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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

On February 1, each year, Jane catches up with me in age. This one is a milestone as she has reached the *"If by reason of strength, fourscore"* promise given to us in the bible. We were 19 years old when we married on April 5, 1959, which will be 61 years in just a couple of months. According to my calculation we have been married three fourths of our life. We have known each other since she was in the first grade and I was in the second. We attended the same school for all our elementary and high school years except for a couple of years when she attended a private school around the eighth and ninth grades. We grew up a mile apart and my sisters were friends with her and her sister. We began dating in 1956 during my junior year in high school and continued our relationship until we tied the knot, the year after she graduated. She attended six months of Nursing School at Earlander Hospital and I entered the Drafting Training School at Combustion Engineering. Since these two institutions were both in the downtown Chattanooga area, we were able to eat supper together each evening and she would return to the dormitory and I would go home. We had become engaged to be married and planned to wait until she finished Nursing School. However, after dropping her off at school and driving 30 minutes home every day for about six months we changed our plans.



She has made me what I am. I realize that some may say that is certainly nothing to brag about. Her experience as an elder's daughter was extremely important to me in my early days of preaching the Gospel. She did not marry a preacher as I was a draftsman at Combustion Engineering in Chattanooga, TN when we married. She was supportive of my decision to preach and has been a source of great encouragement. After we moved to Huntsville with the NASA Space Program we became involved with the church at Paint Rock, AL. They had no preacher on Sunday nights, so I volunteered to "make talks" at the Sunday night service. This eventually led to the invitation from the church at Gurley to "fill-in" until they could find a preacher. After more than three years, in June of 1963, I was given the opportunity to preach full time for the church at Gurley and a small church I helped establish at nearby Keel Mt. I accepted and resigned my job at Redstone Arsenal. Preaching four times each Lord's Day with two small children placed a burden on Jane that I only came to realize after the fact.

She was a great help in helping me prepare my sermons and encouraging me as I struggled with meeting and greeting people. Those who know me now do not realize how backward and shy I was as a child and teenager. She would say, "Leroy, if you are going to preach, you have to learn to smile, speak and shake hands with folks". In those days there was no facility at the church building to care for the children's needs and there were times that Jane had to take both babies home during the worship service. During those early years she developed a strong desire to teach and train young children. Her abilities were used at all the congregations we served for the first twelve years. She developed her own visual aids and unselfishly shared with others in training teachers for children. When we moved to Springfield, TN in 1972, she began teaching women's classes and conducting seminars for women. She developed her material, *"Life Looks Better When You Do"*, and *"Given To Hospitality"*. Jane is an organizer and planner, giving heed to the smaller details of which I never give thought. I will admit that this is often frustrating to me as "the last minute, down-to-the-wire" person that I am. However, with the 20/20 hindsight that I have, I do appreciate very much her keeping of the schedule.

Jane is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is affectionately called "Mama Jane", by her grandchildren, great grandchildren and even some of the nieces and nephews as well as many of her friends. She was a great daughter-in-law to my parents and a mother-in-law to our children's mates. **-Leroy**



I have seen many "wedding announcements" and the like put in newspapers, never have I seen one such as this one. It is described so perfectly, with no detail left out that you can almost place yourself at the wedding today, even though this wedding happened over 100 years ago. Who ever wrote this article initially, I'd like to tell this person "Job well done!"

MARRIAGE of DEDMAN and FARISS

Dinner to Bridal Party

The last of the pre-nuptial affairs of the Dedman-Fariss marriage, which is to take place this evening, was at that of Miss Gladys Dedman, sister of the groom, in a 6 o'clock dinner to the bridal party in the private dining room at the Bethel House Tuesday evening. The occasion was a five course dinner and was a fitting finale to the series of delightfully pleasing entertainments that have preceded the marriage of this popular couple. The room was decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums, while pink tapers shed a soft and mellow light over the attractive table. The ice course was white bridal slippers of frozen cream with individual pink cakes in the form of chrysanthemums. The favors were miniature pink baskets filled with bon bons.

Those present were; Miss Fariss and Mr. Dedman and Mr. Moore; Mr. and Mrs. James Dedman, Miss Bibb of Decatur, and Dr. Willianson; Mrs. Persons, of Tuscaloosa, and Mr. Titcomb; Mrs. James Moore, of Florence, and Mr. Oaks; Miss Shelton and Mr. Padgett, Miss Rainey and Mr. Warfield, Miss Fry and Mr. Thomas.

The party went to the home of Mr. Fariss after the dinner where there was a wedding rehearsal.

Dedman and Fariss Wedding Day

Wedding of unusual interest occurred on Wednesday evening, November the nineteenth, when Miss Mary Ella Fariss and Bertram Cottingham Dedman were united in marriage.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mora B. Fariss, the brides parents, where the wedding took place was a scene of rare bridal beauty. The guests, some two hundred and fifty in number, entered through the vine covered trellis of the spacious porch, which had been canvased in to form a part of the wedding scene.

The entire lower floor was thrown together, the floors covered in spotless crash. The wedding colors of white and green were carried out in the entire scheme

of decorations which were on an elaborate scale. Specimen chrysanthemums, Jackson vines, and myriads of white tapers banked the mantels and outlined the doorways. A beautiful alter garlanded with tulle and smilax and flanked by tropical plants and cathedral candelabra, formed the background in the front parlor, where the ceremony was said. An archway of vines and incandescent lights marked the foot of the stairway, down which the bridal party descended. On either side stood stately orange trees in full flower and fruit, in honor of the festal hour.

Preceding the wedding march, which played by Miss Camille Herndon, Mrs. C.A. Forgey sang most beautifully "I love you." Promptly at 8 o'clock, the appointed hour, the wedding procession formed in the hall above and came slowly down the vine-colored stair. The bridal party came in the following order: Ushers Hugh Shelton and Francis Warfield; ribbon bearers, Miss Mary Rainey and Florence Shelton; attending matron, Mrs. Jack Persons, of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Then single maids, Miss Bibb, of Decatur, Ala, Miss Gladys Dedman, the maid of honor. The bride on the arm of her father, Mora B. Fariss, who gave her in marriage, was met at the alter by the groom and his best man James Dedman, his brother.

The ring ceremony was most impressively said by the Rev. W. B. Capers. The maids and matrons and ribbon bearers were most exquisitely gowned in white crepe meteor with lace tunics, made en train, with rhinestone trimming; their bouquets were of specimen pink chrysanthemums.

There has seldom been seen a more beautiful bride than Miss Fariss. Her gown was of the richest ivory satin. with bodice of real lace embroidered in seed pearls. Her veil was caught with lilies of the valley; the shower bouquet was of the same bridal flower and pink orchids. The only ornament she wore was a diamond broach around which a pretty sentiment clusters, in that it has been worn by all the recent brides in her family.

After the ceremony a reception followed, music being furnished throughout the evening by the soft strings of Charlies Band. Beautiful refreshments were served in which the wedding colors were emphasized, the bon bons being dainty miniature baskets of roses. The wedding register, a gift book, handsomely bound in mauve suede, was kept by Mrs. James Moore, of Florence, Ala.

The bride's cake was the most exquisite creation of its kind ever seen in Columbia. It was fashioned as an over-turned hat basket, laden with brides roses and lilies, resting on a mirrored plaque, above it were festooned lovers knots of ribbon and tulle and smilax. Miss Minnie Fry presided over the cake most gracefully, assisting the younger guests in cutting for the fortune.

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In this room were placed the wedding gifts which were beautiful and in such numbers that the bride and groom were again assured that their friends were standing legion. The presents included rare china, sparkling glass, heavy brass and silver.

Mrs. Mora B. Fariss was gowned in a handsome toilet of lavender brocaded crepe, trimmed in lace and crystals, and carried chrysanthemums of heliotrope.

Mrs. Dedman, mother of the groom, wore a creation of gold embroidered chiffon over charmeuse of the same shade.

Mrs. Garret, of Huntsville, who assisted, wore a French gown of blue crepe de chine combined with yellow velvet

The brides going away gown was an imported one of blue, fur-trimmed, and a hat to harmonize. Mr. and Mrs. Dedman left on the midnight train for a Southern tour.

Mrs. Dedman is a young woman of rare sweetness of character, with a quiet dignity, charm of person and grace of manner that has made her greatly beloved by a large circle of friends, among which she numbers the old as well as the young.

Mr. Dedman is the elder son of Columbia's popular Mayor, Joseph M. Dedman. In his chosen profession of the law, he has a career of great promise before him; is at present city attorney, and his friends join with those of his fair young bride, in wishing them all the joys that a gracious Providence can bestow.

**The Columbia Herald, November 21, 1913
Columbia, Tenn**



Republicans Nominate Deadman

Sept. 4. - The Republicans of Washington county met in convention at the court house in Springfield this afternoon for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices. The convention was called to order by County Chairman W. F. Grigsby. Only one nomination was made, E. P. Deadman for Representative. Mr. Deadman is a farmer and a school teacher and lives in the northern part of the county. T. D. Graham is the Democratic nominee.

**The Hartford Herald. September 8, 1909
Hartford, Ky.**



An interesting memory is of the milk that was delivered to our porch each morning. This was in a glass bottle with a card board cap to "seal" it. This came straight from the cow long before pasteurization was done. On cold mornings, the milk would freeze and push a column of frozen milk above the top of the bottle. On the top of this column would be the card board cap.

My parents taught me to call all adults Mr. and Mrs. If there was a close friendship I might be able to call them Aunt Mary and Uncle John, but they were not called by their first names. And generally women were known as Mrs. Joe Dunn. This was universal until about the 1960's when women were gradually called by their first names.

When I was about five years old I went to town by myself to the dentist. Going to town was only two blocks! The Corner Drug Store was my destination as the dentist had his office there. Climbed up the staircase which was on the outside of the building and found the office inside. Do not Remember how many trips I made but I did have five teeth filled.

Before I went to school I spent the week days with my grandparents. My mother was a teacher, with no car, living about a mile from her parents, so my grandfather took me to my grandparents' house on Sunday evening and returned me on Friday evening to my parents. The highlight of each day during the week was when I was allowed to meet Grandpa at the end of the driveway and stand on the running board to ride to the back of the house.

Some of the activities I remember were playing in the street with the neighbor children any time of the day. Occasionally we skated on roller skates in the street and there was always the bicycle. We were allowed to go anywhere in town we chose when riding our bikes. If there was any type of problem during these trips the people always knew and reported to our parents. At school in the elementary grades the only activities we had were at recess - on the swings, seesaws, or playing dodge ball. In the Spring, I would gather tadpoles from a ditch near the playgrounds and was allowed to take these home to mature in our basement. Thus I learned they became frogs.

Marianne is the wife of the late Charles Edwin Deadmon and has been a tremendous help to me with the newsletter about the entire time of it's publication. She is an excellent proof reader and has provided me with much information...
-Leroy



PRESIDENT DEDMAN HAS CALLED MEETING OF BASEBALL FANS

WILL ASSEMBLE ON MARCH 18 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING PLANS

NAME SCHEDULE COMMITTEE

Three Clubs Assured Already and Should the Odd Fellows Drop Out Another Could be Formed of the School Boys in City

President Dedman of the city baseball league the past few days has been looking into the prospects for the game during the coming season. He is much pleased with the outlook.

In order that there may be ample time in getting the league into shape as early as possible he has called a meeting of the board of directors for Tuesday, March 18. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the rules and regulations for the teams this summer. There is a strong disposition on the part of those connected with the league to so arrange the rules that there may be no room for any misunderstanding as to the players when the time comes on the wallup of the horsehide. Another one of the principal matters for consideration will be the appointment of a schedule committee, which committee will report at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Dedman was very enthusiastic this morning and said he was sure of at least three of last year's teams entering the league. He said: "I find that the Century, Elks and Court House boys are all anxious to again engage in the sport. I am not informed whether the Odd Fellows will be able to join in or not, but should they find it inconvenient in any way, a very strong team could be made up of school boys in the city that would fill out the league. And, by the way, these school boys, though somewhat younger than members of the other teams would make a fine addition to the list of clubs and would make the old boys hustle. They are young, active and anxious to make a showing as well as being in more practice. I would look upon them as dangerous if they should be able to secure anything like a formidable battery force".

"It is my opinion that there is a finer prospect for the sport than we have had for some time. We had much experience last summer that will help in the arrangements this season." *-Columbia, TN, March 14, 1913*



THREE GENERATIONS OF WOMEN REGISTER

BECOMING MORE APPARENT THAT GOODLY NUMBER OF WOMEN WILL VOTE

(From Wednesday's Daily Herald)

It is becoming more and more apparent that a goodly number of women will exercise in the November election the right of franchise, recently given them by the adoption of the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment to the constitution.

The registration of women at the courthouse continued lively this morning, One of the features of the registration this morning was when women representing three generations of the Dedman family registered. Mrs. Mary Dedman aged eighty nine years, mother of former Mayor Joe M. Dedman, his wife and daughter, Mrs. Henry Moore applied at the registration booth for the certificate which entitles them to cast their ballots in the approaching election.

(This news clipping appeared in the Columbia TN Herald in August of 1920. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (Women's Right to Vote) was passed by Congress June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920. The three women were: Mary Ann Scarff Dedman, Bessie Bill Dedman, and Gladys Bill Dedman Moore. Bessie Bill Dedman was married to Joseph Marcus Dedman and they were this writer's great grandparents.)

On another note

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE SOLD

Bothell House Bought from Webb Ridley by J.M. Dedman

J.M. Dedman, Saturday closed a deal with Webb Ridley, whereby the latter transfers to the former, the Bothell Hotel, for the consideration of \$27,000. This property was bought several years ago by Mr. Ridley for \$24,000 and leased to Mr. Dedman, who has since had charge of the property. Mr Dedman contemplates making some extensive improvements in the property next spring. *-Columbia, TN, Dcember,8, 1899*

Welcome to the World

A big "HELLO" to Jasper Frank Miller, born to proud parents, Adam and Jessica Lockavitch Miller at 12:06 am Jan 29, 2020. He weighed 8lb-8 oz and 22 in long. His brothers Ramsey, Theodore, and Charlie are over the moon! Jasper connects to the Dedmon family through his grandmother, Susan Dedmon Miller. In the collage you can see the smiles of the happy family as the new ray of sunshine has made his appearance into their lives. Congratulations to a great family and I am proud to call Jasper my 6th cousin. -Leroy



**MAUDIE KAREN
(DEDMON) BUCHANAN**



Maudie Karen (Dedmon) Buchanan, age 60 of Cookeville, TN passed from this life Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at her home in Cookeville. She was born Sunday, July 20, 1958, in Cookeville, TN, the daughter of the late Douglas Dedmon and Mary Williams Wallace.

Karen was a loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and friend to all who knew her. She was a foster parent to several children over the years, and a member of Midway Baptist Church.

In addition to her Mother, she is survived by her husband of 42 years, James "Jim" Buchanan of Cookeville, TN. 1 Daughter and Son-in-law: Angel and David Wiley of Hayden, AL 1 Son: Charles E. Buchanan of Cookeville, TN 1 Stepdaughter: Elizabeth Thornton of Cookeville, TN 2 Grandchildren: Ulrich Wiley of Hayden, AL Thatcher Wiley of Hayden, AL 1 Brother: John Dedmon of Cookeville, TN, Adopted Sister and Brother Kylie Wallace of Cookeville, TN and Devin Wallace of Japan.

She was also preceded in death by her Stepfather: Talmadge Wallace. Graveside services for Karen will be 11:00 AM, Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery with interment to follow. The family will receive friends after the service at Midway Baptist Church on Old Kentucky Road. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Midway Baptist Church.

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**ANGELINE DRANEY
DEDMAN**

A loved mother, grandmother and friend, Angeline, 82, was returned to her Heavenly Father on November 27, 2001. She was born April 24, 1919 in Star Valley, WY to Delbert Howard Draney and Myrtle Aldine Miller.

Although her family that is left behind is facing a tremendous loss, we know in our hearts that it was time for her to be reunited with her many loved ones who went before. She overcame all obstacles with dignity and grace. She was always there to support her children and grandchildren. She was our best friend.

Service will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001 at 12 Noon in the Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, 1950 East 10600 South, Sandy, where friends may call Friday 6-8 p.m. and Saturday one hour prior. Interment Larkin Sunset Gardens.

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**PAMELA JEAN
DEADMAN**

Pamela Jean Deadman of Belton died peacefully at home on 24th June 2013, aged 82 years. Loving wife of the late Douglas, mother of Linda, Barry and Neil and a much loved grandma of Victoria, Olivia and Darren. For funeral arrangements please contact E.M. Dorman Funeral Director Tel. 01572 823976

**CAROLYN MAE STEVENS
DEDMON**



Carolyn Stevens Dedmon passed away on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. She was 74 years old.

Carolyn was born in Pascagoula, Ms. She lived in Pearl, Ms for 25+ years, before moving back to Vicksburg. She loved her family very much. She enjoyed bird watching and her favorite color was pink. She loved watching old westerns on T.V. Orchids was her favorite flower.

She is preceded in death by her parents, V.O. Stevens, Sr. and Lela Beasley. She is also preceded in death by her daughter, Tammy Dedmon Cockrell, her two brothers; V.O. Stevens, Jr., and George Stevens, and her sister, Grace Lynn.

She is survived by her two sons; Glenn Dedmon, and Steve Dedmon, her brother, Henry Stevens, her sister, Lundy Marshall, her 16 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held at Glenwood Funeral Home on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 9:00 am. A funeral service will immediately follow the visitation at 11:00 am. Burial will continue at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers are incomplete at this time.
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BRENT RANDALL SALTER

Brent Randall Salter, lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, LA, passed away after battling brain cancer on March 27, 2019 at the age of 61. He was a graduate of Louisiana State University and was a managing

member of Provost, Salter, Harper and Alford, LLC, Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors, and Focused Financial Management, LLC. He was also a member of Healing Place Church, Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Cortana Kiwanis of Baton Rouge, LA, Youth Foundation of Louisiana-Demolay, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, St. James Lodge #47 F. & A.M., and Lottie Wildlife Protective Association. Brent was a recipient of the Scottish Rite 25 Year Certificate and the Tablet of Honor from the Cortana Kiwanis Club for Lifetime Dedication.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Cheryl Dedman Salter; daughter, Kayla Salter Aucoin and husband Rhett; son, Ryan Salter; grandchildren, Avery and Aubrie Aucoin; brother, Dewain Salter and wife Brenda; and his sisters, Susan Clayton and husband AJ, and Terri Salter. He is preceded in death by his parents, Shelby and Juanita Salter.

Visitation will be at Healing Place Annex, 19202 Highland Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 9:00 am until funeral services at 12:00 pm. Officiated by Pastor Frank Griffin, III of Calvary Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Burial will follow at Resthaven Gardens of Memory.

Pallbearers will be Ryan Randall Salter, Dewain Salter, AJ Clayton, Rhett Aucoin, Ricky Deville and Ronnie Deville. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Healing Place Church.

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RYAN RANDALL SALTER



Ryan Randall Salter, a native of Baton Rouge and a resident of Decatur, Texas, passed January 23, 2020 at the age of 32. He loved his family dearly. He loved the outdoors, hunting, horses and especially his nieces Avery and Aubrie. He served in the US Army in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008-2009 as a Blackhawk mechanic and Crew Chief. Ryan struggled with addiction for many years. He had come so far. He moved to Decatur, Texas and loved being there. He developed wonderful relationships at his Cowboy Church and his job. He loved them so much. The outside tells one story but inside had another story. Our sweet boy can now be at peace. He will be missed terribly. He was a brother to all. He was a member of St. James Lodge #47 F. & A.M. He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Baton Rouge and Lottie Wildlife Protective Association. He is survived by his mother, Cheryl Dedman Salter; sister, Kayla Salter Aucoin and husband Rhett; nieces, Avery and Aubrie Aucoin; grandfather, Frank E. Dedman; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, Brent Salter; grandparents, Shelby and Juanita Salter, and Carolyn Dedman. Visitation will be at Resthaven Funeral Home, 11817 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 9:00 am until funeral services at 11:00 am. Officiated by Pastor Frank Griffin, III of Calvary Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Burial will follow at Resthaven Gardens of Memory. Pallbearers will be Rhett Aucoin, Frank Dedman, III, Ross Dedman, Cameron Nelson, Jamie Timmons, and Eric Arnaud. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to No Boundaries Cowboy Church, 2045 E. Hwy 380, Suite 400, Decatur, TX, 76234. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note to the family at www.resthavenbatonrouge.com.

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LILLIAN G. COOK DEDMAN

Lillian G. Cook Dedman, died Friday, Aug. 26, 1994, at her residence. She was 89, a native of Vicksburg, MS, and a resident of Baton Rouge since 1947. She was a retired Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation employee. Visiting at Welsh Funeral Home, 6700 Florida Blvd., 11 a.m. until religious services at 4 p.m. Monday, conducted by Dr. John Goodwin of Broadmoor Baptist Church. Burial in Greenoaks Memorial Park. Survived by a son, Frank E. Dedman; five grandchildren, Janet Hodges, Deborah Carr, Cheryl Salter, Frank E. Dedman Jr. and Gail Reed; 13 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; a sister, Eula Price, Vicksburg; and a brother, Erma Cook, Vicksburg. Preceded in death by husband, George W. Dedman; a son, Herman E. Dedman; a grandson, Gary Dedman; a great-granddaughter, Shala Day; parents, Edgar and Gracie Cook; three sisters, and three brothers. **Find A Grave Memorial 8145741**