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CHICAGO KIN VISIT SITE WHERE 4 DROWNED

Settlement OKd in Texas park tragedy August 28, 2005, by Anna M. Tinsley, Ft. Worth Star-Telegram

FT. WORTH — Fruenze Deadmon finally got to say goodbye. The last time he saw his 11-year-old daughter, Juanitrice, she was smiling and waving from a bus window in Chicago as she headed to a church convention last summer in Ft. Worth. On Friday, standing on stone steps in the Ft. Worth Water Gardens, he tossed a flower into the empty pool where Juanitrice and three family friends drowned in roiling water. "I never had a chance to say goodbye," Deadmon said after visiting the Water Gardens for the first time. "You deal with the fact of knowing that death is part of life. But your kid going before you--that's not how we as humans perceive it.

"I hope she knew that we loved her."

An hour later, Deadmon joined other family and friends of the victims in state district court, where a judge approved an out-of-court settlement with the city that paid the families a total of \$750,000. Earlier, Deadmon and his wife, Alexandria, walked through the Water Gardens with Stephanie Dukes, who lost her husband, Myron, and two children, Lauren and Christopher, in the drownings. Dukes did not comment after emerging from the gardens about an hour later.

It was June 16, 2004, when Myron Dukes and his two children went to the Water Gardens with Juanitrice Deadmon to cool off. One girl apparently slipped into the water, and the others died trying to save her. Deadmon and his wife walked slowly down the steps of the Active Pool on Friday. The pool where the drownings occurred is now empty. They then walked quietly around the gardens with Dukes, talking and remembering their loved ones. They were joined by Rev. Nehemiah Davis, pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, who was instrumental in bringing the convention to the city. "It was good to come, to see for ourselves and try to see where they were," Fruenze Deadmon said. "We are trying to answer some questions we had.

"It's like a puzzle--you have pieces and you try to fit them in the best way you can. But you never will really put that puzzle together." One more piece fell into place when Judge Len Wade signed off Friday on the settlement that drops Ft. Worth out of a lawsuit

filed by the families against more than 20 entities involved in developing and operating the Water Gardens.

City officials say the settlement does not admit liability and will avoid a long, costly court battle. "The city--from the time the event first took place to present date--has reacted in a responsible manner," Ft. Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief said. "We have done everything we could to attempt to assist the families, yet at the same time walk a delicate line . . . to protect the city."

Wade expressed his sympathy to the families at the hearing and said the rest of the lawsuit would continue.

Other defendants remaining include the estate of architect Philip Johnson, who designed the series of water features and landscaping as a downtown oasis, and the Amon G. Carter Foundation, which donated the \$6 million park to the city in 1974. None of the three pools is designed for swimming. Some depositions are expected to begin this week.

Meanwhile, city officials have proposed beefing up staff at the gardens with an extra \$300,000 included in this year's pending budget. And it's moving forward with \$3 million in planned renovations.

Plans include raising the floor of the Active Pool, where the drownings occurred, to reduce water levels to a depth of about 1 1/2 feet. Deep, churning water in the Active Pool may have contributed to the deaths, experts said. Construction is expected to start by December and be finished by October 2006.

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STUDY TO FOCUS ON WATER PARK WHERE FOUR DROWNED

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FORT WORTH (AP) — A study of the downtown water garden where four tourists died is expected to explain factors in the deaths, including a strong underwater suction and why the water level was more than twice as high as recommended. The report analyzing the Fort Worth Water Gardens, with recommended changes in how the facility operates, was scheduled to arrive Monday at City Hall from Freese and Nichols Inc., an engineering firm. Among 120 members of Chicago's Antioch Missionary Baptist Church who were in Fort Worth for a Sunday School convention were victims Myron Dukes, 39; his 8-year-old daughter Lauren Dukes; ; 13-year-old son Christopher Dukes; and Juanitrice Deadmon, 11, a family friend. Juanitrice's father, Fruenze Deadmon, said he was unaware of the report. "We're still dealing with the fact that our daughter is gone," said Deadmon.

FORT WORTH, TX - Fruenze Deadmon was silent Sunday as he stood near the plaques. On the other side of a retaining wall, sun-soaked water cascaded over concrete in frothy streams. For a few brief, silent moments, Mr. Deadmon stood high above the Fort Worth Water Gardens' Active Pool. Hundreds of others maneuvered down the meandering steps that lead to the heart of the beloved attraction that was rededicated and reopened Sunday. Coming here wasn't an easy decision for Mr. Deadmon. That pool at the bottom that tempts tourists and locals to traverse winding stairs is also what claimed the life of his 11-year-old daughter, Juanitrice Deadmon, and three family friends on June 16, 2004.

"It's difficult because I don't have a right answer or a wrong answer about how you deal with something like this," he said Sunday. Architect Philip Johnson intended the gardens, which opened in 1974, to evoke a "pseudo danger." Originally, no railings or barriers existed between visitors and the water. Shortly after the four acre park's opening, memos from consultants and city officials warned that visitors could easily slip and fall in.

Lauren Dukes, 8, was in town from the Chicago area for a church convention with friends and family when a group of them visited the park. According to witnesses, Lauren was eating an ice cream cone moments before she fell into what was then an 8 1/2-foot-deep pool that circulates water for the gardens. Juanitrice grabbed for her friend, but fell in, too. Lauren's father, 39-year-old Myron Dukes, and brother, 13-year-old Christopher, jumped in to save the girls. They all drowned in water that was recommended to be only 3 1/2 feet deep.

More than 100 people packed under a white tent on Sunday as Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief recognized the Water Gardens' dual persona as a celebrated attraction and the site of tragedy. He unveiled plaques in memory of the six people who have died at the park. "*Fort Worth has been and will continue to be a city that does not forget, a city with a heart and a soul,*" he said.

Inside the adjacent Fort Worth Convention Center, Mr. Deadmon met privately with the police officers, firefighters and rescue workers who responded to the scene when his daughter drowned. He said he thanked them for their attempts to resuscitate Juanitrice and the Dukeses. The rescue workers declined to be interviewed. "This affected them," Deadmon said afterward.

Mr. Deadmon declined to discuss the lawsuits. Mr. Dukes' widow, Stephanie, and Mr. Deadmon's wife and three other children didn't attend the ceremony because they continue to grapple with what happened, he said. "It's still hard," he said. Mr. Deadmon often fumbled for the words to express his emotions as he spoke about the drownings and the park's reopening. He said while the site is the source for grief in his life, he understands it is also a source of pride to Fort Worth residents. But he admitted reconciling those two realities hasn't been easy. He indicated that attending Sunday's ceremonies is just a step in the healing process. "You just try to accept all those things that happen on your journey," he said.

Mr. Deadmon said his family has leaned on their faith and the kindness of others to get through a year thrown into chaos by a simple misstep. Juanitrice's school created an award named for her that will be given annually to an outstanding eighth-grade graduate. And recently, a member Antioch Missionary Baptist Church asked if the church could put a photograph of Juanitrice on shirts, to be worn by members during a parade at an annual Baptist convention, held this year in North Carolina. Such reminders also bring some of the family's sadness to the surface. Mr. Deadmon said his three other children, ages 4, 11 and 14, cried last week about their sister for the first time since her death. Mr. Deadmon said his youngest, Gemmia, turned to her mother while at Juanitrice's grave and asked: "Are we in heaven too?"

I have followed this story for several years, collecting information as I found it. What I have presented is selected from several different sources. It truly was a tragic event and my heart goes out to the family. Although it happened over ten years ago, I am sure the family is still hurting.

*Down
Memory Lane*



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

Although I have attended several "Stock Car" races through the years, I have never considered myself an avid fan of racing. I rarely watch it on the tube, unless I am visiting friends who are. I keep up somewhat, but the fact I asked how recently if Richard Petty was in the race, brought a laugh from those around me. I guess I was thinking of his son as I thought I had heard the name Petty not long ago in a race.

I have never attended an official NASCAR race and not many asphalt tracks. Most of my spectator activity was to go watch friends run the dirt tracks and enjoyed the fellowship of friends more than the race itself. I can only think of three asphalt tracks I have visited, Those would be: Huntsville, AL, Highland Rim in Ridgetop, TN and Nashville, TN. As far as I can remember, the only times to be at those were to watch my brother in law, Don Smith. He was married to my sister Ruth and passed away over ten years ago. (See newsletter #38)

There have been other family members involved in racing, however, I don't recall ever seeing them. Jane's brother, Ed Glasscock, was somehow involved with a "stock car" that raced at Boyd's Speedway in Chattanooga, TN. I don't know if he actually owned the car or just drove it for someone. In those days the cars had a lot of "personality" as it seemed there was more "leeway" to changing the shape of the car. The cars were more like the ones pictured below.



I don't think I was aware of it at the time, but at some point in the mid to late sixties, my brother, Bill got into the racing game. I knew about it kinda after the fact as he moved back to Chattanooga around 1970 and married a couple of years after that. He then moved to Springfield, TN, where I was living and attended the Nashville School of Preaching. I think it was during this time, our brother in law, Don Smith, came to Nashville and Highland Rim to race.

Don was married to my sister, Ruth for over 40 years before he passed away in 2005 in less than a month of his 65th birthday.

He was a favorite of the fans at the Huntsville Speedway in Huntsville, AL, where he was the track champion in 1977



Don and Ruth Dedmon Smith



Don Smith wins a 1977 NASCAR National Sportsman Championship.



I am assuming by the above photo, that brother Bill made it to victory lane at least once. He made the headlines also.

Smith does it again, Dedmon has injury

Don Smith has gotten into a rut at Huntsville Speedway. Last night, for the third consecutive week, the Gurley led pushed his modified car to victory in the 30-lap feature, the baby feature, trumps he has ever recorded, and gave him the longest winning streak in his division at the local track this season.

Following close on Smith's heels at the finish line were Gary Myers, No. 2 man in the Huntsville Speedway point standings, in second place; point leader Gary Finley in third and No. 3 man Howard Wayne Bentley in fourth.

Jimmy Wall, the youngest driver at the local track (17 years old), finished fifth, his highest of the season, and held the lead from the green flag until Smith moved up front after 10 laps.

It was like old times in the cadet feature as Jimmy Williams swapped out of a slump with another victory, his second in the last four races but his ninth of the season. His closest competitors in the cadet point standings were not in contention at the end, giving him a wider margin in his class.

The cadet feature was interrupted on the 10th lap when Billy Dedmon lost control of his car between the No. 3 and No. 4 turns, slid across the infield and tuck out onto the track, still out of control. Don Gant, winner of last week's feature, ran into Dedmon in the side, damaging Dedmon's car and sending him to the hospital with possible broken ribs.

Following Williams across the finish line with Lee Haynes, Hoyt Sallera, Billy Swain and Harold Shaw.

There were a total of 28 cars starting the cadet feature, 16 starting the modified feature which was one of the best crowd races of the season.

There was one new event due to the card at Huntsville Speedway last night, a "Big Race". This involved the modified drivers, with Larry Lett winning, Howard Wayne Bentley placing second and Phil Thompson placing third.

Next week it will be "Scout-Guy Scout" night at Huntsville Speedway, with all seats in uniform admitted free.

A complete list of last night's race results are as follows:

First heat, cadet: 1. Don G 2. Billy Dedmon, 3. H. C. Mill 4. Sammy Dunavant, 5. Pee 6. Beverly, 6. Harold Shaw.

Second heat, cadet: 1. B Swain, 2. Hoyt Sallera, 3. Hu Holman, 4. Billy Booz, 5. H. Whaley, 6. Howard Vandiver.

Third heat, cadet: 1. Raym Swain, 2. Gerald Vickers, 3.

August 10, 1967



Reflection of a winner

Don Smith, the hottest driver in the modified division at Huntsville Speed site is his car after winning his third consecutive feature last night.

PARTICULARS OF THE CATOOSA COUNTY TRAGEDY - by Tim Dedmon

A correspondent writing from Ringgold to the Atlanta Constitution, gives the following statements regarding the killing of Mark Deadman by Wells Barnett Whitmore, on the 7th. Deadman has been living in this county ever since its organization. His death was the loss of a good father to several little children: to his wife a kind and affectionate husband: and to the county a good citizen. As stated by witnesses, Whitmore and John H Trautwine left the town of Ringgold early on the morning of the 7th instant, having hired a wagon and a pair mules at the stables. They proceeded to Deadman's and passed his house, and were gone some thirty minutes when Whitmore returned to the house and went where deceased was at work near the house. Whitmore and deceased then returned to the house together. Whitmore wanted deceased to go with him to the Still House. Deceased said he did not want to go, and started to walk across the house when Whitmore drew his pistol and made at deceased and asked him if he resisted. Deadman answered he did not resist, but did not want to go to the Still House. Whitmore flourished his pistol in the house in a very abrupt manner, caught deceased by the shoulder and pushed him out of the house and with his pistol drove him before him to the Still House barefooted. In a short time they returned, Whitmore with pistol in hand, all the while very abrupt. Trautwine drew up with the wagon and the still in it about this time going in the direction of Ringgold, and stopped in the road near the house, while the deceased and Whitmore were in the house.- Deadman asked his wife for some cloths, and stated to Whitmore he did not want to go to Atlanta, but would go to Ringgold and fix it up with him. Whitmore would not consent, but acted all the while in such a manner that Deadman, in all probability thought he intended to get some chance to kill him. About this time, Deadman, frightened as he was, made a break, and Whitmore fired five shots, one on which killed Deadman. Whitmore then, without speaking to the family, only saying, as he left, he had killed him, immediately turned round and met Trautwine in the yard, got in the wagon, ran off down the mountain, in an opposite direction from Ringgold, and went to the railroad at Buzzard Roost. Here Whitmore took it a foot, and Trautwine came back to Ringgold. The parties were arrested at once, and Whitmore was committed to jail. Trautwine was released on bail of five hundred dollars. Whitmore, by his own petition, was taken before His Honor Judge Parrott and released on bail of five thousand dollars.

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Here is a god example showing how our surname can get changed in records. We know for a fact this was Mark Dedmon, but the court records spell it Deadman. He was my grandfather's first cousin..

COLLIE B. JARED JR.

Funeral services for Collie B. Jared Jr., a 42 year educator and a former elected superintendent of the Putnam County school system, will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Cookeville. Burial



will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery with full military honors conducted by the Veterans' Honor Guard. The family will receive friends today from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home, Cookeville, and at the church from 1 p.m. until the time of the services. Mr. Jared died Friday (Nov. 23, 2001) at Cookeville Regional Hospital. He was 80.

He was born August 27, 1921, in Baxter to the late Collie B. Jared Sr. and **Lillie Mai Dedmon** Jared. He was educated in the rural schools of western Putnam County, graduated from Baxter Seminary (now Upperman High School) and received his BS degree from Tennessee Technological University, his MA from George Peabody College in Nashville and an EdS degree also from Tennessee Tech. His service to education spanned years as a classroom teacher, school principal, superintendent of Putnam County schools and work for the Tennessee State Dept. as an education administrative coordinator.

He was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies, as well as being a member of local, state and national education organizations. He served as president of the Putnam County Education Association twice, was a frequent delegate to the Tennessee Education Association Representative Assembly and was a participant at every level of education. He taught extended education courses for Tennessee Tech.

Mr. Jared was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder, taught Sunday School classes and served on and chaired numerous committees. He served on the Board of Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary for nine years and served for five years as chairman of the board. He served on Presbyterian boards and committees and as a delegate to the General Assembly. Mr. Jared was a Master Mason and chaired several committees. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and was designated a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He served as president of the Putnam County Scottish Rite Club several times.

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COLLIE B. JARED JR.

He was a member of Al Menah Shrine Temple and served as president of the Putnam County Shrine Club several times. He was a regular contributor to and worker in the annual paper sale to support the burn and orthopedic hospitals for children. He was a member of the Cookeville Lions Club in which he was named Lion of the Decade, was chosen as a Melvin Jones Fellow and served as president of the club. He served on and chaired the American Red Cross Society Board; was a Scout leader, and advisor to the Cookeville Senior Center director. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Jared served on the Putnam County Education Task Force and several Southern Association committees. He represented the AARP in the Upper Cumberland as a district director and at the state level as state coordinator of retired teachers. He was one of the organizers of Little League Baseball in Cookeville and coached girls' basketball at the Capshaw Elementary School.

His family includes his wife, Mildred Bockman Jared, of Cookeville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ben and Judith Jared of Pulaski, TN, and Joe and Karen Jared of Cookeville; a sister, Frances Burton of Cookeville; a brother, Robert Jared of Baxter; two grandchildren, Terri Adams of Pulaski and Meredith Eslick of Memphis; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Jared was preceded in death by five brothers, Samuel Beatrice Jared, James "Buddy" Jared, Willard, Solon and Frank Jared.

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**MILDRED KATHERINE
"CRICKET" JARED**

Funeral services for Mildred Katherine "CRICKET" Jared, 82 of Cookeville will be Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2 P.M. from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home with burial in Crest Lawn Cemetery. Mrs. Jared died Saturday, October 25, 2008 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born November 5, 1925 in Putnam County to the late Robert Alvin and Nellie Marie Trawick Bockman. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Lovejoy Circle Sunday School Class.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Collie B. Jared, Jr. on Nov. 23, 2001. Survivors are 2 Sons & Daughters-in-law Ben & Judith Jared of Rogersville, Alabama, Joe M. & Barbara Jared of Cookeville, Grandchildren: Terri & James Adams of Pulaski, Tn., Meredith & Rich Brozda of Spring Hill, TN., Great Grandchildren: J. Adams of Madison, Tn., Ashley & Jacob Wiemers of Murfreesboro, Special Friend Sherry Jared.

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LILLIE DEDMON JARED

BAXTER, TN: Funeral services for Lillie Mai Jared, 88, of Star Route, Baxter, will be conducted Thursday, August 7, at 2 p.m. at the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home with Bro. Robert Prichard and Bro. Charles McCaskey officiating. Burial will be in the Jared Hughes Cemetery in Putnam County.

Mrs. Jared died August 5 at the Cookeville General Hospital following an extended illness. Born August 14, 1891, in DeKalb County, she was the daughter of the late **William and Elizabeth Corley Dedmon** and the wife of the late Collie B. Jared Sr., who preceded her in death in 1946.

She was a member of Bethany Methodist Church. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Frances Burton of Detroit; seven sons, Beatrice Jared, Robert Jared, Frank Jared, all of Baxter, Solon Jared, Collie B. Jared Jr., both of Cookeville, James Buddy Jared and Willard Jared, both of Ypsilanti, Michigan; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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JESS WILLARD JARED

Ypsilanti, MI: Jess Willard Jared, 74, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Baxter, TN, died Thursday, September 13, 1990 in the Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 18, at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

Born in Putnam County March 30, 1916, he was the son of the late Collie Brice Jared Sr. and Lillie May Dedmon Jared. He was a retired machine operator with General Motors Willow Run plant and a US Army World War II veteran. His family includes two brothers, Robert D. Jared of Baxter and Collie B. Jared Jr. of Cookeville, and a sister, Frances Elizabeth Burton of Cookeville. Visitation will be at Baxter Funeral Home after 2 p.m. today, Sunday, September 16.

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**BETTY LEE
DEDMON
WATSON**

Mrs. Betty Lee Dedmon Watson, 66, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. A native of Cleveland County, she was a homemaker and a member of Faith Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Pinkney Dedmon, Sr.

She is survived by her mother, Lelar Goins Dedmon of Shelby; her husband, Don Watson, of the home; a son and fiancée, Mike Watson of Shelby and Martha Wright of Forest City; a daughter, Donna Lee Watson of Shelby; and a brother and sister-in-law, Albert P. "Buddy" and Betty Dedmon Jr. of Shelby.

The funeral will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at Shelby First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Ron Seigman officiating. The body will be placed in the church 30 minutes before the service. Burial will follow in Cleveland Memorial Park. The family will receive friends today from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Shelby First Church of the Nazarene, 1205 Charles Road, Shelby, NC 28152 or the American Cancer Society, 500 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28202."

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**SHEILA A. DEDMON HESTER
*** IN LOVING MEMORY *****



Sheila A. (Dedmon) Hester was born on Saturday; October 4, 1947 in Lakewood; Los Angeles County, California. She was the daughter of John and Eula "Dottie" (Perryman) Dedmon. Sheila graduated from Lakewood High School and then attended college, receiving her LPN Degree. In 1995, she moved to Iowa to be near her family. She attended the Allen College of Nursing in Waterloo; Black Hawk County, Iowa and graduated with her BSN Degree, receiving high honors.

Sheila loved to collect angels, watch QVC, and loved to watch cooking shows with her granddaughter: Miranda. She especially loved spending time with her family. Sheila A. (Dedmon) Hester, age 60, of La Porte City; Black Hawk County, Iowa passed away on Sunday; October 28, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo, Iowa. Those left to mourn her passing are: Her four children: Stacey Baumgartner of Grundy Center; Grundy County, Iowa. Melissa Weiner and Chris McClain of Clarksville; Butler County, Iowa. Michael & his wife: Dianna Beaufore of Independence; Buchanan County, Iowa and Joshua Armstrong of Iowa City; Johnson County, Iowa. Her seven grandchildren: Brittany-Anne, Branaé, Tabitha, Christopher, Ryan, Miranda, and Jeremy "Little Man". Her mother: Dottie Dedmon of Bakersfield; Kern County, California and one brother: Gary Dedmon of Newport Beach; Orange County, California. She was preceded in death by her father: John Dedmon. Her one brother: Terry Dedmon and her grandmother: Ann Ward. May they rest in peace. Visitation will be Thursday at the funeral home from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. with the family present to greet friends. Funeral services will begin at: 1:30 p.m. on Thursday; November 1, 2007, at the funeral home with Pastor Michael Nemmers officiating. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Grundy Center, Iowa. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or to the Ovarian Cancer Foundation in Sheila's name. For condolences, please visit the funeral home's website.

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**OLLIE PHILLIP
DEDMAN**

Ollie P. Dedman, 62, of 443 Park Avenue, died at 4:00 a.m. Sep. 28, 1956 at the Good Samaritan Hospital after an illness of several months. A native of Fayette County, Mr. Dedman was born Oct. 10, 1892, the son of the late Phillip P. and Annie Moore Dedman, who preceded him in death. His infant son, Ollie, Jr. also preceded him in death.

He was head mechanic for the Lexington Department of Public Works for 16 years. Ollie was a member of the Woodland Christian Church and a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nina Houpp Dedman, one son, Dick Dedman, one daughter, Mrs. Doris Dedman Newby; his son-in-law, C. Morgan Newby, two grandsons, Phillip Morgan Newby and Daryl Edward Newby; one brother, Archie Dedman, all of Lexington, and two sisters, Mrs. Mayme Evans, Lexington and Mrs. Jennie Davis, Nicholasville.

Services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Kerr Bros Funeral Home by the Rev. Hayes Farrish. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

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**Ollie Phillip Dedman, Jr
Feb. 22, 1927-Mar. 9, 1931
Died of Scarlet Fever at the
age of four years.**

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BETTY D. DEDMON



Betty Yvonne Dubois Dedmon, born March 12, 1939 in Collins, AR to James Doyle and Betty Lucille Arnold Kilpatrick, departed this life on Sunday, December 9, 2012 in Sapulpa, OK.

She attended school in Pine Bluff, AR. She married Alvin Dubois in 1956 and moved many times during Alvin's military career. They moved to Oklahoma in 1976 and she has lived here since that time.

Betty worked as a cook, cleaned houses, and drove school buses during her working years. She retired from a local restaurant in 2000. She lived the past 9 years with her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Debbie in Kellyville. She was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening until her health began to fail.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Terry Wayne and one brother, Eugene Kilpatrick. Betty is survived by her sons; Alvin Michael, James Robert, Johnny Doyle and Roger Dale DuBois, one daughter; Dianna Lynn DuBois, one brother; Randy Kilpatrick of Oregon, five sisters; Delaine McCaslin of Oklahoma, Doylene Clark of Arizona, Brenda Gurule' of Arizona, Mary Scroth of Tennessee, and Carolyn Yarber of Tennessee, stepmother; Maxine Kilpatrick of Oregon, stepfather; Larry Hafeman of California, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

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ALOTA BARNETT KING

Alota Frances Barnett King, age 88 of Statesville. Daughter of the late George Robert and Carrie Naomi **Dedman** Barnett, passed from this life on April 24, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Thomas King; daughter, Mary Linda Cunningham; sons, Roy Donald Cunningham and Claude Thomas King, Jr.; sons-in-law, Bob Cunningham and Gary Eakes; granddaughter, Pamela Kay White; 2 infant grandsons, Michael Lynn Tarpley and Christopher Michael Eakes; stepfather, Frank Harden; sisters, Dorothy Grice and Gladys Wright; brothers, Ed Barnett, Jimmy, Roy and Frank Harden, Jr.. She is survived by daughters, Betty Jo Wilee of Lebanon, Carolyn Sue Eakes of Watertown, Deborah Lynn (Gary) Tarpley of Statesville; son, Robert Dale (Cathy) King of Lebanon; daughters-in-law, Sandra King, Donna Jean, Brenda and Joan Cunningham; 29 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren; brother, George Clifton (Pearl) Barnett of Donelson; sister, Thelma Jean (Harold) Guy of Dacula, GA; nieces and nephews. Services 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2008 at Hunter Funeral Home, with Rev. James G. Williams officiating. Grandsons will serve as Pallbearers. Visitation 10 a.m. till 9 p.m. Friday. Interment at Jennings Cemetery.

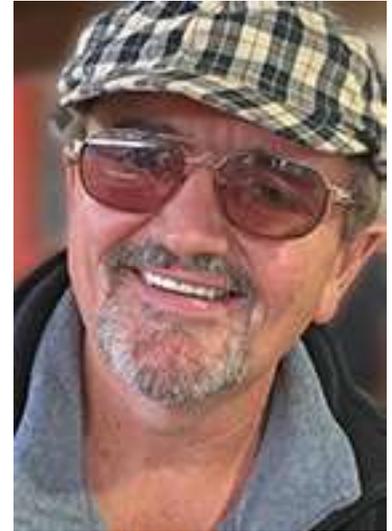
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JAMES IRVING HORNE

On Monday, May 15, 2006, James Irving Horne, of College Park, MD. Beloved husband of Betty R. Horne; father of Betty Ann Schwan, Carol J. Kemerer and Janet L. DiGuiseppe. Also survived by eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends may call at COLLINS FUNERAL HOME, 500 University Blvd., West, Silver Spring, MD, Wednesday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. where service will be held on Thursday, May 18, at 1 p.m. Interment Fort Lincon Cemetery.

PAUL RICHARD DEADMAN



Paul Richard Deadman, late of Somerset Dam, formerly of Hamilton Lane Mechanical, Toogoolawah. Passed away peacefully following a short illness, aged 57 years.

A Yorkshireman; Born and Bred! Loving Partner and Soulmate of Karen. A loyal and committed Father and Father in law of Victoria and Garry, Luke and Jess and Rick. Loving "Pa" of Harriet, George, Zac, Aiden, Levi, Dylan, Ashton and Elly-May. And a loved Brother of Cath.

Relatives and Friends are invited to join the family in a Service to Celebrate Paul's life to be held at "The Chapel" 74 Pitt Road, Burpengary on Friday 3rd July 2015, commencing at 11.30am.

Wearing your "Team-GM" tee shirt is most welcome and appreciated. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu of either Relay for Life or the Kilcoy Palliative Care Fund. Envelopes will be available at the service

NANCY JANE SHED FERREE



Nancy was born November 4, 1952 in Holdenville to Beuford and Patricia Jean Dedmon Shed. She graduated from Holdenville High School in 1971 and later attended OCC in Oklahoma City. She was employed by Holdenville General Hospital for twelve years as the Chief Financial Officer. She married Alan Ferree on January 9, 1981 and the couple had two children Kyle and Lauren. Nancy is preceded in death by her parents, Beuford and Pat Shed, and son, Kyle Ferree.

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KYLE FERREE

Kyle Alan Ferree, 23 of Holdenville passed away on July 31, 2012 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Funeral service is scheduled for 10:00AM on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at the Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home Chapel with Tony Chesser officiating. Pallbearers will be Terrell Rush, Will Rush, Wesley Rush, Adam Rush. A private family only interment will follow at Holdenville Cemetery. Kyle was born on February 2, 1989 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Alan Dale Ferree and Nancy Jane (Shed) Ferree. Kyle attended Holdenville Public Schools and after graduation enlisted in the United States Air Force. Kyle served during Operation Enduring Iraq Freedom as a Network Administrator. He love to dance, play guitar, he played Tuba while in high school band, and had a love of music. He was a big fan of basketball not only watching the Oklahoma City Thunder play but playing with his friends as well. Kyle collected basketball shoes and enjoyed playing video games. Kyle is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Beuford and Pat Shed. Surviving are his parents of the home, Alan and Nancy Ferree, sister Lauren Renee' Ferree-Lewis and husband Gary of Holdenville, niece Aubrey, paternal grandparents Carolyn and Dale Ferree of Oklahoma City, aunt Nancy Ainsworth and husband Jerry of Wayne, Oklahoma, uncles Chris Ferree and wife Christina of Oklahoma City, David Ferree of Oklahoma City, cousin Tammy Rush and her children Terrell, William, Wesley and Adam Rush.



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PATRICIA SHED

Patricia Jean "Pat" Dedmon Shed was the daughter of Hermon C. Dedmon and Lona Hall Dedmon. She was a graduate of Holdenville High School and a member of Capitol Heights Missionary Baptist Church. In 1951 Pat married Beuford G. Shed in Holdenville; he preceded her in death in 1998. Patricia retired from Southwestern Bell and also worked as a medical billing clerk for Dr. McDougal, Dr. Trow, and Dr. Osborn in Holdenville. Pat was quite the athlete in high school; she excelled at basketball and softball. She enjoyed watching basketball and football and the Oklahoma Sooners. Most days you could find Pat on her porch with her neighbor, watching the hummingbirds or on the phone with her friend, Louise Lyons. Pat loved life and loved to spend time with family and friends. Pat leaves her daughter, Nancy Ferree, and husband, Alan, of Holdenville; granddaughter, Lauren Lewis and husband, Gary, and their daughter, Aubrey, of Oklahoma City; grandson, Kyle Ferree of Biloxi, Mississippi; an uncle, Novie "Udell" Dedmon and wife, Von, of Ada and numerous other relatives and friends. Services will be held at 10:00 am, Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at Hudson-Phillips Chapel with Reverend Larry McDaniel officiating. Pat will be laid to rest at Holdenville Cemetery

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HERMAN C. DEDMON

Herman Cecil Dedmon, 119 South Lowe, died at Holdenville General Hospital Friday morning at the age of 75. He was born in Poteau, March 6, 1907 and had lived in Holdenville since 1945. He was a deacon in Capitol Heights Missionary Baptist church and a member of Masonic Lodge 123. He was married to De Lona Hall Jan. 3, 1928. He was retired from Rock Island Railroad. Survivors are his widow, Lona of the home; one daughter, Patricia Shed of Holdenville; one granddaughter, Nancy Jane Ferree, Oklahoma City; four sisters, Mrs. Eva Gardenhire of Holdenville; Mrs. Ona Harbor, Heavener; Mrs. Pearl Cooper, Cameron; and Mrs. Opal Clark, Bakersville, Ca. and two brothers, Raymond Dedmon, Monroe, OK. and Udell Dedmon, Oklahoma City. Funeral services will be at 1:30 Monday at Capitol Heights Baptist church with Rev. Jim Paxton officiating. Burial will be in Holdenville cemetery under direction of Hudson Funeral Home.

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