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DRINK THE WISE MAN'S BOURBON EST 1879



*I am not a drinker, in fact I have never tasted beer or whiskey. There have been a few times where we worshioed that fermented wine was used in the Lord's Supper. That and maybe some alcohol content in cough syrup is the only alcohol I have ever drank. I wanted it to be clear that I am not suggesting anyone go out and purchase any form of alcoholic beverage. That being said, I am publishing this story for the historical content as it involves the Dedman family and I think it is interesting.*

Back in 1879, in the now forgotten community of Oregon along the Kentucky River in northern Mercer County, there stood a distillery that produced Kentucky Owl bourbon. It was founded by **C.M. Dedman**, an orphan adopted by a judge who gifted it to him as a wedding present. **Dedman** operated Kentucky Owl until 1916, when state government agents compelled by the rising tides of teetotalism swooped in and spirited away all of Dedman's stock, some 250,000 gallons in various stages of aging, hauling it by barge up the river to be warehoused under lock and key in Frankfort.



*Scenes like this one was repeated often during the Prohibition (legal prevention of the manufacture, sale, and transportation of alcoholic beverages), in the United States from 1920 to 1933.*



*Elizabeth & Dixon Dedman*

Dedman's son, T. C. Dedman Sr., spent a good part of his life seeking some sort of recompence for the purloined bourbon, but never saw a penny. In spite of that considerable loss, the family managed to survive, coming into ownership of Harrodsburg's famed Beaumont Inn, where it continues to thrive.

Cool story, right? Much of it can be documented as fact; the rest is the misty stuff of legend woven by generations of Dedmans in late-night conversations ripened by a splash or two of the good stuff.

"As my grandfather used to say, 'Never let the truth get in the way of a good story,' so we'll play it up big," says Dixon Dedman, the fifth-generation scion of Beaumont Inn, where he presides over the Old Owl Tavern and Owl's Nest Lounge.

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“My grandfather used to tell us that if he ever won the lottery, he’d do two things,” Dixon Dedman says. “First, he’d buy a limousine. And then he’d start the whiskey business back up.” Dedman’s relatives have been spinning stories about the family distillery since 1916, when state authorities shut the original Kentucky Owl down in a fit of pre-Prohibition puritanism.



*Old Owl Tavern and Owl's Nest Lounge.*

The Old Owl TAVERN is named for the Dedman family’s Kentucky Owl Bourbon Whiskey distilled along the Kentucky River prior to Prohibition. This southern wing, ground floor area originally provided housing for the horse carriages transporting the young ladies to this prestigious girls’ school. Dirt floors and “Kentucky marble” stone walls have been transformed into a popular casual bar and restaurant complete with porch dining cooled by ceiling fans and century old shade trees.

The original hand-hewn beams, fireplace mantel, hand-cut stone walls and splendid old photographs depicting many of Mercer County’s pre-Prohibition distilleries provide a glimpse back into Harrodsburg’s colorful past. The TAVERN boasts casual fare, great wine and spirits available from the Kentucky-crafted twenty-three foot mahogany bar. It merrily beckons the weary traveler, as did the early Harrodsburg taverns of the 18th and 19th century.

The fifth-generation innkeeper already had his hands full eight years ago when, at the dawn of the whiskey renaissance, a friend suggested that the time might be right to revive the distillery. But the idea stuck with him, and now the family brand is blazing its way back into liquor stores with a powerful barrel proof bourbon swaddled in velvety layers of fruit and cinnamon. Kentucky Owl’s small first release is a blend of whiskeys aged in barrels charred to all five standard levels, meaning that it marries toasted oak with more aggressive notes of thoroughly blackened wood. And because it’s balanced, the bourbon is easy to sip straight, without mixers or even ice. “You can’t hide

anything when you bottle your whiskey at barrel proof,” says Dedman, who still runs a hotel by day. “It says ‘Dedman’ on that label, and we have no interest in putting anything in the bottle that is not of the utmost quality.”

Those familiar with the history of Beaumont Inn know my name is Samuel Dixon Dedman, the fifth generation of my family to serve as Innkeeper in this family business. *(See Volume 87 of THE DEDMON CONNECTION for more information on the Beaumont Inn).*

What many of you do not know is that around the same time period, my great-great grandmother, Annie Bell Goddard, was purchasing these thirty-some acres and three story 1845 structure to convert it from a college for women to it’s present state as a full-service country inn, my great-great grandfather Charles Mortimer Dedman and his son, Thomas Curry Dedman, Sr., were dealing with the Act of Prohibition and the subsequent closure of their distillery, Kentucky Owl.



*Beaumont Inn*

Their distillery was located in North Mercer County, a community called Oregon, on the banks of the

Kentucky River. Started in 1879, they produced Kentucky Owl Sour Mash Bourbon Whiskey, “The Wise Man’s Whiskey.” In or about 1916, not only were they ordered to cease production, but their remaining stocks were put on barges, taken to Frankfort and housed in ‘Government Warehouses’, where they were guaranteed safe storage and thus not allowed to purchase any type of insurance for their stocks. Shortly thereafter, they received word that these warehouses were mysteriously burned, and as you might expect, they were never able to recover the first dime for their property. Many subsequent filings were held, but to no avail.

From that period up until a few years ago, that was the end of the story of Kentucky Owl. Previous generations had often spoken of how much it would mean to them to see the brand reborn, but it was not to be. That is until a chance encounter in Austin, Texas with a fellow innkeeper, who also happens to be one of the most acclaimed winemakers in the Napa Valley Region of



*Original Label*

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California. At dinner one night, my very good friend Mark Carter of Carter Cellars and I discussed the booming growth of the bourbon industry and how much both of us would like to venture into this world.

The stage was set. Mark made plans to visit us in Kentucky, and it was up to me to start to test the waters to see how feasible it might be to resurrect our old family brand. Needless to say this new adventure took time. But at long last, after many dead ends, several trips for Mark and his wife Sherri from the west coast, and with the help of many, many influential people in the bourbon world, we are ecstatic to announce that Kentucky Owl Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey is alive once again, and we are all very, very excited about its potential!

After tireless work from Sherri Carter developing the new branding and label we are so proud of, we are currently slated to bottle our first release in mid-July 2014, hitting store shelves and a select group of fine bourbon-themed establishments in August. We couldn't be more thrilled. We have brought in some of the most talented and capable palates in the bourbon industry to help guide us on this journey. We have finally settled on a first release. This will be a blend of only 5 barrels we have hand-selected for the blending of this first release. It will only yield between 1300 and 1400 bottles, bottled at barrel proof, with hand-written numberings of batch, bottle number and proof. It was a painstaking process selecting these barrels, but just as we strive to do here at Beaumont Inn and as Mr. Carter does with his wine, until we found a superior product, we would not release the first drop.

This thinking also influenced our decision to only bottle at barrel proof. We feel that you, the consumer, should decide how you like to drink it. Our product will remain in its truest form, uncut and unfiltered, and thus, only when the bourbon presents itself in a quality we deem worthy of Kentucky Owl, will we bottle and release it. Based on the impact The Owl has had in our blind tastings with many notable bourbon enthusiasts/aficionados, we're proud to say this first batch will set the bar high. There is much more in line to follow this first release, and when the time comes, you shall have it.

Our barrel proof, uncut and unfiltered Kentucky Owl coats the entire palate with initial sweetness of caramelized sugar and dark fruit. The mid-palate sensation is of oak with a sweet cedar spice and slight citrus, while the finish is long, peppery, with a sweet dark cherry sensation. The color is deep amber and

the nose has a sweet oaky aroma with a touch of cinnamon. Bottled at close to 119 proof, Kentucky Owl has a subtle warmth—not overpowering with alcohol, but a richness only found in bourbon in its truest form.

We are delighted to announce that Kentucky Owl Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey will once again be available after a long hiatus. It may not be the same bourbon my great-great grandfather produced years ago, but I feel very confident that he and the generations that followed would be very proud of the product we are about to introduce to the market

Republic National Distributors of Kentucky actually controls the future of the 1,500 bottles from Batch 1 of Kentucky Owl. “They cut us a check and they basically own it,” Dixon said. Republic will determine when Kentucky Owl is released — Dixon said it might debut in August but likely no later than the fall. They also determine where it will be available and the wholesale price. Retailers will add their markup.

“I anticipate it will be priced \$150 to \$160 a bottle,” Dixon said. “That’s where I’d like to see it, but I think a lot will be pushed up. I hope that it’s so popular people will pay any amount to get it.”

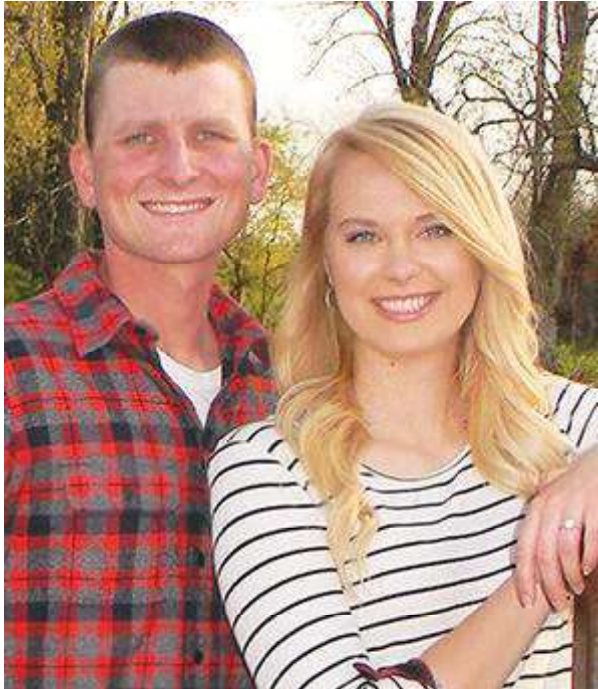
While waiting to see the splash Kentucky Owl makes, Dixon will be keeping close tabs on the other barrels getting their age on, waiting for a handful of them to find the “sweet spot” and become Batch 2. It might be six months from now, a year, whenever the mystery of the stuff reveals itself. “We’re never going to put anything out there we don’t believe in,” he said. “We’re not on any sort of timetable. It will tell us when it’s ready.”

In its first year, our Kentucky Owl Straight Bourbon Whiskey received the very prestigious Garden & Gun’s 2014 Made in the South Award for best drink! Garden & Gun unveiled the winners at the first-ever Made in the South Awards Gala, held in Savannah on the campus of the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) on the evening of November 6th. The winners and runners-up will be featured in the magazine’s December 2014/January 2015 issue. CHARLESTON, SC – (November



7, 2014) Garden & Gun proudly announces the winners of its fifth annual MADE IN THE SOUTH AWARDS, celebrating and encouraging Southern craftsmen making products in five categories: Food, Drink, Style & Design, Outdoors, and Home.

## COLE, DEDMON SOON TO WED



### Justin Lee Dedmon and McKenzie Victoria Cole

Tracy and Cyndi Cole of Seymour are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, McKenzie Victoria Cole, to Justin Lee Dedmon, the son of Gary and Twila Dedmon of Hartville. McKenzie will graduate from Missouri State University in Springfield this month with a bachelor's degree in entertainment management.

Justin is a graduate of College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout. He earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in criminal justice law enforcement and criminal justice corrections.

The couple will be married Sept. 22, 2017.

## DEDMAN WED TO GORMAN

Pendleton Dedman, a daughter of Mrs. Edgar A. King of Fairfield, Conn., and the late Julien Dedman, was married yesterday in Southport, Conn., to James Patrick Gorman, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kevin Gorman of Melbourne, Australia. The Rev. Alastair Votaw performed the ceremony at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Gorman, who is 31 years old and known as Penny, graduated from Smith College and is a registered representative in retail sales at Alex. Brown & Sons, investment bankers in New York. Her father was a syndicated cartoonist for The New York Herald Tribune. Her stepfather is the chairman of United Home Care in Fairfield. The bridegroom, 32, is an associate at McKinsey & Company, management consultants in New York. He received undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Melbourne and an M.B.A. from Columbia University. His father heads an engineering consulting company in Melbourne



## JONIELLE SCHMIDT AND MIKE DEDMAN'S WEDDING



We met at work in the Sacramento office, introduced by our manager because of our shared cycling interest. One year and multiple cycling trips later Mike had taken a position in the Reno branch and we ran a business together. We had similar fundamental values. We wanted to do the right thing by our customers. We wanted to make decisions we could live with at the end of the day. All of these factors contributed to the development of a deep-seated trust in each other. And through road trips and long days of off-site meetings we found that we just enjoyed being around each other and talking. Our work relationship afforded us the ability to get to know each other as people without any relationship garbage clouding our views. The telling moment was when Jonielle quit the company to go travel the world. It hit both parties like a gut punch: we couldn't imagine our lives without each other. And so the conversation began... and continued. Regardless of country, day or time, we remained in daily contact. Jonielle will tell you that her 3-year plan became a 5-month plan because she just didn't feel like adventure was epic without Mike. And Mike will tell you that he had to go to New Zealand to bring Jonielle home.

## OUR STORY



## GLADYS DEDMON

MILAN, TN: Funeral services for Mrs. Gladys Dedmon, age 95, will be 2:00 P.M. Monday, December 19, 2005 at Bodkin Funeral Home with Michael Moore and Robert Lambert officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Milan.

Mrs. Dedmon died Thursday, December 15, 2005 at Milan General Hospital. She was born December 2, 1910 to Aubrey Dow and Norva Hutcheson Bledsoe. She had lived in Milan since 1929 and was a retired Bookkeeper for Milan Box Corp. She was a member of Main Street Church of Christ where she was very active in mission work. She was a charter member of the Freed-Hardeman University Associates.

Mrs. Dedmon was preceded in death by her husband James F. Dedmon. She is survived by one son, James D. Dedmon of Milan, Tennessee; two daughters, Margaret D. Penny of Trezevant, Tennessee and Glenda D. Curtis of Tampa, Florida; four brothers, Harvey Bledsoe of Milan, Tennessee, Willis Bledsoe of Fairview, Tennessee, Douglas Bledsoe of Dickson, Tennessee and Henry Bledsoe of Bon Aqua, Tennessee; one sister, Aladee Brown of Bon Aqua, Tennessee; eight grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends after 5:00 P.M. today at the funeral home. The family request that memorials be directed to the Disaster Relief Fund, C/O Atwood Church of Christ, Atwood, TN 38220.

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## MAI IRENE DEDMON

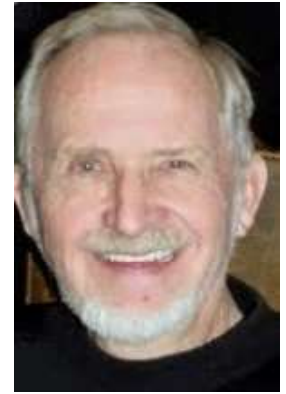
A private family graveside service for Mrs. Mai Irene Dedmon, age 87 of Milan, was held Monday, February 6, 2017 at the Oakwood Cemetery in Milan. Mrs. Dedmon was a former bookkeeper for the Milan Box Company. She was a member of the Main Street Church of Christ in Milan. She is survived by her husband, James Dedmon of Milan, sons, James David Dedmon, Jr. of Essex, CT, Mark Dedmon of Tuscaloosa, AL, and Philip Dedmon of Milan, and her grandchildren, Sarah Turner, Josh Dedmon, and Abbey Dedmon. Memorials may be directed to the Mustard Seed in Milan, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the Main Street Church of Christ Scholarship Fund.

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## ALGOT OLSON

**August 31, 1935 to April 13, 2016**

FRANCESVILLE - Algot "Al" Olson, 80, of Francesville passed away, holding the hand of his wife, Wednesday, April 13, at Allisonville Meadows, Indianapolis. He was born Aug. 31, 1935 in Kouts, to the late Louie and Agnes Olson. Hemarried Virginia Logan in 1958 in Tuscola, Ill. They were married for 57 years.



He is survived by daughters Dawn (Randy) Miller of Middlebury, Alicia (Marc) McClure of Indianapolis, and son Eric (Traci) Olson of Abingdon, Md.; his sister **Lillian Dedman** and brother Glenn (Tina) Olson; his grandchildren Erica (James), Zachary (Emiline), Hannah, Alexis, Brianna, Olivia, Karisse, Carli, Christian, Kyle; his great-grandchildren Doris, Nathanael, Josiah, Ruth; and his nieces and nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by siblings Edna, Agnes and Harold.

Mr. Olson grew up in Kouts and graduated from Kouts High School in 1953. After high school, he attended Bible college at Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln, Ill. where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in preaching. He started Francesville Tire Company in the early 1960s and Blue Sea Blueberries in the early 1970s. He grew and sold landscape trees for over 30 years and Blue Sea Blueberries through the 2015 season.

He was a member of Medaryville Christian Church, where he served in various capacities for over 50 years. He enjoyed spending time with his wife, his kids, his grandkids and great-grandkids, as well as gardening. He received certification in the Master Gardeners program of Indiana.

A funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 17, at Frain Mortuary Querry-Ulbricht Chapel, Francesville. The family will greet friends and relatives prior to the service, beginning at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Roseland Cemetery, Francesville. Memorial donations may be made to Medaryville Christian Church.

**Online condolences may be offered in the guestbook at [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com).**

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## STEVE HERMAN

**Mr. Steve Herman, Jr.** age 47, a resident of Dothan, died early Saturday, February 27, 2016 at his residence. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday March 1, 2016 at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery (Hwy. 431 N) with the Reverend Royce Morrow officiating and Kendall

Glover directing. The family will be receiving friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Glover Funeral Home. At other times the family will be at the home of his parents, 1603 Campbellton Hwy, Dothan, AL 36301. Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Mr. Herman was born on February 10, 1969 in Paterson, New Jersey the son of Steve Herman, Sr. and Virginia Free Herman. He moved to Dothan with his family in 1973 from Paterson, N.J. He worked with his father (Herman's Drywall) for 20 years. Steve was Catholic faith and he loved spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors include: parents, Steve & Jean Free Herman, Sr., Dothan; 2 daughters, Hannah Powell (Lance), Dothan, **Kendall Dedman** (Richard), Graceville, FL.; son, Brantley Herman, Dothan; sister, Gloria Davenport (Roice), Ozark; 3 grandchildren, Easton Powell, Colton Bagwell and **Alannah Dedman**; 2 nieces, Kristen and Kaitlin; 2 nephews, Garrett and David. Glover Funeral Home of Dothan has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## GEORGE HUBERT DEDMAN

George Hubert Dedman, age 81, of Jacksonville passed away on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. He was born July 27, 1931 in Hunter, Arkansas to the late Miles Whitworth Dedman and Ora Lee Dedman. He was a retired farmer. He was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Virginia Dedman, and his wife Ann Dedman, two brothers; Miles and Frankie Dedman, sisters; Mildred Dedman and Evie Oxner. He is survived by his children; Randy Eugene Dedman, Terry Lynn Dedman, Mary Kathleen Dedman, William Ray Dedman, and David Timothy Dedman, one brother, Leroy Dedman, sister, Mary Black, 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Moore's Jacksonville Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Friday, January 25, 2013 at the funeral home. Arrangements by Moore's Jacksonville Funeral Home & Crematory

## EARL D. NASH

Earl D. Nash, 94, passed away on September 26, 2015 in Greenfield, Missouri. He was born in Adin, California on April 5, 1921 to Roy and Ethel Nash. He was the fourth of seven children and is survived by his sister, Leta Konvalin of Jackson, California. He is also survived by his daughters, **Virginia Dedmon** of Greenfield, MO, Barbara Robidoux of Redding, Merridee Glaze of McArthur, nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nephews and nieces. Earl married Mary Samson of McArthur in 1949 and she preceded him in death in 1993.

Earl had a full and rich life. He graduated from high school in Adin, having thoroughly enjoyed being a member of one of the famous winning basketball teams in the history of the high school. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corp November 17, 1942 and served until February 21, 1946. He proudly served as a Sergeant and was a small aircraft pilot in WWII. After his service, he worked as a delivery truck driver bringing goods from Redding to Alturas. Along his route he delivered goods to Samson's Service in McArthur where he met the owner's daughter, Mary Samson. After Earl and Mary married, they took over ownership of Samson's Service, and continued to work there for 24 years. Earl enjoyed taking his family on many vacations around the United States and into Canada and Mexico. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, baseball and visiting his sisters and brother at yearly reunions.

In 1973 Samson's Service was sold, and Earl began working for Lorenz Lumber Company until he retired 10 years later. In 1995 he moved to Greenfield, Missouri where he lived for 20 years. Among other things, Earl was a favorite uncle. He enjoyed giving people nicknames that he would greet them with, and he was well liked wherever he went. He will be greatly missed.

Services will be held on October 10, 2015 at the Adin Community Bible Church in Adin, CA at 2:00 p.m. There will be a military honors ceremony at the Adin Cemetery, followed by refreshments at the church hall.

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## **EDITH EVALINE**

### **PATTERSON DEDMON**

Edith Evaline Patterson Dedmon, daughter of Ora Simpson and Liza Young Patterson, was born Jul 19, 1903 in Hartville, MO. She departed this life Jan 28, 1991 in the Webco Manor Nursing Home, Marshfield, MO, at the age of 87 years, 6 months and 9 days. On Apr 9, 1921 she was united in marriage to Austin E. Dedmon and to this union 2 daughters and 5 sons were born. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Austin on Dec 31, 1953; 1 daughter Lois Dedmon Owens; 1 granddaughter Cheryl Daniel; 1 great-granddaughter Angela Dedmon; 1 sister Daisy Deckard and 3 brothers Ed, Jack and Loyd Patterson. Edith is survived by 1 daughter Kay Patterson, Marshfield, MO; 5 sons G.A., Roy and Jack Dedmon, all of Mansfield, MO, Bill Dedmon, Ava, MO, and Gaylen Dedmon, state of Washington; 1 brother Ralph Patterson, state of California; 22 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. She lived most of her life in the Wright County area and was a devoted homemaker who loved her family dearly. Edith had professed her faith in Christ and had made her peace with the Lord. The center of her life was her family and especially her children and grandchildren. She loved spending time visiting and cooking for her family and friends. Edith will be fondly remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister and a caring friend. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

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## **GAYLEN ELMER DEDMON**

Gaylen Elmer Dedmon, son of Austin Elmer and Edith Evaline Patterson Dedmon, was born April 23, 1924, near Rogersville, Missouri. He departed this life Sunday, February 2, 2003, in Laramie, Wyoming, at the age of seventy-eight years, nine months, and nine days. On July 25, 1946, he was united in marriage to Shirley Ann Fleming, and to this union two daughters and three sons were born. Shirley preceded him in death on April 1, 1982. On May 28, 1983, he was united in marriage to Jacquelin Mary Jackson, and together they shared the last nineteen years. He also was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Garrett Riley Epps; and a sister, Lois Owens. Gaylen is survived by his children, Bill and Virginia Dedmon, of Greenfield, Missouri, Joel and Mary Dedmon, of Seneca, Missouri, Jim and Deborah Dedmon, of Albion, Washington, Debbie and Rod Epps, of Forsyth, Missouri, Cindy and Don Skilton, of Albion, Washington, Mike and Missy LaMastus, of Post Falls, Idaho, Sandy and Jim Price, of San Diego, California, and Darrel and Dorothy LaMastus, of Benton City, Washington; twenty grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four brothers, G. A. and Jack Dedmon, both of Mansfield, Missouri, Bill Dedmon, of Ava, Missouri, and Roy Dedmon, of Hartville, Missouri; a sister, Kay Patterson, of Marshfield, Missouri; several nieces and nephews; his longtime best friend, Earl Nash, of Greenfield, Missouri; as well as a host of other relatives and many friends. He was born and raised in Southwest Missouri and attended the Oak Ridge School. He served his country faithfully in the United States Army from March 10, 1943 until December 2, 1945, during World War II. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he returned to Missouri, where he married Shirley, and they lovingly began raising their family. In 1949, Gaylen felt the call into the ministry and they moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he studied at the Midwest Theological Seminary. For many years, he pastored congregations throughout the Midwest and Western United States including churches in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, and Washington. He also worked as a missionary serving the Navajo Indians for a few years. In his spare time he liked being outdoors where some of his favorite activities included hunting, fishing, and particularly gardening. He was a man of his word and possessed a delightful sense of humor. His family was very important to him and being a man who enjoyed children, he was especially fond of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gaylen was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle. He will be fondly remembered as a devoted family man, a kind and compassionate pastor, and a caring neighbor and friend. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him. Services will be held at 11:00a.m. Friday, February 7, 2003 in the Holman-Howe Chapel. Burial will follow in the Steele Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 7-8:30p.m., February 6, 2003 under the direction of the Holman-Howe Funeral Home, Hartville, Missouri. There is a headstone in the Pine Grove Cemetery in McArthur, Shasta County, CA with his name on it... (Find A Grave Memorial# 16498765). However, according to his obituary he is buried in Missouri. He remarried after his wife died and moved away. I presume the headstone was placed with his first wife's grave, but he was never buried there. Also, there is no death date recorded in California, while the one in Missouri does.

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## DONA LEE DEDMON TORDINI



Dona Lee Dedmon Tordini, age 85, a native of Oklahoma and a resident of Madera, CA for 42 years passed away Friday, February 13, 2015 at a Fresno hospital. She was a homemaker and her life was her family. Dona was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Tordini in

1989; sister, Charlene Toschi and brother, Wayne Dedmon. She is survived by her 2 sons: Steven Tordini of Firebaugh, CA and Mark Tordini and wife Suenell of Madera, CA. Siblings: James Dedmon of Firebaugh, CA; Eva Roach of Galt, CA; Etta Massaro and Marveda DeVoer both of Fresno, CA. Graveside Services were held on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 11:00 am at Calvary Cemetery in Madera.

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## KATHLEEN DEDMAN HOLLAND

**(Jan. 29, 1933 - Jan. 19, 2015)**

Kathleen Dedman Holland, 81, Mt. Juliet, died Jan. 19 2015.

She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church.

She was the daughter of the late, Sidney Roy Dedman, Sr. and Lula May Andrews Dedman.

Mrs. Holland was preceded in death by her husbands, James Byron "Bye" Graves

and George W. "Buck" Holland. She was also preceded in death by her daughters, Diana (Winston) Dyer and Renee Guy, grandsons, Winston W. "Trey" Dyer and Cody Dyer, siblings, Roy Dedman and Ruby Brewington.

She is survived by one son and his wife, one daughter and her husband, two step-children, two brothers, five sisters, seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Jan. 21 at Bond Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

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## CANDACE LEIGH DEDMAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Dedman will be conducted Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church at 735 N. Mt. Juliet Road with the Rev. Jonas Taylor, the Rev. Carl Price and the Rev. Kevin Butler, officiating. Interment will follow at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Active pallbearers will be Jeffrey Dedman, Stephen Dedman, Eric Mosier, Greg Hammer, Jeff Jammer and Jeff Ethridge. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Juliet's Bond Memorial Chapel and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.



Mrs. Dedman, age 33, of Lebanon, died March 23, 2015. Candace was a member of Laguardo Baptist Church and was a registered nurse at Summit Medical Center and the wife of Brad Dedman, she died March 23, 2015. at Summit Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, James F. Ethridge. She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Brad Dedman; sons, Will and Blake Dedman; parents, James F. and Karen Ethridge; sister, Chelli (Eric) Mosier; grandparents, Melvin and Kathryn Hammer, Nancy Ethridge; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jerry and Carol Dedman; brothers-in-law, Stephen (Liz) Dedman, Jeffrey Dedman; nieces and nephews, Destiny Mosier, Journey Mosier, Maddox Mosier and Eli Dedman.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Mt. Juliet Christian Academy, 735 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 404 BNA Drive, Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37217.

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## ESTELLE DEDMAN CHAFFIN

Estelle Dedman Chaffin, of Lebanon, passed away May 6, 2015 at age 93. She is survived by one son and his wife, three daughters and their husbands, four sisters, and two brothers, ten grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, numerous great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband Davis Chaffin, parents Sidney and Lula May Dedman, brother Sidney Roy Dedman, Jr., and sisters Ruby Brewington and Kathleen Holland. The funeral service will be Saturday, May 9, 2015 and will be followed by interment in Wilson County Memorial Gardens.

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