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BIG JIM FOLSOM, I KNOW, GEORGE WALLACE, I KNOW, BUT WHO IS FRANK DIXON?



Franklin Murray Dixon, Jr. (1892-1965), also known as Frank M. Dixon, of Alabama was born in Oakland, Alameda County, CA, July 25, 1892, to a preacher, Franklin Murray Dixon, Sr., and Laura Dixon. His connection to the Dedmon family actually goes through my family back to the Revolutionary War soldier, Fredrick Hambright and his second wife, Mary Dover. His great grandmother, Susanna



Franklin Murray Dixon, Jr.

Hambright, was the daughter of Fredrick and married William David Dixon, Sr. As far as I can tell my my immediate family and Carolyn Hambright, who married Ralph Fain Hambright, are the only Dedmons to whom he is directly connected. However as in the case of all of us he is related to some of the same people to whom we are related. That's all it takes to make the Dedmon Connection. Back to the headline, most of you recognized George Wallace and I am very sure some remember "Big" Jim Folsom as Alabama Governors. However, did you know Franklin Murray Dixon also served as the Governor of Alabama? ...I didn't!!

He attended public schools in Washington, DC, and Dixondale, Virginia, as well as Phillips Exeter Preparatory School, Columbia University, and the University of Virginia from which he received his law degree in 1916. Dixon was admitted to the Alabama Bar in 1917. He began his law career that same year in Birmingham, Alabama, in the office of Frank W. White. His practice was interrupted, however, by WWI. Dixon served as an aerial observer and machine gunner with the French Escadrilles until July 21, 1918, when he was wounded, resulting in the amputation of his right leg. Dixon was decorated by the French government with the Croix de Guerre with Palm, named a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor, and was discharged in May 1919 at the rank of major. Returning to Birmingham he became a partner in the legal firm of Bowers and Dixon, a position he retained until his inauguration as governor in 1939.

He served as an assistant solicitor of Jefferson County from 1919 to 1923, delegate to Alabama convention to ratify 21st amendment at-large, 1933, and ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1934. On November 8, 1938, Dixon was elected Governor of Alabama (Democrat), defeating Chauncey Sparks by presenting a platform that called for efficient reforms in the state government, and on January 17, 1939, was sworn into office. During his term, the state debt was reduced, the Pardon and Parole Board was created, and a State Civil Service System was established. Teacher retirement was initiated and several new departments were formed, including personnel, commerce, revenue, finance, conservation, and the state docks and terminals. The office of Price Administration was integrated through state government, the Legislature

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Reference Service was established, and the legislature's sessions changed from quadrennial to biennial. Also, the first illuminated intercity highway in the state opened in December 1939. Dixon left the governor's office on January 19, 1943, and returned to his law practice in Birmingham. He stayed active in politics, leading the Dixiecrat movement from 1948 to 1951, and as a presidential elector to the 1960 Democratic National Convention. Dixon Died in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Ala., October 11, 1965 (age 73 years, 78 days), and is buried at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama. Although he was a conservative states' rights advocate, Dixon achieved significant progressive reforms in state government during his term in office.

He eliminated much duplication of effort and services as well as excess cost by centralizing the administrative power in the governor's office. Another important reform was the elimination of the spoils system and adoption of the merit system, a much needed reform in light of the 20,000 applications for appointments to state positions Dixon received prior to taking office. Dixon also encouraged reforms in taxation, education, and the judicial system. He abolished the pardon, parole, and probation system and created the Pardon and Parole Board. Teacher retirement was established, the state debt was reduced and several new departments were created including Finance, Industrial Relations, Conservation, Personnel, Commerce, Revenue, and State Docks and Terminals. Most of these absorbed functions and activities that had been scattered among several smaller boards and commissions. The Legislative Reference Service was established to assist the governor and members of the state legislature. Also under Dixon's administration, the legislature changed from quadrennial sessions to biennial sessions. Dixon's administration came on the tail-end of the Great Depression and the beginning of WWII. The war impacted greatly on Dixon's accomplishments. Military installations were established throughout the state, the Selective Service System was organized and the Office of Price Administration (OPA) was coordinated through state government. Another of Dixon's reforms later became embroiled in controversy. The alcoholic beverage control law provided a way to license the sale of beer and wine and established a system of state package stores to control the sale of hard liquor. During Dixon's administration the state

purchased 10,000 barrels and 173,813 cases of two-year-old 80 proof liquor from the American Distilling Company of Pekin, Illinois. The liquor was bottled and sold as "Spot Bottle" in state package stores at the customary 50 percent markup alongside four-year-old 86 proof liquor priced the same. There was no legal problem with this part of the transaction but controversy concerned the price paid by the state to the American Distilling Company. In 1943 the Office of Price Administration filed suit against the Illinois company asking for treble damages of \$7,509,335 for whiskey sales made in excess of OPA price ceilings. The case was settled in 1946 but the incident was widely publicized during Dixon's administration. After he left office, Dixon returned to his private law practice with Bowers, Dixon, Dunn, and McDowell in Birmingham. He was a leader in the Dixiecrat movement from 1948-1951 that opposed the civil rights and trade union policies of the Democratic Party under President Harry S. Truman. In 1960 he again opposed the civil rights movement by running as one of ten States' Rights candidates for presidential elector to the Democratic National convention in Los Angeles. He and his wife, Juliet Perry of Green County, had one son, Sam Perry Dixon, and one daughter, Launa Dixon. Dixon died in Birmingham on October 11, 1965.

The Dickson/Dixon family connects with many of the Dedmon and related families many times. As is the case of most families, the variation in spelling does not determine kinship. My grandfather was George Dickson, but he had brothers who chose the DIXON spelling for their surname. In fact, his tombstone has George Dixon, although he never spelled it that way. My mother's great grandfather, David McArthur Dickson married my father's great aunt, Hannah Dedmon.

There are several members of the Dedmon/Dedman family who are named Dixon Dedmon/Dedman. I am not sure how that came to be, but it usually indicates a maternal surname that is used as a first or middle name. One of the sons of the aforementioned great grandparents of my mother wore the name Calvin Dedmon Dickson.

Samuel Dedmon, b. abt 1720 married Mary Elizabeth Dixon in 1746 in Virginia. My mother was Ruby Dickson and married my father, Gordon Lee Dedmon. I know there are more....

Our Backs are Against THE BRICK WALL

This page of the newsletter is used to help locate those "loose ends" (no pun intended in reference to the Dedmon family members) in our family tree. I have found several Dedmons at FindAgrave.com with no information to allow me to attach them to the tree. I am hoping some of the family will read this and provide us with information. - Leroy

JONATHAN DEDMON/DEDMAN

John Deadman/Dedman/Dedmon who was born about 1777 in North Carolina, has been a mystery to the family researchers. Danny McBee (deceased), who researched this family of Deadman's, Dedmond's etc, for over 30 years, thought this John Deadman may have been the son of Mark Dedmon, possibly before or right after serving in the Revolutionary War, before he married Hannah Bailey, probably in Rowan County NC. The sole mention of him, found, consists of entries in the "Colony of North Carolina-Abstract of Land Patents 1765-1770 (Pasadena TX Public Library). #1759 May 1 1769, John Dearmond 150 acres in Mecklenburg - one side of McMichels Creek". "#8649 John Deadmond as neighbor McMichels Creek adjoining Culp, Samuel Jack". Two other Deadmans, Thomas & James, as yet unidentified. [Danny McBee, June 11, 1996]

Apparently, John Deadman is listed in the Smith County, TN census in 1850 and wife Susan Hunt is listed in the 1880 Smith County, census as being 98 years old. I, Danny A. McBee, am not sure that John Deadman is the son of Mark Deadman. I am linking him up as the son of Mark as this is the only possible link that can be made at this time. [Danny A. McBee, January 31, 2000]. Susanna Hunt (daughter of Gersham Hunt and Unknown) was born about 1792. John Deadman and Susanna Hunt had at least four children: Ann Deadman, Cinthia Deadman, John Deadman Jr. and Jonathan Dedman. This is the info I have and would love to know if you have anything different. So many questions I have with this huge family of Dedmon's - [Danny A. McBee].

I surely miss Danny as he was a dedicated researcher and shared his information unselfishly. As you can see he had doubts of Jonathan being the son of Mark Dedmon and now we know by DNA testing that he was not. However, the mystery remains as to who he is. Of all the explanations given, there is no real proof as to his ancestry and maybe there never will be any found. -Leroy

THE CACULATED RISK OF DNA TESTING

I sure hope I am not misunderstood in this article but there are some risks in DNA testing. For example, we may find some things we do not wish to know. I remember when Tim Dedmon came to my office, rather distraught, concerning our Dedmon heritage. He did the DNA test and began getting results that matched him to families of whom we had no record in the Dedmon data base. "I may not be a Dedmon at all", he said. However, according ro what we knew, he and I are close kin. We connect at my great grandfather. I am older than him and my grandfather was much younger than the brother through whom Tim descends, which actually puts me and his grandfather in the same generation and third cousins. So, we should match.

"I will pay for the test, if you will take it", he continued. That sounded like a good deal so I did it. I don't know who was the happiest when the results came back showing us a "perfect match". Jim Dedmon, took the test with the same results. The information we have is basically the hard work Jim did before the days of computers to prove our ancestry. When I first met Jim, he shared with me his file with the affirmation, "I am certain of the findings back to Mark Dedmon, who was born in 1758, but after that it gets a little fuzzy".

Mark is the first recorded person to spell the surname D-E-D-M-O-N. We are left to guess as to the reason why. Of the eleven siblings of Mark, as far as we can determine only one other chose to use that spelling, younger brother, Thomas Griffin Dedmon. One of his sisters, Lucinda Lucy, chose D-E-D-M-A-N as the spelling of the surname, the other nine stayed with D-E-A-D-M-A-N. However, their descendents are mixed with the spellings. DNA testing has shown that Mark's father, Thomas Charles Deadman, was not actually "blood kin" to the Dedmon lineage. His mother was "expecting" when she married Thomas James Deadman. Did Thomas know? Did he think he was his? Did he adopt him? I guess we will never know. He apparently "raised" him as his son along with at least four other children. They (father and son) are both buried in the Deadman Cemetery; Mocksville, Davie County, NC. So I guess he was considered family.

My opinion is simply this: You don't have to be "blood kin" to be family. There is and has been and no doubt always be these kind of situations. Adoptions, foster children, step children, half brothers and sisters and yes, indiscretions will change the blood line. As far as I am concerned if your name is Deadman, Deadmon, Dedmon, Dedman, etc..... HELLO COUSIN!!!!

**DEDMON GENES MAKE BEAUTIFUL BABIES
WELCOME TO THE FAMILY**



Jack and Karen Dedmon

Cayson Dedmon, the son of Bryan Dedmon and Rachal Jordon was born April 5, 2017. The paternal grandparents are Jack and Karen Dedmon. Cayson is the great grandson of Jack Dedmon and the late Catherine P. Meyers Dedmon (See page 7 for her obituary).



The Happy Family, Rachal, Bryan and Cayson



Four Generations: Bryan and Cayson Dedmon (center). Bryan's grandfather, Jack Dedmon (left) and his father, also Jack Dedmon (right).



Abraham Scott Dedmon is a new member to the family born 4/18/17. The excited parents are Scott Christopher Dedmon and Lyza Anwar. Scott is the son of Johnny Lee (deceased) and Helen Fort Dedmon.



The proud grandmother said, "He is my eleventh grandchild, seven boys and four girls". I am sure Helen would agree you can't get

too many grandchildren. Scott's grandfather, Leon Dedmon, was the great great grandson of Jonathan and Susan Hunt Dedmon.

This line has deep roots in Middle Tennessee and many of their ancestors are buried in the Dedman Cemetery in Helton, DeKalb County, TN. We are still not certain of the parents of Jonathan. DNA has ruled out "blood kin" to Mark Dedmon, the Revolutionary



Helen and Johnny

War Veteran. However, there is the possibility of an adopted or foster son. Nevertheless, he is still a Dedmon, no matter how he acquired the surname and that puts him in the family tree and a cousin. The only grandfather I ever knew was my "step" grandfather.

(See my article on page 3 of this newsletter)

Jack Dedmon, the grandfather of Bryan, in the picture to the left is a first cousin to Scott's father, Johnny Lee Dedmon (deceased) and a 3rd great grandson of John and Susan Hunt Dedmon. That makes these two babies 3rd cousins once removed or as we normally would say they are fourth cousins.

JOSEPH DEADMAN

(formerly homeless)

Died 9 Oct 2015

Joseph Leonard Deadman (July 27, 1965 – October 09, 2015) Joseph L. "Joey" Klassy Deadman, 50 of Indianapolis passed away October 9, 2015. Born July 27, 1965 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin he was the son of Joseph L Klassy and Lilah (Parker) Dougard. Joey is survived by his mother Lilah Dougard of Shell Lake, WI; his three sisters, Content Weber and her husband Mark, Gretchen Murphy and her husband Kevin and Hannah Kauffman. Several Aunts, Uncle, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews. The Family of Joey would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support. Joey will be laid to rest at a later date in Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers we would like to encourage you to financially support Partners in Housing Organization. This organization and the incredible people who work there make a difference every day. You can donate online at <http://partnersinhousingindy.org/donate> or you can mail a donation to: Partners in Housing – 2811 East 10th Street, Ste F. Indianapolis, Indiana 46201.

Visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/partnersinhousing](https://www.facebook.com/partnersinhousing) to learn more about this amazing organization.

WILMA SUE DEDMON

COOKEVILLE, TN - Funeral services for Wilma (Sue) Ester Dedmon, 79, of Cookeville, will be held Saturday, April 10, at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Odd Fellow Cemetery. Family will receive friends Friday, April 9, from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home. Mrs. Dedmon died Wednesday, April 7, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. She was born Sept. 3, 1930, to the late John Lincoln and Sarah Ernie Wright of Jamestown. Mrs. Dedmon was known for being outspoken. She was best known for her cooking. She cooked and served for many years for Martha Wright, owner of Echo Valley Pool. Her family includes a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Katie Dedmon of Memphis; a daughter, Rebecca (Becky) Robinson of Cookeville; five grandchildren, Shawn Lafever, Jashua Smith, Danielle and Sydney Robinson and Robert (Zip) Wayne Dedmon; four great-grandchildren, Mikaylee Lafever, Tristan Blaine Chubb and Terrance and Gracie Dedmon, all of Cookeville; two sisters, Edna Furtah of Bartow, Fla., and Pauline and Gene Copeland of Jamestown; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be family and friends. Pastor Roger Buck will officiate the services at the funeral home.

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ARLENE ADELIA

WEST DEDMAN

Arlene Adelia Dedman died peacefully in the Billings Clinic Hospital on Friday, March 20, 2015. She was 90. Arlene was born in Belfry, MT, on Aug. 26, 1924. She met and married Riley A. Dedman, and they made their home in Powell. She worked as a waitress at the Coffee Cup Cafe and later, after completing a course at the Billings Business College, was hired for a job she loved at Linton's Supply, where she worked for many years as a bookkeeper.

After she retired, and upon being widowed, she moved to Billings to be closer to family living there. As matriarch of the family, she was totally involved with all family functions. Arlene's very happiest times were spent with family, visiting with friends and enjoying her favorite TV programs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Rozetta West, husband Riley A. Dedman, brother Robert West and sister Nona Allen.

She is survived by a sister Marilyn McConnell of Billings; son Allen Dedman of Billings; daughter Cheryl Wilson of Billings; daughter-in-law Margaret (Peggy) Dedman of Billings; grandsons Michael Dedman of Edgar, Michael Wilson of Bismarck, N.D., Bradley Wilson of Charleston, Ill.; and granddaughter Pamela Batlemento of Orlando, great-grandsons Sam, Luke, Jack and Marc Batlemento; and great-granddaughters Brooke and Kathryn Wilson of Charleston, Ill.

Arlene will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Cremation has taken place, and she will join her husband later this spring when the wildflowers are blooming in the Beartooth Mountains.

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JACK WILLIAM DEADMAN

Jack William Deadman of 12580 Centre Dr, North Surrey, formerly of Kitsilano district passed away 29 March 1960 in his 60th year. Survived by his loving wife, Beatrice; 1 son, Ted, North Surrey; 1 daughter Mrs. H. (Pam) Charlton, Sea Island; 6 grandchildren; 1 brother George, and sister, Winnifred, both in England. The deceased served in the Rifle Brigade, 52nd Batt, British Army, First World War. Funeral service Friday at 1 p.m. in Simmon & McBride Funeral Chapel, Broadway at Maple St. Rev L.A.C. Smith officiating. Interment Veteran's Field of Honor, Forest Lawn Memorial Park."

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A TRAGIC ACCIDENT CLAIMS LIVES OF HUSBAND AND WIFE

SHELBY, NC: A husband and wife died Friday on the highway south of Boiling Springs when the truck they were riding in apparently crossed the center line, crashing head-on into another truck. James Bumgardner, 69, and his wife, Carolyn, also 69, of 910 Surratt Drive were killed about 3:45 p.m., said N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper J.E. Deaton. He said the Bumgardners were headed south on N.C. 150 south of Boiling Springs, near Camps Creek Church Road. Their 2000 Nissan pickup, with James Bumgardner driving, crossed the center line and collided head-on with a 1995 Chevrolet pickup truck, driven by Matthew Lewis. Lewis, 21, of 3253 River Road, Lincolnton, had serious injuries, Deaton said, and was taken to Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A hospital spokeswoman said he was in stable condition late Friday. Lewis apparently was not at fault, Deaton said. All this is still under investigation, he said. Lewis told investigators the car just came in his lane, Deaton said. I dont know really why they crossed the center line, Deaton said of the Bumgardners. There was no evidence that anybody was really speeding or anything like that. There was no evidence that the truck ran off the road and overcorrected or took a curve too fast. No alcohol was involved, he said. Deaton said troopers had trouble notifying the family quickly, because some family members were out of town.

I discovered this tragedy while researching the information connected with A.V. Dedmon Trucking in volume 120. Reginald Bumgardner's mother was a sister to A.V. Dedmon. -(Leroy)

JAMES REGINALD BUMGARDNER



James Reginald Bumgardner, 69, of Shelby, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2003." He was born in Cleveland County to the late James Odell Bumgardner and Margaret Oveda Dedmon Bumgardner Moss.

Reg began his truck-driving career at Akers Trucking in 1968 and worked there for several years before going to Carolina Freight, where he retired.

Reg was an avid golfer and he played with his buddies on a weekly basis. The group was called The Roberts senior group. He served in the Army. He was a member of First Baptist Church. Reg was a born-again Christian and was active in his Sunday school class and in the community. Reg was loved by the residents at Cleveland Pines Nursing Home, where he visited regularly and played Santa Claus at their Christmas festivities.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie Carolyn Jones Bumgardner and his son, James Timothy Bumgardner. He is survived by his daughter, Libby Bumgardner Shook and her husband, Terry, of Claremont; a stepgranddaughter, Leanne Shook Tucker and husband, Chris, of Granite Falls; a special niece, Frances Melton of Ellenboro; and a number of cousins. The funeral will be at Cleveland Memorial Park.

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MARJORIE JONES BUMGARDNER

SHELBY, NC: Marjorie Carolyn Jones Bumgardner, 69, of Shelby, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2003. She was born in Cleveland County to the late William Vess Jones and Oma Holland Jones. Carolyns nursing career started in the 1950s and spanned her entire life. Carolyn graduated from the Shelby Hospital School of Nursing and worked at various facilities in Shelby and the surrounding area throughout the years. Carolyn retired from Eaton Corporation as the company nurse.

She loved taking care of people during her nursing career, but once she retired, she decided that teaching might also be rewarding. Carolyn taught the CNA classes at Cleveland Community College for several years and she loved it. Carolyns students loved and respected her and continued calling her for advice after completing the course. Carolyn was a born-again Christian and was active in her Sunday school class and in the Ladies Circle Bible study group. The study group met once a month for fellowship and to learn Gods word. Carolyn loved the Lord and has gone home to be with Him for eternity, where she can love and worship Him without the pains of her earthly body.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Reginald Bumgardner; her brothers Paul, Edward and Vance Jones; her sisters Oris Lipscomb, Hazel Rudisill and Corene Gold. She is survived by her daughter, Libby Bumgardner Shook and her husband, Terry, of Claremont; three sisters, Doris Byers of Grover, Eunice Randall of Forest City and Selma Melton of Forest City; a stepgranddaughter Leanne Shook Tucker and her husband, Chris, of Granite Falls; a special niece, Frances Melton of Ellenboro; and a number of nieces and nephews. The funeral will be at Cleveland Memorial Park

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HORACE BLAINY HORD

WINSTON-SALEM On July 8th, after a long illness, Horace Blainy Hord, 83, died at home, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Boiling Springs, NC to Raymond Dewey Hord and Dona Spake Hord, he moved at the age of 12 with his family to Shelby and graduated from Shelby High School in 1947. Horace joined his father in the family business and gained expert skills in automotive maintenance and repair. He served a short time in the US Navy and in 1956 entered NC State College (now University) where he received a BS degree in Agricultural Economics in 1960. He spent his professional career with Pfizer Laboratories in Winston-Salem in a job he loved and found interesting and challenging, becoming a Senior Certified Medical Representative, achieving top salesman in the USA in 1980, and working 36 years until his retirement. In 1955, Horace married Mary Ruth Dedmon, his high school sweetheart, and they raised four daughters. He enjoyed being in the Gastonia Jaycees and participating in Toastmasters in Winston-Salem. Horace also enjoyed anything mechanical and liked the challenge of special problems, including rebuilding a freezer that even the repairman said couldn't be fixed. He dedicated his free time in early years to making play equipment for neighborhood kids, took pride in doing all home repair projects himself, and taught his daughters basic plumbing, electricity, and other skills. He allowed his children the freedom to travel and explore the world, even though he was happiest close to home. Horace had beautiful blue-gray eyes and his smile would light up a room. Horace was a loyal member of Peace Haven Baptist Church for many years and served in several capacities including deacon, Sunday School teacher and Brotherhood leader, and he had a special interest in the sound system and operation and maintenance of the heating/AC system. His parents and sister Mary Sue Knight preceded him in death. Sister Dorothy H. Summey survives him. Also surviving are his wife of 58 years and his four daughters and their families: Deborah Hord of Winston-Salem; Melanie Hord, husband Felipe Arauz and their sons Isaac Arauz and Aaron Arauz of San Jos., Costa Rica; Charlotte Hord Smith and husband Scott of Carrboro; and Emily Hord MacMillan, husband John and their children Elizabeth, Duncan and Stuart of Winston-Salem. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service will be held at Peace Haven Baptist Church in Winston-Salem on Thursday July 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Nathan Parrish and Dr. Ray Benfield officiating. Grandchildren and daughter of Horace's sister Dorothy will provide music. Horace's wife and daughters thank the family, friends and neighbors who shared their love and assistance throughout his illness. They give special thanks to caregiver Linda Jarrett and nurse Kelly Heath, and to CNA Tina Gladden for her role in helping keep Horace comfortable in his last years. Memorials may be made to the PHBC Memorial Garden Fund, or Hospice and Palliative Care of Forsyth County, Winston-Salem, NC

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CATHERINE DEDMON

Catherine P. Meyers Dedmon, age 76, of Canton, OH passed away in the home surrounded by her family on Sunday, September 19, 2010. Catherine was born on November 12, 1933 in



Canton, OH to the late John and Emma Meyers, and graduated Canton Timken High School class of 1953. Catherine was a dedicated wife, mother, grandma, sister and friend to many. She spent most of her life as a homemaker and worked for sometime with the Canton Women's Club and Davis Candy. She was a member of the Massillon Rec Center where she and her husband made several friends whom they would also socialize with. Catherine also enjoyed games of chance, working outside in the flower garden and doing crafts. Family and friends alike will miss her. In addition to her parents, Catherine was preceded in death by two sisters, Jeanne Heath and Hazel Stauffer; five brothers, Dale, Paul, Vincent, Robert and Earl Meyers. She is survived by her husband, Jack Dedmon of the home and to whom she was married 52 wonderful years; three sons, Jack (Karen) Dedmon of Perry Twp., Edward (Beth) Dedmon of Navarre, and Mark (Christina) Dedmon of Canton South; six grandchildren, Bryan, Adam, Jared, Tara, Kirsten, Courtney; two sisters, Rita Jeffers of Louisville and Rosie Smitley of Navarre. There are several nieces and nephews also surviving. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2010 in the Reed Funeral Home Canton Chapel with Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Hills Memorial Gardens. Calling hours are in the funeral home on Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m.

Catherine's husband, Jack Dedmon, was the son of Riley Monroe and Beatrice Wood Dedmon and the grandson of Charley and Rhoda Driver Dedmon. Charley was the great grandson to Johnathan and Susan Hunt Dedman. Johnathan still remains somewhat of a mystery to researchers.

MILDRED QUARLES



Mrs. Mildred Cavender Quarles, age 86, of Ball Ground passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at the Brookdale Assisted Living Center. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Roger Cavender and Tom Quarles. She retired from Georgia Marble Company and was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Larry Cavender and Hazel of Jasper, Tim and Pam Cavender of Ball Ground; sister, Mary Ruth Kelley of Ball Ground; grandchildren, Josh and Brandi Cavender of Smyrna, Lyndsey and Doug Estes of Jasper; step-children, Ann and Jim Erikson of St. Cloud, MN, Ralph and Kate Quarles of Herndon, VA; step-grandchildren, Thomas and Danielle Erikson; step-great-grandchildren, Brandon Estes and Tyler Estes of Jasper.

Funeral Service will be 2:00 p.m., Friday at the Chapel of Roper Funeral Home with Reverend Ronnie Kelley, Reverend Johnny McPherson, and Reverend Chuck Chambers officiating. The interment will follow in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will be receiving friends from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday and 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, and Friday until 1:30 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Staff of Roper Funeral Home.

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BESSIE DEDMON



Bessie Mae Bowyer Dedmon, age 76, of Cabot, went to her heavenly home on November 30, 2016. She was born in Lynchburg, Virginia to the late Silas and Mary Bowyer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell Dedmon, and her brothers, Nathan and William Bowyer. Bessie loved nature, animals, and her beautiful garden. She enjoyed watching the butterflies and hummingbirds as they visited her favorite gardenias and other beautiful flowers.

Left to cherish her memory are her beloved children, Nona Rogers (Sam) of Rogers, Ark.; Amy Martin (Matt) of Cary, N.C.; and Charles Smith (Dale) of Cabot, Ark.; grandchildren Robert and Charlene Smith, Christie Dishler, Maddison and Parker Davis, 13 great-grandchildren, special friend Bill Melton of Conway, Ark. and other loving family and friends.

A Memorial Visitation will be held in her honor on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. with the Service to follow at Moore's Funeral Home in Cabot. In lieu of flowers a donation in her memory may be made to the Humane Society of the United States.

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JOYCE DEDMAN



Joyce Marie Blackwell Dedman, a retired nurse, wife, mother, teacher and angel. A resident of Baton Rouge and a native of Independence, La, passed away Tuesday, April 17, from Lung cancer. She was 82 years old. Visiting 5pm -8 pm Thursday, April 19, and will resume on Friday April 20, at 11 am until service time at 2 pm at Resthaven Funeral Home 11817 Jefferson Hwy, officiated by the Rev. Don Hoy. The Order of the Eastern Star will have a service at 1:30 p.m. on Friday. Interment to follow at Resthaven gardens of Memory. She is survived by her daughter Gail Dedman Viccinelli; Grandsons, Michael Laine Roussel Jr., Jamie Christopher Lyon and Ashley Wayne Lyon; six great grandchildren, Marie Claire, Emma Laine, Frances Margaret, Hance Michael Roussel, Lucas Van and Piper Olivia Lyon; Sister Patsy Blackwell Rushing and husband A.J.; Brothers, Donald R. Blackwell Sr. and wife Janice, John Wayne Backwell and wife Evelyn; Sister in Law. Lillie Blackwell and numerous nieces and nephews. Sisters by choice, Kitty Marbury, Gladys Passman and Gaynelle Morray. Preceded by her husband Herman Dedman, Son Gary Dedman, Father Jack N. Blackwell, Mother, Blanche Purvis Blackwell, Sister, Helen Shelton and brothers, Milton, Nelson and Malcolm Blackwell. Sister by choice, Dot Cooper. Honorary Pallbearer, Grandson Michael Lane Roussel Jr.

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