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"THE HILLBILLY HEARTTHROB" AND "THE SINGING SHERIFF"



You probably have to be in a certain group of folk to know of whom the above titles referred. Well, I am not ashamed of my allegiance to the "Hillbilly" genre of singing and admit the "Country: songs of today are but a shadow of the true image of "Hillbilly". Roy Acuff and "The Great Speckled Bird", Ernest Tubb, "Walking the Floor Over You" and Johnny Cash, "I Walk the Line" are vanished from the memory of this generation. That does not even begin to name the "Greats" like, Hank Williams, Hank Snow, Jim Reeves and yes, the one to whom the headline refers, Faron Young. Some in the younger generation may think Ernest Tubb, was a "sincere bath" and Johnny Cash, a "pay toilet". I even understand the remark, "Do you know what you get, if you play a Hillbilly song backward?" "You get your wife back, your dog back, your car back and your mobile home back". Say what you may, I am still a "Hillbilly" at heart and when my brother, Tommy, wrote me with the news that Faron Young's great grandmother was Laura Dedman, That was the most exciting news I have received since it was discovered that Elvis and Davey Crockett was in our family tree.

Faron Young had one of the longest-running and most popular careers in country music history. Emerging in the early '50s, he was one of the most popular "honky tonkers" to appear in the wake of Hank Williams' death, partially because he was able to smooth out some of the grittiest elements of his music. At first, he balanced honky tonk with pop vocal phrasing and flourishes. This combination of grit and polish resulted in a streak of Top Ten hits, including "If You Ain't Lovin'," "Live Fast, Love Hard, Die Young," "Sweet Dreams," "Alone With You," and "Country Girl", that ran throughout the '50s. During the '60s, Young gave himself over to country-pop, and while the hits weren't quite as big, they didn't stop coming until the early '80s. Through that time, he was a staple at the Grand Ole Opry and various television shows, including Nashville Now, and he also founded the major country music magazine, Music City News. Most importantly, he continued to seek out new songwriters -- including Don Gibson, Willie Nelson, and Kris Kristofferson, thereby cultivating a new generation of talent.

Faron was born and raised outside of Shreveport, LA. While he was growing up on his father's dairy farm, he was given a guitar, and by the time he entered high school, he had begun singing in a country band. Following high school, he briefly attended college, before he left school

to join the Louisiana Hayride as a regular performer. While on the Hayride, he met Webb Pierce and in a short time, the pair were touring throughout the South, singing as a duo in various nightclubs and honky tonks. In 1951, he recorded "Have I Waited Too Long" and "Tattle Tale Tears" for the independent label Gotham. After hearing the singles, Capitol Records decided to buy Young's contract away from Gotham in 1952. That same year, he was invited to perform regularly on the Grand Ole Opry.

Just as his career was taking off, Young was drafted into the Army to serve in the Korean War. Assigned to the Special Service division, he sang for the troops in Asia and appeared on recruitment shows; while on leave, he recorded his debut on Capitol, "Goin' Steady." Upon its early 1953 release, it climbed to number two on the country charts and it was followed in the summer by "I Can't Wait (For the Sun to Go Down)," which hit number five. Young was discharged from the Army in November of 1954, releasing "If You Ain't Lovin'," his biggest hit, shortly after he returned. The single was quickly followed in the spring of 1955 by "Live Fast, Love Hard, Die Young," which became his first number one hit, and the number two single, "All Right."

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As soon as he returned to the States, Faron Young began turning out singles at a very rapid pace, and most of them charted in the Top Ten. In addition to recording, he began appearing in films, starting with 1955's *Hidden Guns*. Over the next few years, he was in no less than ten films -- including *Daniel Boone*, *Road to Nashville*, *Stampede*, *A Gun and a Gavel*, *That's Country*, and *Raiders of Old California* -- and was featured in many television shows. Upon his first film appearance, Faron earned the nickname "the Young Sheriff," which eventually metamorphosized into "the Singing Sheriff." Young's career truly began to hit its stride in 1956, as "I've Got Five Dollars and It's Saturday Night" and "You're Still Mine" reached number four and three, respectively, during the spring, followed by the number two "Sweet Dreams" later that summer. "Sweet Dreams" was not only his biggest hit since "All Right," but it gave songwriter Don Gibson his first significant exposure. Soon, Young developed a reputation for finding promising new songwriters, bringing Roy Drusky's "Alone With You" to the top of the charts in the summer of 1958 and taking Willie Nelson's "Hello Walls" to number one in 1961; Young was one of the first artists to record a Nelson song.

Faron was born in Shreveport, Louisiana one day before Johnny Cash, Young was the youngest of six children of Harlan Ray and Doris Lucille Burch Young. He had three brothers, (Clifton Leroy, Oscar Allen and Harlan Ray, Jr) and two sisters, (Audrey Louise and Dorothy Mae. He grew up on a dairy farm that his family operated outside the city. He graduated from Fair Park High School in 1951 and attended Centenary College of Louisiana.

Faron married Hilda Macon back in the early 1950's. Hilda was the Great Granddaughter of one of the earliest legendary names in Country/Western/Hillbilly Music, Uncle Dave Macon. Faron had four children and I am not sure if Hilda was the mother of all four as they divorced at some point in time and I don't know if he remarried. His life was not always smooth sailing as over the years he weathered alcoholism, marital problems and several brushes with the law.

He died tragically by his own hand in Nashville, Tennessee on December, 10 1996. He was cremated and his ashes were spread over Old Hickory Lake outside Nashville, at Johnny and June Carter Cash's home.

In 2000, Faron was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame, joining other iconic country music artist's like Hank Williams, Roy Acuff and Webb Pierce.

His father, Harlan Ray Young, Sr. was born to, Oscar Allen and Jennie Mae Staats Young. They were from Iowa, but moved to Louisiana before Faron was born. Jennie Mae was the daughter of Hiram Leon and Laura Dedman Staats. Laura was the daughter of

Toliver Lewis Dedman. Her mother's name was Elizabeth and I do not have her surname. Laura was born on April 03, 1849 in Clark County, MO. She married Hiram Leon Staats on June 29, 1869 in Clark County, MO. They had at least eight children, including Jennie Mae, the grandmother of Faron Young. Laura Dedman Staats died on May 15, 1892 in Nevinville, Adams County, IA, and buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery in that city. (Find A Grave Memorial# 22835451). I have been unable to find more information on Laura's father Toliver Lewis Dedman other than born in 1817.

There is a Tollie L. Lewis buried in Nebraska, born in 1877. The best I can tell his father is James Charles Dedman also buried in the same cemetery. Tollie could possibly be a grandson to Toliver, as I can not locate the father of James Charles, which could be Toliver Lewis Dedman, born 1817. It is not out of the question to think a grandson would be given his grandfather's name. Also, the fact he is listed as Tollie would further support the idea. Remember, this is not factual.

There is an Elizabeth Dedman, born in 1828, also buried with this Dedman family and she could be Laura's mother. I am not the best source for geography, but I believe Nebraska and Iowa are in close proximity to each other, which would make all this a great possibility.

Please do not accept his and enter into the records until we can know for sure. Also, keep in mind the variations of spelling of the surname while searching. If anyone has information on this family group, please share it with us. This is how we find out things like this....

THE BRICK WALL

PHILLIP DEDMAN

One of the difficulties in doing family research is the duplication of names. We have mentioned this before in the case of John, William and Thomas, which are popular names throughout each of the variations of the spelling of the surname. However, in the Dedman line the name Phillip or Philip is a very popular name and has created some confusion. Of course, there are also some Phillips in some of the other varied surname spellings, but not many. I am going to try to sort through them.

Philip Dedman, Sr. (b.1665-1670 - d. 1721), The son of Christopher and Ann Alice Marten Deadman, is the oldest Philip I have in my files. The first information I received on this Philip was from Anna Griffith's book on the Dedman family. She listed his birth as not found and his will probated In 1721. She also listed his wife as Mary____? This is the way some Ancestry.com researchers still have it listed. However, more and more are listing his birth as 1665 and wife Mary Polly Hawkins, married in 1695. I received information a couple of years ago that his wife was Mary Luck. I have been unable to confirm any of this. There is another Phillip and Mary Polly Hawkins Dedman, which I will discuss later.

Philip Dedman, Jr. (1700-1770), son of Phillip Sr. He married Margaret Easter Langston in 1749 and they had at least three children. However, he had three more children born prior to 1749, indicating a previous wife that I have been unable to locate, one child was Philip.

Philip Dedman, III (1740-1802), son of Philip, Jr. and unknown spouse married Mary Fuller. To this union were at least five children. It is easy to see why there is much confusion as almost all the Phillips married a Mary.

Philip Dedman (1779-1852), son of Samuel and Eleanor Howard Dedman is the grandson of Philip, Jr. He married Mary Polly Hawkins on October 20, 1800, in Lunenburg County, Virginia (VA marriage records). This is what calls in question the marriage of Philip, Sr. to Mary Hawkins. Of course, there could be two Mary Hawkins, but it makes one wonder why for so long, the last name of Philip Sr's wife was unknown. It is possible someone found this Philip and Mary, thinking it was the other. It would only take one incorrect entry on Ancestry.com, to spread to the extent we have. Or this one could be wrong. Mary died in 1847 in Madison County, Alabama. After Mary died, Philip married Mary C. Vaughn on September 05, 1849. They had two children, one of them was also a Philip. Philip died in 1852 in Madison County, Alabama

Philip P. Dedman (1784-1852), son of John and Ann Dedman married Lucy Penny and they had eight children. He was born in Orange County, VA and died in Mercer County, KY. Lucy died in 1863 and they are both buried in New Providence Presbyterian Cemetery; McAfee, Mercer County, KY.

Philip Dedman (1802-1849), son of Phillip and Mary Hawkins, married Mary Jane Moore on December 04, 1830 in Madison County, Alabama.

I have had this note from Wanda Colvin for several years: [“In one of the early census in Lunenburg Co., VA (1810) my Philip Dedman and his brother's names were spelled Debnam. That is the only time I found their names that way.”] I am not exactly sure which Philip to whom she was referring, but it must have been one of the above.

John Phillip Dedman (1813-1881), son of Philip and Lucy Dedman, married Mariah L "Maria" Coleman in Mercer County Ky and they had seven children. They both died in 1881 and are buried in New Providence Presbyterian Cemetery; McAfee, Mercer County, KY

Philip Dedman (1835), He was born in Alabama, but I don't have his death records. According to some of the information I found on his children, he may have moved to Arkansas. He had two sons and six daughters with Nancy Scott-Dedman. The census lists him as African-American.

Phillip P. Dedman (1842-1914), son of John P. and Maria Dedmon, married Fannie F. Phillips in Woodford County, KY in 1882. They had at least five children together. Phillip died in 1914 in Versailles, KY. (See Phillip (1858-1937) for additional discussion on this.)

Phillip Thorton Dedman (1849-1910), son of Robert and Elizabeth Jane Timberlake Dedman. He was born in Washington, Rappahannock County, VA. He married Sarah E "Sallie" Platt on November 25, 1891. They are both buried in Forest Hill Cemetery; Kansas City, Jackson County, MO

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Philip Samuel Dedman (1852-1853), son of Samuel and Mary Vaughn Died as an infant.

Phillip P. Dedman (1858-1937). son of Robert and Minerva James Dedman married Annie E. Moore in Woodford County, KY on January 23, 1883. They had five children. Phillip died in 1937 and Annie died in 1921. They are both buried in Maple Grove Cemetery; Nicholasville, Jessamine County, KY, There is some confusion here as on the Find A Grave website, Memorial# 95781903, his parents are listed as John and Mariah Coleman. However, I believe this to be incorrect, but of course, I could be wrong. The Phillip (1842-1910) lines up much better as to the dates of marriage and the other children of John and Mariah.

Phillip Carlton Dedman (1861-1940), son of Samuel H. and Elizabeth A. Sanderson Dedman, Sr., married Mary Susan Iola Walker on November 27, 1887 in Princeton, Dallas County, AR. They had at least five children. She died in 1950 and they are both buried in Taylor Cemetery; Dallas County, AR. He was the great grandson of Philip and Mary Hawkins Dedman.

Philip Winstead Dedman (1870-1943), son of Robert Henry and Caroline "Carrie" Winstead Dedman, Sr. was the grandson of Philip and Mary Hawkins Dedman. He married Ruth Acuman on April 02, 1895 in Dallas County, AR. My records show both died in Boosier City, LA on June 23, 1943 and both buried in the Oakland Cemetery; Fordyce, Dallas County, AR. If this is correct, they may have died in an automobile accident, ..

Philip Dedman, Jr. (1882-1959), buried in De Ann Cemetery; Prescott, Nevada County, AR Plot: African American Section. I strongly suspect his wife was Lula Clemmons (1886-1969) buried in the same plot. I would guess his father was Philip, Sr., but I can't find him.

Philip Frank (Dedmon) Deadmon (May 5, 1888-Jul. 25, 1928) Inscription: VIRGINIA; PFC OMC; WORLD WAR I Burial: Loudon Park National Cemetery Baltimore, Baltimore City, Maryland, USA, Spouse: Anneta Williams Deadmon (1902 - 1960) Find A Grave Memorial# 101102654

Archie Phillip Dedman (1889-1965), son of Phillip and Mary Walker Dedman married Rose Ellen Reynolds and they had at least one child. They are both buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery; Holly Springs, Dallas County, AR

Ollie Phillip Dedman (1892-1956), son of Phillip and Annie Moore, married Nina Houp and they had at least three children. Ollie died in 1956 and Nina died in 1976. They are both buried in Hillcrest Memorial Park; Lexington, Fayette County, KY

Philip Thornton Dedman, Jr. (1900-1927), son of Philip Thorton and Sarah E "Sallie" Platt Dedmon. He married Helen Elizabeth Marbut on May 26, 1923. She died within a year of their marriage. They are both buried in Forest Hill Cemetery; Kansas City, Jackson County, MO with his parents.

George Phillip Dedmon (1914-1950), was born on November 1, 1914, in San Diego County, California, the child of George Lafayette and Alice M. He died on June 5, 1950, in San Diego County, California.

Phillip Carlton Dedman (1919-1981), married Jane Stiles. She died in 2002 and they are both buried in Shadowlawn Cemetery; Malvern, Hot Spring County, AR.

James Phillip Dedmon (1923-2009), was born on December 13, 1923, in Brownsville, Tennessee. He had one daughter with Betty Steele. He died on November 23, 2009, at the age of 85. He is buried in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery; Columbia, Richland County, SC. (Find A Grave Memorial# 44940697)



John Phillip Deadmon (1925), is the son of Marshall Griffin and Bertha E. Sechler Deadmon.

Ollie Phillip Dedman, Jr. (1927-1931), son of Ollie Phillip and Nina Houp Dedman. He died as a child and is buried in Hillcrest Memorial Park; Lexington, Fayette County, KY.

Philip Worsham Dedman (1928-1983), son of Robert Henry and Cornelia Gertrude Worsham Dedman, III, married Martha Ruth Yergens in 1949. He was the great grandson of Philip and Mary Hawkins Dedman. Martha died in 1966 and they are both buried in Redlands, CA.

Philip Y. Dedman (1930-2007), son of

Philip Claude Dedman (1934-2006)

Phillip Brooks Dedmon

Phillip B Dedmon (1946)

Phillip Atlas Deadmon, (1948)

James Philip Deadmon (Jan. 14, 1949-Jul. 25, 2013) Burial: St Oswald Churchyard; Brereton, Cheshire East Unitary Authority, Cheshire, England **Find A Grave Memorial# 144601390**

Phillip Wayne Dedman (1950-1990)

Phillip Richard Dedmon (1954)

Phillip Michael Dedmon (1963) born on June 7, 1963 in Long Beach, CA. He is currently an accountant for a company called Toshiba. One of his hobbies is astronomy, he never married and has no children.

Steven Philip Dedman (1968)

Phillip Dedman, Jr (1977-2013)

MAE BELL LACY



Waldron, AR -- Graveside services for Mae Bell McDaniel Lacey, 95, of Waldron, Arkansas will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at Cedar Grove Cemetery in the Boothe community under the direction of Martin Funeral Home of Waldron. Mae Bell Lacy passed away on Saturday, July 24, 2004 in a Waldron nursing home. She was a Baptist and a homemaker. She was the widow of Hubert Lacy and preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta Cheek and two grandchildren. Mae Bell Lacy is survived by one daughter, **Lois Dedmon** of Waldron; three sons, Edmond Lacy of Fort Smith, Halton Lacy of Abbott and Harold Ben Lacy of Tucumcari, New Mexico; one brother, Orbie McDaniel of Dayton, Arkansas; seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Pallbearers will be David Cheek, **Todd Dedmon**, Kelly Langley, Jr., James McDaniel, Dale McDaniel and Glen McDaniel. Honorary pallbearers will be Chris Lacy, Bill Glass, Keith Glass and Clyde Hawkins.

Mae Bell was the daughter of James "Jim" Wesley McDaniel and Sally Hedgepath. She married Huber Grundy Lacy on Jun 7, 1924. She and Hubert had the following children: Edmon Wesley Lacy, Halton Grundy Lacy, Harrold Bean Lacy, Ellen Roberta Lacy, and Lois Marie Lacy.

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SHIRLEY ANN DIANE EDWARDS DEDMON

Shirley Ann Diane Dedmon, 61, a 23-year resident of Bolingbrook, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at home. She was born Nov. 20, 1941, in Chicago. She was a homemaker and a retired key-punch operator for Hannen in Chicago for 19 years. She was a painter and interior designer.

She is survived by three children, Leah (husband Daniel) Angelo, Wade (wife Carolyn) Dedmon and Jennifer (fiance Jan) Dedmon; four grandchildren, Cara (husband Kenny) Quiet, Christopher Arthurs, and Brandon and Peter Brauchler; a great-grandson, Kenny Jr.; and a companion, Joe Flynn.

A service was held Wednesday, April 30, at Naperville Cemetery, with the Rev. Andy Hagen officiating
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WILLIAM P. DEDMAN

William Palmer Dedman, a former executive of Delwall, a division of Corbesco Inc., died Thursday of cancer at St. Anthony's Nursing Home. He was 80. Mr. Dedman was born in Houston and lived in Metairie for the past 29 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Rita Jayne Williams Dedman; two daughters, Marsha Dedman Schmerbeck and Laura Dedman Veade; and two grandchildren. A funeral will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2929 Metairie Road, Metairie. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Garden of Memories.—The New Orleans Times-Picayune, Jan. 27, 2002

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ELSIE D. COLEY



Elsie Dedman Coley died at the age of 90 surrounded by her loved ones. Born to Elphren & Elizabeth "Lizzy" (Boyd) Dedman, she married Jack Coley, whom she had grown up with in Ft. Smith and married in June 1946. She worked as receptionist at The Coca-Cola Company Foods Division in Houston for some 15 years after serving as a volunteer Candy Striper at the Spring Branch Hospital. A celebration of her life will be held in September in Houston for family and close friends.

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DEBRA LYNN "DEBBIE" DEDMON (Aug. 20, 1953 - Jan. 10, 2017)



Daughter of Elsie B. Peterson and Ernest Ralph Dedmon, Jr.

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GLADYS H. DEDMAN

Mrs. Gladys Hall (Handley) Dedman, 102, Plattsburg, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002 at a Plattsburg healthcare center. Mrs. Dedman, a homemaker, was born February 7, 1899, in Edgerton where she lived until her marriage to Searce Dedman on January 19, 1921. After their marriage they lived on a farm west of Plattsburg. He preceded her in death in May 1966. She was also preceded in death by her parents, William and Jennie (Newman) Handley; her daughter, Ann Ferguson; and a sister, Carrie Winn. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Plattsburg, Atchison Homemakers Club, and the Clinton County Historical Society. Survivors include her son, Robert "Bob" Dedman, and her daughter, Louise Milliken, both of Plattsburg, six grandchildren and six great-grandsons. Services were held Monday at the Cox funeral Home with interment in the Green Lawn Cemetery. The family suggests memorial gifts to First Christian Church, 501 Clay Ave., Plattsburg, MO.

JOSEPHINE SLOAN

Josephine Sloan, 95, Cameron, passed away on Monday, February 4, 2002, at a health-care center in Cameron. Born on September 26, 1906, in Elmira, Mrs. Sloan was a homemaker. She graduated from Hamilton High School and attended the Business college in Chillicothe. She married Rolla Sloan. He preceded her in 1976. She was preceded by her parents, Issac and Lilly Mae Grove. Survivors include two sons, Gerald Sloan of Cameron, Burton Sloan of Kearney; a daughter, **Avanell Dedman** of Plattsburg; a sister, Bertha Edwards of Prescott, AZ; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren. Services were held Thursday, February 7, 2002, at Poland-Thompson Chapel, Cameron with burial in Graceland Cemetery, Cameron.

MYRTLE DEADMON POTTS

Mrs. Myrtle Deadmon Potts, 93, a resident of Transitional Health Services and formerly of East 10th Street, Kannapolis, died Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at the nursing center.

A graveside service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday, February 17, 2006, at Carolina Memorial Park. The Rev. Herman Absher will officiate. The family will receive friends from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Friday at Lady's Funeral Home.

Born February 18, 1912, in Rowan County, she was a daughter of the late Marshall G. Deadmon and Bertha Sechler Deadmon. She was a member of Jackson Park Baptist Church and retired several years ago from the Sheet Department of Cannon Mills.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Simpson Potts, who died February 6, 1967; her son, Douglas R. Potts; a granddaughter, Teresa Tucker; daughter-in-law, Jackie Potts; and her son-in-law, Ray H. Suther.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty Suther of Concord; three sisters, Edith Clawson, Lola Beaver and Mary Ann Hollar; two brothers, Marshall Deadmon and William Deadmon; four grandchildren, Arnold Ray Suther, Vickie Lynn Suther, Janet Potts and Douglas Potts; six great-grandchildren, Jennifer Suther, Trai Suther, Danielle Suther, Aaron Potts, Amanda Tucker and Travis Tucker; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Jackson Park Baptist Church, Building Fund, 1005 Jackson Street, Kannapolis, NC 28083.

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MARY MELLOTT DEADMON

Mary Elizabeth Mellott Deadmon, 70, Largo, Fla. and formerly of Berkeley Springs died July 15, 2008.

Born in Washington, D.C. December 29, 1937, she was the daughter of the late Paul Raymond Mellott and the late Alice V. Hovermale Mellott.

Her husband Earl Kenneth Deadmon died October 24, 2010. She was a clerical worker.

She is survived by one daughter, Theresa Cole, Hagerstown, Md.; one son, Andy Deadmon, Waynesboro, Pa.; two sisters, Nancy J. Mellott, Rhinebeck, N.Y. and Patricia L. Harwood, Landover Hills, Md.; one brother, Paul R. Mellott, Frederick, Md.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one niece and eight nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 13 at Greenway Cemetery, Berkeley Springs.

Arrangements by Hunter-Anderson Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 36 S. Green St., Berkeley Springs.

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EARL K. DEADMON

The brothers and sisters of Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100 are hereby notified of the death of Brother Earl K. Deadmon who passed away on October 24, 2010. Brothers and sisters may call at the Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery Chapel, 14205 Pleasant Valley Road, NE, Flintstone, MD at 12 noon on November 18, 2010.

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THOMAS RAY CLINE, SR.

November 4, 1917 - June 29, 2009

Mr. Thomas Ray Cline, Sr., a kind and gentle Christian, peacefully died on Monday, June 29, 2009. Ray will be remembered by all who knew him for his wisdom and generosity. Ray is now in his Saviour's presence with his beloved wife of over 60 years. His family will forever recall his unfaltering care of Annette, as Alzheimer's gradually diminished the one he so cherished. Lord, thank you for Your promise of eternal life and for this good man with his example of a faithful life.

Mr. Cline was born on November 4, 1917 in Lincoln County, the son of David Ambrose and Bess Smith Cline. He was reared on a large productive farm with his late siblings, Marybelle C. Rhyne, Henry and Hayward Cline. Ray graduated from Appalachian State in 1938. After a brief teaching career, Ray joined the US Coast Guard and served for 2 years during WWII as a Chief Petty Officer at Manhattan Beach, NY.

He and Annette Blanton, whom he met in college, were married in 1942 at "The Little Church around the Corner" in Manhattan. Mr. Cline, his son Tom and business partners owned and operated numerous NAPA automotive parts stores in Western North Carolina. His astute knowledge of the automotive industry helped many family members, friends and stranded motorists. Ray enjoyed golf, trips to the coast and hours spent in his vegetable garden. "Pa-Pa" expressed his love to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in countless ways.

Among many civic endeavors was Ray's service as president of the Kiwanis Club of Marion and as a board member for the NC Automotive Association, Northwestern and First Citizen Banks. He was a trustee of McDowell Hospital and a member of the Marion City Planning Board. Mr. and Mrs. Cline were long time members of The First Baptist Church of Marion where he served as deacon and treasurer.

Mr. Cline is survived by son, Thomas Ray Cline, Jr. and his wife Shearon of Marion; daughter, Janis Annette Taylor and her husband Robert H. Taylor of Charlotte. Grandchildren are Estelle Cline Hung, MD and husband Patrick Hung, MD (Greensboro); Thomas Ray Cline III (Davidson); Anna McIntosh Cline (Greensboro); Garrett Cline Taylor (NYC) and Jana Annette Taylor (Savannah, GA). Great-grandchildren are Isaac Alexander Hung and Ellison Hamilton Hung (Greensboro).

The family wishes to express special appreciation to Nina Vandiford, Sherri King, Joyce Woody and Gladys Winters, who have cared for Mr. Cline. May God bless each of these dear ladies for their constant patience and kindness.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at The First Baptist Church of Marion with Rev. Dr. Scott Hagaman and Rev. Terry Childers officiating. The family will be receiving friends following the memorial service in the sanctuary. Family graveside rites will be held at 10:00 a.m., prior to the service, at McDowell Memorial Park with military honors provided.

Memorials may be made to The First Baptist Church of Marion, 99 N. Main Street, Marion, N. C. or Gideons International, P.O. Box 1788, Marion, N. C.

Find A Grave Memorial# 38933374

IRENE DEDMAN CANTRELL

HUNTSVILLE, ALA. - Irene Dedman Cantrell, 94, died Nov. 2, 2003. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Thomas and Ida Elizabeth Dedman; and sons, O.D., Lloyd, James and Earl Cantrell.

Survivors include her daughter, Frances Cole; sister, Sarah Brown; 15 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. today. Visitation with the family will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. today. Pallbearers will be her grandson and great-grandsons.

**Spring Hill Funeral Home
and Cemetery**

ANDREW DEADMON

Andrew J. Deadmon, 53, of 225 Crown Court, Waynesboro, PA passed away Friday, December 19, 2014 in his home. Born December 7, 1961 in Washington D.C., he was the son of the late Earl Kenneth Deadmon and Mary Elizabeth Mellott. He served in the United States Air force and had been employed for Orbital Sciences Corp., Dulles, VA for 30 years.

He is survived by three children, Kristen, Matthew and Rachel; and one sister, Teri Cole and her husband, Kevin of Shippensburg, PA.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 P.M., Saturday, December 27, 2014 in Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home, 50 South Broad Street, Waynesboro.

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MARY ANNETTE BLANTON CLINE



A servant of God, Annette left us on January 12, 2007 to be with her Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God for her extraordinarily rich, full and long life. Praise be to God! The daughter of John and Garva Blanton of Lattimore, she met her future husband Thomas Ray Cline while both attended Appalachian State. Annette was chosen as "Miss Appalachian" and elected to the May Court in 1939. She represented Appalachian as a soloist in their weekly broadcast from WBT in Charlotte. Following graduation, she and Ray married in 1942 at "The Little Church Around the Corner" in Manhattan, NY. During 64 years of marriage Ray respected, loved, and adored her; they were inseparable to the end.

Annette and Ray lived in New York City for two years while he served in the US Coast Guard as a Chief Petty Officer. During that time Annette held various jobs in Manhattan. After their move back to NC, she taught for 32 years in Kannapolis and Marion. A former member of the "Sweet Adelines", music was a big part of Annette's life. She was a frequent soloist at Marion First Baptist and sang at numerous weddings. In her later years she enjoyed singing along with her player piano. A graceful, lovely and dignified woman, her family and friends will also remember her as an incurable extrovert who truly loved people. Her quick smile, frequent laughter and occasional tendency toward mischief endeared her to all. She loved to deliver her "famous" pecan pies to those in need; she also loved to visit and sing to nursing home residents. Annette thoroughly enjoyed her many encounters with former students. As her memory faded in the later years, she often greeted people with "Didn't I teach you?" May God bless all of you who took the time to talk with her; you added much sunshine to her life. Annette served as Chairwoman for the Christian Women's Club, Chairwoman of the McDowell Nursing Homes Advisory Board, and was also a member of the Agricultural Extension Service Advisory Board. She was a long time member of Marion First Baptist where she also served as a Sunday school teacher and choir member.

In addition to Ray, Annette is survived by her beloved son Thomas Ray Cline, Jr. and his wife Shearon of Marion. Their children are Dr. Estelle Cline Hung (Greensboro), Anna McIntosh Cline (Greensboro), and Thomas Ray Cline III (Charlotte); also son-in-law Dr. Patrick Hung and great grandson Isaac Alexander Hung of Greensboro. Annette is survived by her beloved daughter Janis Annette Taylor and her husband Robert H. Taylor of Charlotte. Their children are Jana Annette Taylor (Savannah, GA) and Garrett Cline Taylor (Brooklyn, NY). Surviving siblings are Beatrix Ramey (Lattimore), **Sarah Dedmon** (Shelby), Bus Blanton (Lattimore), and Robert Blanton (Lattimore).

A private family Graveside Service was held Sunday January 14, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at McDowell Memorial Park. A Memorial Service was held Sunday January 14, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Marion with Dr. Scott Hagaman officiating. The family received friends following the service in the church parlor. The family requests that memorials be made to Alzheimer's Association 31 College Place Suite D-320 Asheville, NC 28801.

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JAMES CLIFTON BOYD



James Clifton Boyd, 74, of Bowling Green, KY, entered into rest Sunday, March 3, 2013. A native of Warren County, he was the son of the late Paul Clifton Boyd and Mary Frances Wilson Sledge, born Apr. 26, 1938. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn Isbell, and a son, Greg Perkins.

James is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sarah McMillin Boyd; a son, Dale Boyd of Elfrida, Ariz.; two sisters, Martha Miller (David) of Crestwood and Paula Russell (Steve) of Glasgow; two brothers, Ronnie Boyd (Paula Sue) of Bowling Green and Donnie Boyd (Debbie) of Glasgow; a granddaughter, **Jamie Perkins Dedman (Bart)** of Franklin, KY; three grandchildren, Jade, Rowan and **Cash Dedman** of Franklin, KY; and several nieces and nephews.

James was a Marine and a member of American Legion Post 23. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. at J.C. Kirby & Son Lovers Lane Chapel, with burial to follow in Bowling Green Gardens. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

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