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## ANYONE WHO SURPASSES THEIR 100th BIRTHDAY, DESERVES TO BE ON THE FRONT PAGE

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I have not known many who have lived to the century mark, but I have known some. I believe it was Willard Scott who used to honor those on his TV program, who reach 100. There are several theories as to the 900 years and more of the ages of the early inhabitants of the earth, but at best we can only speculate. We do know in "modern times" 100 is unusual and I believe the oldest recorded in about 122. I told a fellow gospel preacher who preached a sermon after his 100th birthday, "I hope you live a long time, because when you are gone, I will be the older generation." He passed away at the age of 101. Another friend of mine, who was still driving at the age of 100 said, "I believe God has forgotten about me". She died at the age of 102. My mother was 96 when she passed away. I never met Ethel Otis Dedmon and did not know of her until I found her obituary on the internet. Her husband George Dedmon was the son of

John Ester Dedman and Bessie Yarbrough Dedmon. Interesting in that their surnames are spelled differently and all their children are listed as Dedmon. Their grandchildren kept the D-E-D-M-O-N spelling. However after Bessie died, John remarried to Lillie Rhodes and they had a son, John Earl Dedman (D-E-D-M-A-N). Of course, we find this situation throughout the family tree. The best I can determine they are descendents of Christopher Deadman. However, we are still one big happy family.

### Obituary for ETHEL OTIS DEDMON

Ethel Otis Dedmon, 101, of Hueytown, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, January 24, 2018. She will be greatly missed by all.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband George Dedmon; and her son J. W. Dedmon. She is survived by her grandson Michael Dedmon (Lori); granddaughter Karen Morris (Gary Sloman); great grandchildren Brent Buckner (Tracie), Brandy Dedmon, Mandy Dean, and Sandy Niamon (Joey); great-great grandchildren Allie Dean, Colby Dean, Deianna Shelnutt, Gayvnn Shelnutt, Joseph Niamon, and Taylee Niamon; daughter-in-law Betty Dedmon Clifton (Carroll Clifton); and numerous nieces and nephews.

The visitation will be Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM, at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 2:00 PM at the Funeral Home. Burial will be at Oak Grove Baptist Cemetery. Thanks to the Pleasant Grove Nursing Home for taking great care of her for the past 2 years.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of ETHELOTIS DEDMON please visit our Sympathy Store.



*I am guessing this picture was made at either her 100th or 101st birthday since she was born November 9, 1916. Her husband, George, passed away in 1967 after 30 years of marriage at the young age of 55. Her obituary does not list any children as survivors, only grandchildren. One son J.W. is listed as deceased.*

--Leroy

## CONVICTED KILLER RELEASED FROM PRISON DUE TO ILLNESS

*I don't usually post negative stories about our family and I have had this one in my files for several years. However, since it is history and no secret among family members of James (Jack) Dedmon, I decided to publish it after I saw the following story about the release of Ethel. --Leroy*

FRESNO, Calif. -- Doctors say 75-year-old convicted murderer Ethel Dedmon has just six months left to live. A Fresno Superior Court judge ruled Wednesday to release the dying woman to her sister in the North Valley. But some of the victim's family members are outraged. The judge says since Ethel Dedmon has terminal cancer and needs around the clock medical care she's no longer a threat to society or her family.

But her brother-in-law says he's disgusted by the decision to free the woman who killed his brother and best friend. "It's the courts view that the petitioner, Ms. Dedmon, is entitled to compassionate release," said Judge Wayne Ellison. That decision is infuriating to Glen Dedmon whose brother, Jack, was killed in 1999 by his own wife, Ethel Dedmon. "Why would you have the right to take a man's life, he's gone for eternity, she goes away for 13 years and she gets the round trip ticket," Glen Dedmon said. "It's not right, it's not right."

In October 1999 Fresno County Sheriff's deputies took Ethel Dedmon into custody. She was soon convicted of fatally shooting her husband, Jack, twice in the back of the head while he sat at his computer. "You can never put into words something like this happening," Carl Gardner, Ethel's nephew said. "You never want anything like this to happen in your family. It just tears the family completely apart." Gardner pushed for her release. As was heard in the original court case, he says there was a lot of abuse he witnessed between Ethel and Jack while he lived with them. He thinks she deserves to live her last days with loved ones, instead of in prison.

"She's gonna die soon anyway," he said. "Keeping her in prison isn't gonna do anybody and good anyway. So let her come home and be with her family."

In court Wednesday, prosecutors argued the 75-year-old is still a dangerous woman. They say she's an alcoholic who deserves no compassion.

But her defense attorney told the judge she's too frail to harm anyone, especially since she spends most of her time in bed and on pain medication.

"She gets out and she's got somebody to comfort her while she's dying," Glen Dedmon said. "I wasn't able to comfort my brother."

Ethel Dedmon tried to be released on parole last year and was denied. After the decision she could be released by the weekend.

### *The original story of the murder when it happened.*

(Article in Fresno Bee Newspaper) Wife of 43 years suspect in death Officials say the couple argued before the fatal shooting Monday night. By Kimi Yoshino The Fresno Bee (Published October 6, 1999) Four years ago, 63-year-old Jack Dedmon walked into the Fresno County Courthouse, shelled out \$182 and - citing irreconcilable differences - filed for divorce. He never followed through. After an argument Monday night, his wife of 43 years shot him in the head with a revolver, Fresno County Sheriff's officials said. Ethel Dedmon, 61, called relatives, who called 911. And later, she admitted her crime to detectives, authorities said. She remained behind bars Tuesday on a murder charge. "Based on the investigation right now, I don't think it's self-defense," Fresno County Sheriff's detective Chris Curtice said. "It's automatically assumed that the woman's the victim. That's not always the case." Detectives spent Tuesday interviewing relatives and neighbors in an effort to learn a possible motive. When deputies arrived at the Dedmon home in the 200 block of West Sample Avenue, they found Jack Dedmon in a bedroom with a gunshot wound to the head. He died later at University Medical Center. "There was an argument just before the shooting," Deputy Dan Cervantes said. "We're not sure what the argument was about, and it doesn't appear that there was a struggle." Karen Tate, who lives across the street from the Dedmons, said she heard two "pop-pops" and a few minutes later, a commotion. When she walked outside, she saw the Dedmons' son being escorted by a sheriff's deputy. "He was saying, 'My dad is in there dead. He's lying in there dead,'" Tate said. Later, she saw Ethel Dedmon walking out of the home. "She was calm," Tate said. "She looked like she was in shock." Tate said she heard the couple arguing once last week, but that was the first time since they moved into their home last April. Jack Dedmon, a truck driver, was often on the road, and friends who knew the couple said they never expected this. "I've been in shock and broken-hearted ever since we heard," Herb Harrison said. Harrison and his wife, Helen, lived in an apartment near the Dedmons until they moved last spring. They spoke with Ethel Dedmon a couple weeks ago and nothing seemed amiss. Ethel Dedmon occasionally complained that she was underappreciated, but no more than any other wife, Helen Harrison said. "Evidently she got fed up about something. That's about the only explanation," Herb Harrison said. Obituary from Fresno Bee on Oct. 7, 1999 DEDMON, JACK C. Graveside service for Jack C. Dedmon, 63, of Fresno, formerly of Reedley, will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Reedley Cemetery. Mr. Dedmon, a truck terminal manager for Williams Tank Lines, died Monday. Cairns Funeral Home in Reedley is in charge of arrangements.



## **PALMS AND DAVIS TEA ROOM HELD UP BY TWO UNMASKED MEN; SIX SHOTS EXCHANGED**

**Hunter Price Opens Safe From Which  
Approximately \$100 Is Taken - Checks Are Left.**

### **GIVE GOOD DESCRIPTIONS**

**\$68 Is Taken in Second Robbery  
But Customers Are Unmolested  
3 Arrested in Mexico**

Two unmasked men armed with revolvers, held up and robbed the Palms and the Davis Tea Room on Conley avenue about midnight last night.

At the Palms they took approximately \$100 from the safe. From the Davis Tea Room \$68 was taken. The money represented all of the cash on hand in the two places.

In the Palms, Hunter Price, proprietor was forced to open the safe himself. Then the "tough" robber of the two shook hands with him as they left. At the Tea Room they emptied the cash register. As the men left the Tea Room they were fired on by "Dad" Deadman, Tea Room Cook. One of the bandits fired back. Half a dozen shots were exchanged without effect.

The robbers answered the usual description given in such cases- a tall one and a short one, heavy one. Led by Chief of Police Rowland, the police department was at the scene within a few moments after the robbery had occurred but were unable to find any trace of the fleeing bandits. Officer Miller and Basket, motorcycle policeman were immediately sent to McBaine on the midnight train to catch them should they attempt to leave that point by a main line train. All trains leaving Columbia have been closely guarded by the officers.

At a late hour this afternoon the offices were working on several clues but no arrests were made. Three men were under arrest in Mexico, Mo., in connection with the robbery of the produce store at Centralia and a garage at Sturgeon early this morning. It is thought by Columbia officers that these three men might also be connected with the robbery here. The robbery was committed by some persons who knew the closing time of each establishment and the location of the cash.

After all the customers and employees of the Palms had left, Mr. Price began checking up on the day's business. While he was absorbed in this, two men entered and one of them, armed with a .32 hammerless revolver, commanded Price to throw up his hands. Price obeyed. "What is there around here that we want?" asked the shorter of the two men. Mr. Price, at the demand of the robber, proceeded to open the safe. The combination failed to open the safe on the first trial. The second trial succeeded and the tall robber emptied the safe. At Mr. Price's request, the checks were separated from the cash and were left on the floor. Then the shorter of the two robbers insisted that the cash register be opened and the tall one was ordered to get all of the money there, leaving only the pennies.

"What's the matter, can't you move faster?" I'll teach you after you have been with me a while", said the short one, suggesting that his accomplice was a new hand at this game. "You tell the boss it wasn't your fault, son" said the leader as they prepared to leave. The short robber then shook hands with Mr. Price. "Yes, but I am the boss." "That's all right, you tell him it wasn't your fault, and don't call the police, for if you do, I'll come back and blow your head off tomorrow." With that the two bravados made their departure and Price rushed to the phone and summoned the police.

Mr. Price thinks the men hid behind the bushes across the street and waited until everyone had left the place before they entered. The short man made no attempt to disguise himself but stood at the cigar counter with coat open and gave orders to the other. The tall one seemed to be new at the game, or at least nervous. He kept his coat collar pulled up around his ears and his cap pulled down around his face. Mr. Price had gone to the bank in the afternoon and had taken back \$100 in \$1 bills. There was other money in the safe. Earlier in the evening he had cashed a check for \$25 and had taken in another check for more than \$50, and had given only \$5 on this check, the rest to be given to the owner later.

Leaving the Palms the two men went to the Davis Tea Room, which was occupied at the time by C.D. Davis, the proprietor; his wife: "Dad" Deadmon, the cook, and two customers, Jack Perry and Joe Capelli. Staggering and swearing at the top of his voice, according to those present, the shorter one fell in the door. Thinking it might be a drunk man who was entering over the protest of his companion, Mr. Davis was not alarmed, and it was not until the third command that he put up his hands.

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## **PALMS AND DAVIS TEA ROOM ROBBED**

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As in the Palms, the shorter one leveled a revolver while the tall one was emptying the register of all the cash and checks, which amounted to about \$68. In the meantime, Mrs. Davis and Deadman, who were sitting near the rear door, slipped out. While the tall one was emptying the register, the other robber advanced toward Capelli, and eyed his watch. Capelli said "Mister, don't take my watch. It's a graduation present." The bandit left the watch. By this time the money had been pocketed and the bandits seemed to be anxious to get away.

Leaving by the front of the Tea Room, the first one became entangled in the lattice work around the building. Making a second attempt, he got caught in a swing. On the third attempt he got out and the two had reached the corner of Maryland and Conley avenues, when they were fired upon by "Dad" Deadmon, who, after slipping out of the Tea Room into Mr. Davis' house, had there procured a .45 Colts six-shooter.

Hiding behind a telephone pole on the corner, the bandit returned the shot. Deadman fired two more shots, which were returned, and the robbers fled, one of them going west on Conley and the other cutting across the southwest corner of the campus. Jack Perry, an employee of the Palms, said the taller robber was dressed in a dark overcoat and hat while the short one had on a cap and was without an overcoat. Both of them were nicely dressed. Perry says, and looked between 25 and 28 years old. According to Mr. and Mrs. Davis the bandits were young men about 23 or 24 years old. The one who handled the pistol was heavy set, about 5 and a half feet tall, and had a full face, with brown eyes. He wore a dark overcoat. His accomplice was taller, slender, had large blue eyes and was also dressed in dark clothes. At each of the places they entered they said that they lived in Columbia.

Capelli told the following story; "About 12 o'clock a stocky fellow, about 23 years old, came in and began to curse at us, flourishing an old revolver. He told us to stick our hands up, and I did. Jack sat there with his hands on the table. I stood up and yelled to Jack "He's in earnest, put'em up quick" That chap was so extra-hard and seemed so anxious to shoot everybody that Jack and I thought someone was trying to kid us. Right after him and another fellow came in, without a gun,

and got to the cash register before Mr. Davis could leave the center of the room. The second bandit was long and lean and the stubby fellow kept nagging him the whole time they were in the room. It made him sore because the second chap didn't get the money quick enough. He kept saying "Come on, now, we've simply got to get out of here."

"About the time the second bandit showed up, Deadman slipped out into the back room. The stubby robber yelled "Come out in front here" Just then the back door slammed, and both crooks cursed. Afterward we learned that the girl who helps Mr. Davis had run across to his house and brought the old man an automatic revolver. He came around the side of the Tea Room and then the shooting started. Both of the robbers ran across to the University campus, and in another minute the police arrived."

**The Columbia Evening Missourian  
December 5, 1922  
Columbia, Missouri**



### **LESS THAN HALFA BOTTLE "RE-CU-MA" HELPED MR.DEADMON WONDERFULLY**

J.C.Deadmon, employed in McMillan's Barber Shop, Union, South Carolina. received a free bottle of Re-Cu-Ma and took it for a general rundown condition. He suffered with torpid liver, loss of appetite and frequent sickening feelings, which made him lose time and sleep. After a half bottle Mr. Deadmon says that the sickening feeling left him and is now able to enjoy his food and that his liver is in fine condition. He further says that he will always keep it on hand. Re-Cu-Ma sells for \$1.20 plus tax and can be had at W.G. Mayes' Drug Co. and all drug stores.

**The Herald and News- Sept.28,1920  
Newberry, South Carolina**

**(Disclaimer - This was in 1920, DO NOT  
try this today even if you can find this medicine.)**



## WEDDING BELLS

### KATHERINE BRINGSJORD WEDS HAMPTON FOUSHEE JULY 8, 2011



Katherine Margaret Bringsjord, the daughter of Elizabeth L. Bringsjord and Selmer Bringsjord of Troy, N. Y., was married Saturday in Scarborough, NY., to Matthew Hampton Foushee, the son of Susan Dedmon Foushee and Wayne Hampton Foushee of Winston-Salem, N.C. The Rev. Stanley Key, an Evangelical minister, performed the ceremony at St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Scarborough. The couple, both 24, met at Harvard, from which they graduated.

Mrs. Foushee is a political analyst with the State Department in Washington, where she focuses on nuclear proliferation and arms control. Mr. Foushee is known as Hampton. He is a public affairs associate at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in Washington, where he works as a liaison between scholars and the media. In August, he is to start law school at the University of North Carolina.

The bride's father is the chairman of the department of cognitive sciences at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is also a professor there of philosophy and logic, computer science and management. He is the author of "What Robots Can and Can't Be" (1992, Kluwer) and other books. The bride's mother is the vice chancellor for academic programs and assessment and vice provost for the State University of New York; she works in Albany.

The bridegroom's mother is a second-grade teacher at Middlefork Elementary School in Walkertown, N.C. His father, who is retired, was a lawyer in private practice in Winston-Salem.

### KATLYN DONOGHUE AND MATTHEW DEDMAN'S WEDDING



Katlyn and Matt first met the summer of 2005 in Harleysville. Matt had just returned from his freshmen year at Penn State and had made friends with several Souderton friends in Katlyn's circle. Throughout the college and post college years they attended many mutual parties, weddings, concerts and events together intermittently amongst a group of friends. But they finally really connected in summer of 2014 at a Kramer summer holiday party - where they ended up talking most of the night and bonding over their love of traveling, wine and all things medical device. A few months later Katlyn then asked Matt to come join her and Shannon to watch the Eagles game in Manyunk that fall, and even though Matt hates the bar Pickles he obliged. They went back and forth meeting up to watch football games (Go Eagles!) throughout the winter, then decided to make it official after a Tim William's show in Conshy that they went to with a bunch of friends (Guppy's). Their first vacation together was to Napa in spring 2015 and that pretty much solidified the start of their love story (and love for Napa wine). Katlyn and Matt traveled between Conshy and Long Branch for 2 years, until Katlyn transferred her job to Philly in Jan 2017 and moved in with Matt. After nearly a year of domestic bliss on 12/8/2017 Matt (finally) popped the question! They can't wait to celebrate their past and future with family and friends on 9/7/2018! Party of the year!

## JACQUELIN (JACKIE) MARY DEDMON



Jacquelin (Jackie) Mary Jackson LaMastus Dedmon passed away the morning of Friday, July 14, 2017, at The Life Care Center in Richland, Wash. Jackie was born Sept. 24, 1932, to Dorothy and Maurice Jackson in St. Maries, Idaho, and lived there until moving to Spokane with her mother following her parents' divorce. When she was 12 years old her mother married Charlie Hemphill and the family moved to Rosalia, Wash., where Jackie

graduated high school in 1950. It was while attending Kinman Business School in Spokane that she met James LaMastus of Smith Valley, Ind., who was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base. They married in December 1955 and following the birth of their son Michael in 1956, Jackie and Jim moved to Smith Valley where Jim co-owned a flooring business with his brother. Sandra and Darrell were born in Indiana in 1957 and 1960. In 1961, Jim died in a motorcycle accident, leaving Jackie with three small children to raise. In 1963 the family moved next door to Jackie's parents, Dorothy and Charlie Hemphill, in Albion, Wash. With their assistance, Jackie created a wonderful home for her children and the LaMastus home became a go-to spot for many Albion kids with fond memories of playing kick-the-can late into the night. In 1967 Jackie returned to work full-time as a school secretary and later moved into the District Business Office. Jackie retired as the district's accounting supervisor in 1993 following more than 25 years of service to the Pullman School District.

In 1983, Jackie married Gaylen Dedmon, pastor of the Albion Community Church where she attended. They enjoyed 20 years together and took every opportunity to spoil their many grandchildren. Following Gaylen's death in 2003, Jackie sold her home of 40 years and moved to Benton City, Wash., to be near her son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Dorothy LaMastus. She lived with them for 12 years until declining health required round-the-clock care. In addition to being a member of the Richland Baptist Church, she also enjoyed spending her free time volunteering for the Richland Washington Seniors Association organizing events and managing the gift shop.

Jackie is survived by her half brothers, Paul and Ron Jackson; her children, Michael (Lynn) LaMastus of Asotin, Wash., Sandra (Jim) Price of Lakeside, Calif., and Darrell (Dorothy) LaMastus of Richland, Wash.; a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth LaMastus of Post Falls; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 2 at Einan's Event Center in Richland. Donations can be made in her name to the Richland Washington Seniors Association. Express your thoughts and memories on our online guestbook at [www.einansatsunset.com](http://www.einansatsunset.com).

## VIRGINIA "JENNY" DEDMON



Bowling Green - Virginia "Jenny" Dedmon, 87 of Bowling Green passed away Friday, December 16, 2016 at Magnolia Village. The Barren County, Kentucky native was a daughter of the late Jessie E. Bewley and Eskel Wyatt Bewley and was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, James E. Dedmon.

Mrs. Dedmon was a graduate of Austin Tracy High School and attended Western Kentucky University. She was a member of the Logan County Homemakers and was a member of the choir and was a Sunday school teacher at Forrest Park Baptist Church and later became a member at Lifeway Community Church. She was a devoted and loving daughter, sister, wife and most especially, mother.

Survivors include her son, James Dwight Dedmon of Bowling Green; one daughter, Jennifer Jellier Harlow and her husband, Tim of Bowling Green; two brothers, Jay Lewis Bewley of Fountain Run, KY and Wayne Bewley of Bardstown, KY. Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 pm Monday, December 19, 2016 at Johnson-Vaughn-Phelps Funeral Home with burial in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Sunday, December 18, 2016 and again from 9:00 am until service time at the funeral home.

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