The telephone is (225) 926-5977. Prairieville hours are 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday and Monday. The telephone is (225) 673-8876.



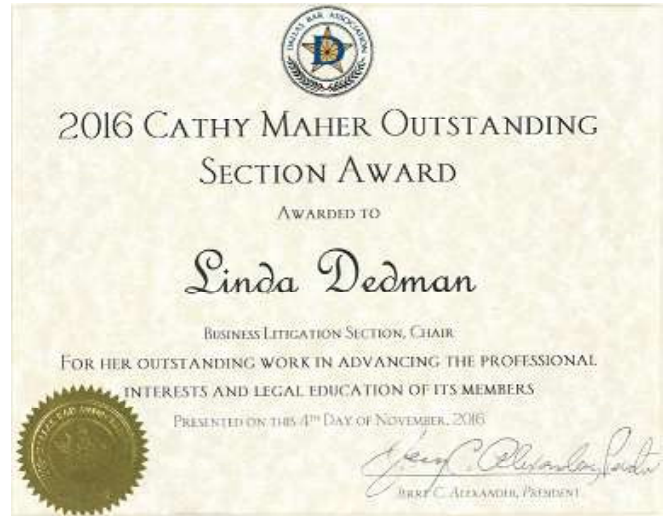
DEDMONS IN THE NEWS

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES; RECTOR'S ASSISTANT



Andrea Dedmon has been working at St. Michael's since the spring of 2011. She leads our children's worship service: Word Made Young; coordinates our Sunday school and other ministries with children and youth; co-leads the High School Group; creates the bulletin; provides administrative support to Mother Kate; and a myriad of other things. She is passionate about sharing God's Good News with young people and accompanying kids as they grow up in the church. Andrea aims to strengthen and expand the community at St. Michael's in the work she does in the church office. St. Michael's is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York that has been worshipping on the corner of Amsterdam Avenue and 99th Street in Manhattan since 1807.

Andrea holds a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, a Diploma in Anglican Studies from the General Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies (Summa Cum Laude) from Kenyon College. Andrea grew up in Dallas, Texas where she began attending Episcopal schools at the age of six, and she graduated from high school at Chatham Hall, an Episcopal girls' boarding school in southern Virginia. She lives in Hamilton Heights, a neighborhood in the northern part of Manhattan, which is a borough of New York City. with her calico cat, Sophie, and enjoys biking and anything that has to do with masks and puppets.



With more than 15 years experience representing both insurance carriers and policyholders, Linda Dedman possesses an in depth understanding of insurance law. Ms. Dedman represents policyholders in all aspects of insurance law including coverage, recovery, duty to defend, and bad faith. Ms. Dedman is recognized by D Magazine as one of

Dallas' Best Lawyers in 2014; she has been awarded the highest rating in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory and is recognized in Chambers USA as a notable insurance coverage practitioner from 2010-2014.

WEDDING BELLS

Debrow- Dedmon

/Holy Cross Baptist Church in Little Rock was the setting Saturday for the marriage of Gwendolyn Denise Dedmon and Robert Lee Debrow Jr. The Rev. William Easter officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Nancy and the late Frank Dedmon Jr. of Little Rock.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Debrow, also of Little Rock. Faye Davis, Tiffany Hatton Taylor, Brandon Debrow and Shannon Stewart were honor attendants. The couple will live in Little Rock after a honeymoon in the Bahamas. Gwen is the great great granddaughter of Samuel and Ella Metcalf Dedman. (Dedmon).



ANNA (HANNA) DEDMON

The Anna (Hanna) Dedmon Grave is located in No. 6 Township, Cleveland County, N.C. on her plantation ¼ mile south of Metcalf Station on Lawndale Ry., about one mile west of Zion Baptist Church. A large cedar tree stands at head of grave. There is no other grave. She requested to be buried here on her own land.

Anna Dedmon's maiden name was Miss Anna McEntire, and a sister of Bayard McEntire. She was married to Jess Dedmon, and the U.S. Census for Cleveland County of 1850 gives following data: Jess Dedmon, b. 1805; Anna Dedmon, b. 1806; Hezekiah Demon, b. 1837; Elizabeth Dedmon, b. 1844

Jess Dedmon was son of Mark Dedmon. According to data supplied by Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., "Mark Dedmon was a Rev. War pensioner, Claim W.3960. Mark Dedmon was born Aug. 15, 1758 in Baltimore County, Maryland, and when a child, was taken to Rowan County, North Carolina; the name of his parents are not known. While a resident of Rowan County, N.C., Mark Dedmon enlisted Aug. 5, 1779, served three months in Captain Lions' Company, Colonel Locke's North Carolina Regiment and was at the taking of several Indian towns; he enlisted in the fall or winter of 1780, served in Captain Niten's and William Wilson's companies, under Major McDowell, in the N.C. Troops and was in the Battle of the Cowpens; he enlisted in 1781, and served three months in Captain Haden's and in Captain Niten's company of Calvary under Major Smith in the North Carolina Troops. In 1786, he moved to Greenville District, South Carolina, where he lived one year, then moved to Rutherford County, North Carolina, where he was residing when he was allowed pension on his application executed Sept. 12, 1834; he was pensioned in name of "Mark Dedmon! He died March 23, 1839. "Mark Dedmon was married in 1784 or 1785, to Hanna, maiden name not known, and place not stated." "Hanna Dedman, widow of Mark Dedmon, was allowed a pension on application dated January 27, 1842, at which time she was a resident of Rutherford County, N.C., and gave her age as 76 years. In 1848, she stated that she was aged 84 years." The following data are shown-family data: "Polly Dedman, b. Nov. 13, 1786; Thomas Dedman, b. Jan. 15, 1788; William Dedman, b. Mar. 12, 1791; Sally Dedman, b. Sept. 29, 1793"

Old land deeds show that Jacob Christman conveyed to Mark Dedman 100 acres of land on First Broad River adjoining lands of John McEntire Feb. 8, 1795. Mark Dedman settled in Zion Baptist Church community, No. 6 Township, Cleveland County (formerly Rutherford,

County), where he reared his family and died, and it is said that he was buried in said graveyard, namely that of Zion Baptist church, as that church was organized about 1814.

Above data furnished by [P.] Cleveland Gardner, Cleveland County Historian.

Owner of Cemetery: Hague Metcalf; Approximate number of marked graves: None; Before 1914: None; After 1914: None; Number of unmarked graves: 1; Earliest marked grave: None; General condition of cemetery: Abandoned out in a field. Date of survey: Feb. 13, 1939; Worker: Anson G. Melton

This cemetery is among the many Cleveland cemeteries included on the Cleveland Count WPA Cemeteries CD, copyrighted 2008, by Ann K. Propst and Derick S. Hartshorn. All listings and cemeteries listings were made prior to 1940 and represents the conditions of that time. All information has been donated to the NCGenWeb Project but authors retain copyright protection under law. It may be referenced and briefly excerpted under the universal fair use doctrine. For a copy of the complete Cleveland County WPA Cemetery Survey CD, see <http://www.hartshorn.us/CWPA.htm>

This is an example of how information on the internet often gets in Family Reseachers data and then published with wrong information. Although it is an interesting article, it does stand in need of a few corrections. (1) I am not an expert on the McEntire family so I could be wrong on this, but I have never seen a brother to Anna named Bayard. She had several brothers and sisters and one was named Burgess, which may be the one in question. (2) Jess Dedmon was the grandson of Mark Dedmon. He was the son of Thomas Charles. (3) Mark's wife Hanna was Hannah Bailey.

That may not be much to correct, but once it makes the rounds it could very well get all out of shape. It is much easier to keep it right, than try to correct the many hunderd or thousand times it may be copied and posted by others. I hesistate to say this, but I am not a huge fan of Ancestry.com, and canceling my subscription. As my cousin and fellow researcher says, "We give them our research and then they charge us to use it". That is my surmise also. I like FindAgrave.com and the last time I checked it is still free. I also like newspaper.com, but it is not free and I use the trial period as often as they will let me. I appreciate all of you who share your work with me and I will reciprocate.

CHARLES RODGERS

Charles T. Rodgers Sr, age 89 of Rison, died Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff. He was born March 4, 1918 in the Pleasant Ridge Community near Rison, a son of the late Charlie and Lillian Orton Rodgers. Mr. Rodgers graduated from Glendale High School. He was a meat cutter for Safeway before opening Rodgers Grocery, where he was in business for over thirty years. Mr. Rodgers was a charter member of the Rison Economic Development Organization, lifetime member of Farm Bureau Board of Directors, member of the Cleveland County Fair Board and the Arkansas Cattlemen Association. He was a member of Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Rodgers was also preceded in death by one grandson, Brad Rodgers, four brothers, Bert Rodgers, Jack Rodgers, J. W. Rodgers, Bennie Rodgers; three sisters, Okie May Rodgers, Gladys Mossier, Helen Simpson.

Mr. Rodgers is survived by his wife, Ruby Hale Rodgers of Rison, whom he married on August 20, 1943; one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Claudia Rodgers of Rison; brother, Robert Rodgers of the Pleasant Ridge Community; sister, Virginia Rodgers of the Pleasant Ridge Community; granddaughter, Jennifer Dedman and husband Rob of Rison; granddaughter-in-law, Stephanie Baker Rodgers of Rison; three great grandsons, Charles Baker Rodgers, Caleb Ryan Dedman, Dylan Everett Dedman all of Rison.

"Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at Buie Funeral Chapel in Rison with Rev. Jim Stone and Rev. Don Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at Buie Funeral Home. Pallbearers are Grady Wilson, Jack Winston, Bert Rodgers, Roger Mossier, Jack Rodgers, Smitty Dedman, Rob Dedman and Brent Terrell. Honorary pallbearers are Larry Glover, Robert Simpson, David Dedman and Brett Rodgers. Arrangements are under the direction of Buie Funeral Home of Rison.

Find A Grave Memorial# 21547458

ROGER WILLIAMS CAVENDER

Mar. 27, 1921- Oct. 2, 1998

Served in the Army during World War II. He fought in Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge and was a recipient of the Bronze Star. He qualified for a Purple Heart, but he turned it down due to the fact that he realized that his mother and father would be notified of his injury in the war.



EDITH L. HOUSTON BOWMAN

Mrs. Bowman was a member of Holladay Missionary Baptist Church and a Homemaker. Bro. David Deavers will officiate the service. She was born November 12, 1921 in Decatur County, TN. She died on September 3, 2013 at Holladay, TN

She is survived by two sons, Jeff (Evelyn) Bowman, and Donnie W. Bowman, both of Holladay, TN and two daughters Jackie (Ed) Douglas, of Huntingdon, TN and Susie (Billy) Holladay, of Holladay, TN. Nine Grandchildren: Tim (Nancy) Oatsvall, Jan (Randy) Cooper, Greg Oatsvall, Kevin (Leah) Oatsvall, Renee Bowman, Beth Bowman, Dr. David (Rebecca) Holladay, Carol Lee (Dr. Ric) Steele, Crystal Bowman. Fourteen Great Grandchildren: Josh Oatsvall, Jae Lindsay (Dr. Aaron) Chaloner, Trae (Jenna) Dedmon, Logan Dedmon, Madison Oatsvall, Jim Oatsvall, Jill Oatsvall, Riley Bowman, Nathan Holladay, Presley Holladay, Micah Steele, Annah Stelle, Jenna Herhold, Lili-Ann Briest. Two Great Great Grandchildren: Emma Dedmon, and Elliot Chaloner.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jeff Perry Houston, and mother, Cordelia Chumney Houston; Her spouse, William Floyd Bowman, two brothers: Arlie Houston, Arbie Houston and three sisters: Bradie Jones, Rable Duke, and Callie Gregory.

Burial was in Salem Cemetery; Decatur County, TN
Find A Grave Memorial# 114474764

LILLIAN B. WALTER

Lillian Bosley Walter, 80, Charleston Greene, died today at home. Born Sept. 13, 1916, in Danville, she was a daughter of the late Leslie Carroll and Mary Lillian Forsyth Bosley. She attended Danville schools and at age 19 was a 1936 graduate of Centre College where she was class valedictorian and Carnival Queen. Following college she studied at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and the University of Kentucky. She taught English for several years at Danville High School and was active in alumni affairs at Centre. She was a member of St. Asaph Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member and past president of the Danville Garden Club, a member of The Presbyterian Church and The Study Club. Survivors include her son, Edward H. "Bing" Walter Jr., Danville; a daughter, Leslie Walter Dedman, Harrodsburg; and six grandchildren. Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Stith Funeral Home by the Rev. Thomas K. Farmer. A private burial will be in Bellevue Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. today and 10-11 a.m. Friday. Memorials may go to The Presbyterian Church Building Fund or to Centre College.

ROBERT AARON DEDMON SR.

Outstanding Funeral Director Across the State of Tennessee

Funeral services for Robert Aaron Dedmon 84 will be Tuesday November 1, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at Englewood Baptist Church with Dr. Philip Jett, Dr. Brent Lay and Dr. Paul Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Bellvernon Cemetery at Friendship with graveside services conducted by Rev. Bill George. Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Dedmon died Friday October 28 2005 at his home. He was born in Gibson County son of the late Oscar O. and Eva Verble Dedmon and graduated from Friendship High School in 1940. During WWII he served with the U.S. Navy. In 1949 he graduated from John A. Gupton Mortuary College beginning his 56 year career in funeral service. He owned and operated Friendship Funeral Home in Friendship Tennessee for 30 years. He then served as General Manager of J.W. Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg and in 1979 moved to Jackson where he owned the former Griffin Funeral Home for some four years. For the past 22 years he has been associated with Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home as a funeral director and embalmer. Aaron felt that God had called him to be a funeral director and gave him the compassion to care for and help families when they were hurting. He was a member of the Englewood Baptist Church and accepted Jesus as his Savior at 13 years of age. He was a Mason Lifetime Member of the VFW a former Rotarian and had served on the Board of Aldermen in Friendship. Aaron is survived by his wife Rebecca McNeely Gourley Dedmon; a son the Reverend Robert Aaron Dedmon Jr. and wife Judy of Peoria Illinois; a step-daughter Karen Tweed; a step-son, David Gourley and wife Frances all of Smyrna Georgia; one sister Eunice Stallings of Humboldt; and three grandchildren, Marianne, Kenneth and Jennifer Dedmon. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister Doris Flowers and a step-son Paul Allen Gourley. Pallbearers for the service will be Malcolm Gean, Ed Williams, Wayne Exum, Reverend Larry Murphy, Kevin Suratt and Tom Wilson. Members of the Tennessee Funeral Directors Association will serve as honorary pallbearers. Friends may visit with the family Monday October 31 2005 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. His body will lie in state at Englewood Baptist Church Tuesday from 10 a.m. until time of service. Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home 731-424-2424

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TENNIE LEE DEDMON SUTTON



Tennie Lee Sutton, age 85, died Friday, November 14, 2014 at her home in Mesquite, Nevada. She was born on December 4, 1928 in Burbank, CA to Samuel and Sally McDonald Dedmon. On Jan. 6, 1947 she married Cecil Lee Sutton in Waldron, AR. He preceded her in death on May 2, 2006. She was also preceded in death by an infant son; Cecil Leon.

Tennie grew up in Oklahoma. She raised her four sons in Ventura, California and Central Point, OR. Although she worked briefly at JC Penney's, her life was dedicated to being a wife and mother. She was always proud of her four sons and helped with their activities, even serving as President of the Coast Little League Baseball League in Ventura, California. Her children will always remember her kindness, service and her chocolate gravy and homemade biscuits.

Survivors include her four sons: Roy of Scio, OR; Gary (Chris) of Central Point, OR; Darrell (Cindy) of Las Vegas, NV; Les (Bonnie) of Eagle Point, OR; 12 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and one brother, Buck (Irma) Dedmon of Van Buren, AR.

Friends and family are invited to a visitation on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the Virgin Valley Mortuary. Visitation, services and interment will follow in Medford, Oregon.

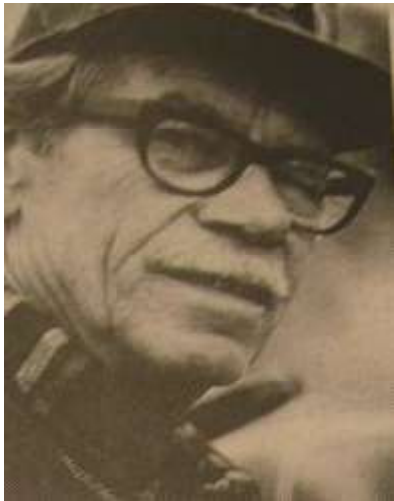
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GEORGIANNA MAILE DEADMON

Georgiana was born on March 8, 1868, in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. In 1870, Georgiana lived in District 2, Dinwiddie, Virginia. Post Office is Dinwiddie Court House. Living in home was parents, Sterling & Nancy Mail, siblings Emma, Corinda, Malissa, John J, Joseph W., and a farm hand James Parham age 16. In 1880, she lived in the Namozine District of Dinwiddie, Virginia with her parents Sterling & Nancy. Siblings Melissa Collier (listed as married), Edward Collier (Spouse of Malissa) siblings: John, Joseph, Bernice, & Devonia. She married March 6, 1884, in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. In 1900, she is now listed living in Petersburg City, Ward 5, Petersburg, Virginia, with spouse William Henry Deadmon & children Minnie, Lloyd, Maggie, and an infant. In 1910, she is now living in Petersburg City, Ward 3 with her children Minnie, Pearl & William H., Jr. In 1915, she lives at 522 Harding Street, she is still at that same residence in 1921. In 1924, she is now living at 504 Mistletoe Street where she died.

Find A Grave Memorial# 21788431

CARL FINK



Dr. Carl Fink, 88, of Fredericksburg died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001 in Knapp Nursing Home No. 1. Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 22, at 10 a. m., in Beckmann Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Monte Marschall officiating. Marilyn Jenkins was the organist and Dr. Rollie Blondeau, the vocalist. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Dr. Fink was born in Hot Springs, AR. On Aug. 1, 1913, the son of William Fink and Minnie Jasper Fink. He married Mary Belle Dedman on June 25, 1942 in Del Rio and she survives. He was a veterinarian and a veteran of World War II. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Linn Fink of Fredericksburg, and a daughter, Carla Barron of Austin, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Texas Hearing and Service Dogs or to the charity of choice. Pallbearers were Jeffrey Fink, Michael Fink, Todd Fink, Glen Bridge, Earl Dedman, Bill Fink and Tillman Richey.

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CLARENCE LEFLER

Clarence "Buck" Lefler, 73, of Christiansburg, born Sep. 9, 1924, died Saturday, June 20, 1998, at Jewish Hospital Shelbyville, KY

He was a native of Shelby County, a truck driver for Southern States Shelbyville Cooperative, Inc. for 30 years, a U. S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Buffalo Lick Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa Lee Lefler of Christiansburg; four daughters, Vickie Duncan of Simpsonville, Pam Edwards of Jacksonville, Fla., Katrina Ritter of Pleasureville and Kimberle Arriaga of Shelbyville; a brother, Harry Lefler of Finchville; two sisters, Doris Cleveland of LaGrange and Mattie Harp of Shelbyville; two step-sons, Joe Dedman of LaGrange and Edwin Dedman of Minnesota; a step-daughter, Lee Ellen Webb of Shelbyville; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and six step-grandchildren. The funeral was Monday at Hall-Taylor Funeral Home.

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LOIS DEDMON



Lois Dedmon, 71, of Waldron, Arkansas passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in a Waldron hospital. She was a homemaker.

Lois is survived by one son Todd Dedmon and wife Tammy of Waldron, Arkansas, two brothers Hal Lacy and wife Bobbie of Abbott, Arkansas, Edmond Lacy of Fort Smith, Arkansas, two granddaughters Lacey and Sara Dedmon both of Waldron, Arkansas. She is also survived by numerous friends, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Haw Creek Baptist Church with a cremation under the direction of Martin Funeral Home of Waldron.

**Find A Grave Memorial#
51380009**

RUBY M. COOPER (June 9, 1924 - November 14, 2014)



COOPER, Ruby M., age 90 of Waterford, formerly of Swifton, Arkansas, died November 14, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband Horace and parents Asa & Anna Dedmon; mother of Darrell (Charlotte) Cooper and Cindy (Richard) Myers; grandmother of Chris, Mark, Heather, Lauren, Lindsey & Erin and great-grandmother of Cory, Jake, Kyle, Kayla, Caitlin, Nathan, James, Claire and MaryJean.

Before her retirement, Ruby was a compassionate nurse for many years serving patients in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital as well as private duty. Funeral service Sunday, November 23rd at 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit 11:30 a.m. until time of service. Private entombment will be at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Robert H. Smith Memorial fund (perpetual care fund for Lawrence Memorial Park) c/o The First National Bank, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476.

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