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# DEDMON CONNECTION

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Sixty one years ago, on Sunday afternoon, April 5, 1959, we stood before friends and family at the Chattanooga Valley church of Christ in Flintstone, GA, as the preacher, James Watkins, preformed our wedding ceremony. We promised to love, honor and cherish one another in sickness and health, for better or worse, richer or poorer (so far we have 5 of 6), till death do us part (which will probably come before the riches, but then we will be rich)... To this union we were blessed with two children: Gary and Gwen. we have a daughter in law: Diane Toothman Dedmon and a son in law: George Kiley. To this we add four grandchildren: Carrie Webb, Greg and Jonathan Dedmon, Sean Kiley. In the process we gained some more



**WE WERE BOTH NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THREE MONTHS AFTER WE MARRIED I ACCEPTED A JOB AT THE REDSTONE ARSENAL IN HUNTSVILLE, AL, AS A DRAFTSMAN FOR THE SATURN MISSILE PROJECT. WE DID NOT KNOW ANYONE AT THE TIME WE MOVED THERE, ALTHOUGH SHORTLY AFTER WE DISCOVERED A FELLOW WORKER THAT I HAD KNOWN IN CHATTANOOGA AND WE BECAME VERY GOOD FRIENDS.**

grandchildren via marriage: Mark Webb married Carrie, Michele Grogan married Jonathan and Jeniffer Lauda married Sean. This provided us with nine great grandchildren, Cassidy Webb, Masie Webb, Curt Webb, Makayla Webb, Brady Dedmon, Carson Dedmon, Kynden Dedmon (stillborn), Devon Kiley and Bela Kiley. Cassidy has given us one great great grandchild: Drake Bailey (father Austin Bailey)... I realize some of these fall into the category often referred to as "step child", etc .... To me they are just family. The only grandfather I ever knew was my mom's step father and had I never been told, would not have known as he treated us "step grandkids" just like his real grandkids. I think of it just like my step ladder, it is a real ladder... I am one well blessed granddaddy...



**THE MINISTER WAS JAMES WATKINS, WHO HAD BAPTIZED ME A COUPLE OF YEARS PRIOR AND LATER BECAME A VERY WELL KNOWN PREACHER IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BROTHERHOOD. AT THIS TIME, HE IS STILL LIVING, ALTHOUGH NOT VERY ACTIVE AND LIVING WITH HIS DAUGHTER IN SYMRNA, TN. HE IS AROUND 95 YEARS OF AGE.**



## **DEDMOND-FLOYD WEDDING HELD IN FAIRMONT**

Miss Marilynn Floyd and Jesse Henry Dedmond, both of Chapel Hill, were married at 5:30 Sunday afternoon, August 11, at the home of the brides mother in Fairmont. The single ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. D. A. Autry, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church of Fairmont. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. English Gillespie Floyd and the late Mr. Floyd of Fairmont. The grooms parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson Dedmond of Cliffside.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother in law, Charles L. Faller of Hammond, La. Her matron of honor was her sister Mrs Charles L. Faller. James Von Dedmond of Cliffside was his brother's best man. Jill Faller of Hammond, LA., niece of the bride, was flower girl. Philip Hughs of Tabor City, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. Music was provided by Mrs. Hal. S. Floyd, organist, and William Hough, brother in law of the bride, tenor soloist. The decorations carried out a green and white color note in the seasonal flowers and greenery which were used to form the setting for the wedding. Candleabra's flanked the improvised alter in the living room of the Floyd home.

The bride's full length gown of white satin and lace was designed with fitted bodice and full skirt. The bodice was fashioned with a round scalloped neckline and closed in the back with tiny covered buttons. The fitted sleeves ended in calla lily points over the wrists. The brides fingertip veil fell from a juliet cap of lace and seed pearls, and her bouquet was of white cymbidium orchids and lilies of the valley.

The matron of honor wore a sheath dress of blue lace which was styled with a blue satin cummerbund. Her accessories were in harmonizing hues of blue, and she carried a bouquet of cymbidium orchids and stephanotis. The flower girl wore a lovely little dress of white with imported batiste which was styled with blue lace insertion trim. Her bouquet was a miniature of the honor attendant's.

The bride's mother wore a summer dress of blue voile which featured Irish lace trim and was styled with tucked bodice and softly pleated skirt. Her corsage was of white cymbidium orchids. In the absence of the



bride-groom's mother, Mrs William Flynn of Spartanburg, S.C., was present. She wore a blue dress, and her corsage was of white cymbidium orchids.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride's mother entertained at her home at a reception to which about 500 friends were invited.

For a wedding trip to the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee, the bride wore a summer dress of gray Italian cotton styled on empire lines, matching hat, and other accessories of black. The white orchid corsage from her bridal bouquet was pinned at her shoulder.

A rehearsal dinner a given by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hughs and Mr. and Mrs. Frand Nesmith at the Hughs home in Tabor City on Saturday evening, the day before the wedding. A bridal luncheon was given by Mrs. Charles Faller and Mrs. W. A. Hough, sisters to the bride, and the Fairmont Hotel on the day of the wedding. Miss Floyd was complimented at many social courtesies during the weeks preceding her marriage.

The bride is an alumna of the Women's College in Greensboro, where she completed a business course. For several years she has held a secretarial position here in the office of Gary B. Phillips, director of the University's Summer School. The groom is a graduate of the University, where he was president of the student body. He now holds the position of Student Activities Fund Auditor at the University. The couple will live in the Oak Terrace Apartments on the Airport Road.

*The Chapel Hill weekly., August 13, 1957  
Chapel Hill, N.C.*

## **DEDMOND OFFICER OF CHEST Named Treasurer As Successor To Gordon Perry Jr.**

Jesse H. Dedmond, the University's auditor of student activities funds, has been named treasurer of Chapel Hills Community Chest Fund, sponsored annually by the Community Council. He succeeds Gordon Perry Jr. and will take office on January 1.

In announcing the appointment, Mrs. Earl Wynn, president of the Community Council, said, "We are indeed fortunate in having the services of Mr. Dedmond. We are looking forward to working with him."

A native of Cliffside, Mr. Dedmond received his B.S. degree in Commerce at the University here in 1949. He was president of the student body during his senior year. As a student he was outstanding, having been tapped for Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, the Order

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of the Golden Fleece, the Order of the Grail, and the Sigma Nu fraternity.

After graduation he worked briefly in the office of Senator Frank P. Graham and later joined the General Accounting Office in Washington. More recently he was affiliated with the Plains Life Insurance Company in Chapel Hill. He served four and one half years in the U.S. Army, being discharged with the rank of captain.

He is married to the former Miss Marilyn Floyd of Chapel Hill and Fairmont. They have a daughter, Julie Ann Dedmond, born December 13, 1958. Mr. Dedmond is a member of the Chapel of the Cross and of the Civitan Club.

Mrs. Wynn said that a general meeting of the Community Council would be held the latter part of January. All member organizations will be asked to have representatives present.



### **DISCRIMINATORY ARMY ENLISTMENT POLICY SCORED BY NAACP**

Washington, D.C. -- Discriminatory requirements for the enlistment of African Americans in the U.S. Army were scored on February 24th by Jesse O. Dedmon, Secy. of Veterans' Affairs, NAACP, in a letter of protest to Assistant Secretary of War Howard Ueterson. Such a policy, which would require African American enlistees in the Regular Army to make a score of 99 per cent or higher on the Army General Classification Tests, Mr. Dedmon said is undemocratic. In his letter if protest, Mr. Dedmon stated:

*"It has come to the attention of the NACCP that enlistment in the Regular Army for African American applicants of the Army of the United States requires that they have a recorded AGCT standard score of 99 or higher, if otherwise eligible and qualified for enlistment, without regard to Military Occupational Specialty."*

"Some time ago, our organization wrote to the War Dept. protesting the use of any restricted basis for enlistment in the Army of any personnel based on race or color. If the present policy of the War Dept. restricts African American enlistments in the Regular Army to those who have an AGCT score of 99 or higher because of the fact they are African Americans, we believe such a policy to be discriminatory and undemocratic. We request that such a policy based on race ... be discontinued."

**The Hartford Chronicle (Hartford, CN.) March 8, 1947**



In Junior High and High School THE sport in the school was basketball. Nothing else was available. Our gym was certainly not even up to the standards of the time. The baselines had enough room for feet outside the line before there was a wall. There was no place for coaches or players to sit. But we still played and had fun, though not a lot of trophies. We would travel to other locations within the county by private car in Junior High and on a school bus in High School. Parents of the players would furnish their cars to take us to games, packing in as many kids as they could. The other schools did not have a lot of conveniences for visiting players. We might dress in a classroom, with no bathroom facilities. Maybe there was heat from a pot bellied stove, maybe not. So being on the high school team was a rise in status as far as transportation was concerned.

In High School we still had a period when we did not have a class. This time was spent in Study Hall. Not much studying went on there. It seemed we either did not have enough home work to keep us busy or we would get it done at another time. There would not be many in the study hall and since we were seniors it seemed the Study Hall Teacher was often absent. There would be a couple of us adventurous enough to leave without permission and go to town which was two blocks away. Am not sure what we even did when we got there, but I know one of my priorities was to not be seen by my father who had a business on main street. Life in a small town was certainly an adventure, with a lot of freedom, a lot of control by parents and all adults in the town. Many memories created here.

I have been a Deadmon so many years of my life that I forget I was not born into this family. Charles Deadmon was my husband from 1950 until today. We lived in the same county in Oklahoma but as far as I know we really did not have more than brief encounters until we were in college. We had gone back to our home county and were at a basketball game and happened to be at the concession stand at the same time. It was natural to begin a conversation since we knew we went to the same school. After the weekend he called me and that was the beginning of our life together. We married a year later. We were both only children and we only have one daughter. Our fifty-nine years together was an exciting time with much traveling, much moving, making a lot of friends, and being the best of friends. Charles died in 2009. Life goes on, still traveling, some moving, making new friends, and he is still my best friend.



## Old Dedman testimony in attempted homicide case in England...

In 1724 Edward Arnold was tried for "maliciously and wilfully shooting, and wounding, The Right Honorable the Lord Onslow." Arnold was convicted and sentenced to death, but the victim, interceded.

The result: "Whereupon he received the sentence of death; but at the intercession of the right honorable the lord Onslow, his execution was respited: and he continued a prisoner in the new gaol [jail], Southward, upwards of thirty years, and there he died. One of the witnesses in the case was a John Dedman.

**Justice Tracy:** What do you know of this man?

**John Dedman:** I know him to be a madman.

**Tracy:** Why?

**John Dedman:** By reason my lord Onslow was always in his mind; he was always troubled with my lord Onslow; he could never take no rest, the devils and bugs troubled him so. In the next place, he rented a house, he had neither goods, nor beds, nor chairs, either to sit or lie down upon; he had nothing to lie down upon. He would come to the house: I have been called from my work, to make peace among them.

**Tracy:** What house? To whom was this?

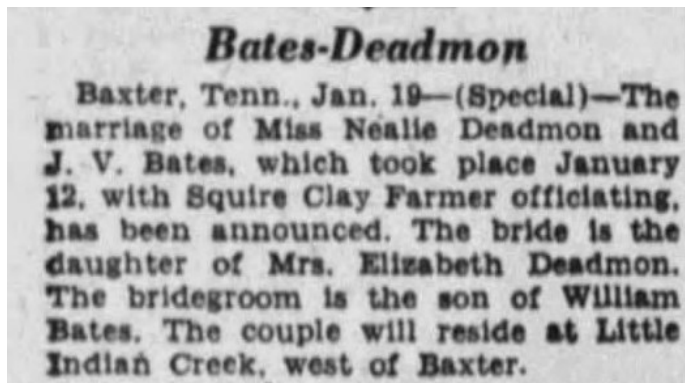
**John Dedman:** To his friends, to his sisters.

**Tracy:** How long ago is this?

**John Dedman:** About five or six years ago.

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## ♪ On another note



## ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 1916

### BRIDE WAS UNDER AGE

#### Couple Came Here to Enter Wedlock But Clerk of Court Could Not Issue License

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald R. Hooks, of Dunn, NC., who were married at Rockdale, MD., yesterday are stopping at the Hotel Rammel. The couple came to Alexandria yesterday to be married, but owing to the fact that the bride, Miss Marjorie Dedman, of Selma NC., had not attained her majority, and the consent of her parents not having been secured, a license could not be issued in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. hooks' matrimonial difficulties are thus facetiously described by Jas. F. Peyton, dean of the Alexandria newspaper correspondents in today's Post:

Tightly bound in Hymen's bonds, tied yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Mr. White of Rockville, MD., Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Hooks, both of Dunn, NC., spent the first night of their honeymoon at the Hotel Rammel, in this city, and will depart for Dunn this morning. The bride formerly was Miss Marjorie Dedman, 18, daughter of L.D. Dedman, banker and prominent business man of Selma, NC., about 25 miles from Dunn. When Mr. Dedman went to Washington on Thursday he was accompanied by his pretty, dark eyed daughter. Mr. Archibald R. Hooks, 22, cotton buyer, of Dunn NC., had in some mysterious way learned of the journey and arrived in Washington about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. In an equally strange manner Mr. Hooks learned where Mr. Dedman and his daughter were stopping. The rest seemed easy, but it was not as easy as it seemed. While the Selma, NC., banker was engrossed in business affairs the young couple met at the Raleigh Hotel and then "slipped" over to Alexandria.

Under the laws of Virginia both parties in a marriage contract must have arrived at the age of 21. The license clerk was sympathetic, however, and suggested Rockville, Washington's other Gretna Gern. When the young couple returned to this city late in the afternoon and the bridegroom proudly wrote on the hotel register, "A.R. Hooks' and Mrs. Hooks, Dunn, NC.," It was evident that a newlywed held the pen and the romance soon unfolded.



### **CATHY P. DEDMAN**

Cathy P. Dedman, 68, of Brunswick, went to be with the Lord Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, at St. Vincent's Medical Center, in Jacksonville, FL.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 in Brunswick Memorial Park Cemetery, with the Rev. Chris Noyes officiating.

Born Dec. 31, 1951, in Brunswick, GA., to the late Robert B. and Louise McGoogan Jr., she was a medical receptionist for Dr. Margaret Goodman, and had also worked at Southeast Georgia Health System, Brunswick Campus, as a medical receptionist. Mrs. Dedman was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Brunswick. She was also a graduate of Glynn Academy, Class of 1969. Cathy loved her family and friends, and enjoyed reading about interior design, gardening and jewelry making. Despite a long history of health problems, she never complained, and always kept a positive and optimistic attitude. She was also considerate of the needs of others.

Survivors include a son, Jason B. Conley of Hortense; three grandchildren, Danielle, Kelsey and Renee Conley several great-grandchildren; a sister, Gail M. Smith and husband Stuart of Augusta; a brother, Robert B. McGoogan III of Brunswick; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to First Presbyterian Church, 1105 Union St., Brunswick, GA 31520.

**Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.**

**www.edomillerandsons.com**

**The Brunswick News  
January 8, 2020**

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### **BETTY L. SEYBOLD DEDMAN**

Betty L. Seybold Dedman, 90, wife of Charles Thomas Dedman, passed away October 8, 2018, at Baptist Health Lexington. She was born June 26, 1928 in Lexington, KY, the daughter of the late Paul Nathaniel and Eva Bailey Seybold. She was a member of First Christian Church and a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, two children, Charles Thomas (Teresa) Dedman of George-town, KY and Diana Lee (Joe) Tincher of Winchester, KY; Three grandchildren; Three step grandchildren, six great grandchildren, six great great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Joe, Robert and Edward Seybold. Burial will be in Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Jessamine County, KY. Source: Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Lexington, KY

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### **CHARLES THOMAS "TOM" DEDMAN**

Charles Thomas "Tom" Dedman, 92, of Lexington, widower of Betty L. Dedman, died Friday, February 07, 2020 at Baptist Health. Born August 9, 1927 in Lexington, KY to the late Harris Bailey and Gertrude Strange Dedman.

He was a retired Operating Engineer at the local Union AFLCIO #181, WWII Navy veteran and a member of the First Christian Church Lexington. He is survived by two children, Charles Thomas (Teresa) Dedman, II of Georgetown, and Diana Lee (Joe) Tincher of Winchester.

Services will be held 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Kerr Brothers—Harrodsburg Road. Visitation will be held from 11:30 a.m. until time of service. Burial will be in Camp Nelson National Cemetery. Contributions are suggested to Bluegrass Care Navigators, 2312 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY or First Christian Church, 1305 Audubon Avenue, Lexington, KY 40503.

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### **REBA JEAN MAYNARD DEDMON (MAY 15, 1945 - FEBRUARY 21, 2020)**



Reba Jean Dedmon age 74 of Brush Creek, died Friday morning, Feb. 21, 2020 at her residence.

Born May 15, 1945 in Smith County, she was the daughter of the late Robert Sheal Maynard and Pearl Grisham Maynard and was preceded in death by her sisters, Edith Kelley and Virginia Petty and a brother, Shelah Stanford Maynard.

Reba is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Mike) Williamson of Brush Creek; grandson, Dustin Williamson; nieces and nephews.

Funeral service 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020 at Hunter Funeral Home. Visitation 2-8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. till service time on Sunday. Pallbearers, Ronnie, Timmy and Tommy Maynard, William Melton, Josh Winfree, Matthew Driver. Interment at Hunter Memorial Park.

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## ELEANOR "BOO" DEDMAN

Eleanor "Boo" Dedman, 82, of Newport, passed away on March 3, 2012 at her residence. She was a Bank Teller with U.S. Bank. She was a member of Melbourne United Methodist Church. She met her husband of 62 years in 1947, and was married to Harold on August 21, 1948. She was preceded in death by Father, Earl Webster Cummins, Mother, Rose Nell Cummins. Eleanor is survived by her Husband, Harold Dedman of Newport, KY, Son, Kevin Dedman of Hamilton, OH, Daughter, Kimberly Reynolds of Melbourne, KY, Granddaughter, Kendra Reynolds of Melbourne, KY, Granddaughter, Kaitlyn Reynolds of Melbourne, KY. Visitation 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Dobbling Funeral Home, Fort Thomas. Funeral Ceremony will be held 1:00 pm Thursday, March 8, 2012, at the Dobbling Funeral Home, Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Burial will take place in the Mount Gilead Cemetery Carthage, Kentucky. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society 297 Buttermilk Pike Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017, Melbourne United Methodist Church, 1011 Mary Ingles Hwy. Melbourne, KY 41059 . Online condolences can be given at [www.dmefuneral.com](http://www.dmefuneral.com).

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## HAROLD DEDMAN

Melbourne - Harold Dedman, 90, of Melbourne, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at St. Elizabeth Hospice. He graduated from Newport High School and retired from American Hardware Mutual as an Insurance Underwriter. Harold was a member of the Melbourne United Methodist Church and served in the US Navy.



He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Eleanor "Boo" (nee Cummins) Dedman, parents, Roy and Mary Elizabeth (nee Bartlett) Dedman, and his brothers, Ralph Dedman and Seth Dedman. Harold is survived by his devoted children, Kim (Donald) Reynolds and Kevin Dedman, his loving granddaughters, Kendra (Justin) Humphrey and Kaitlyn (Daniel) Selby, his great-grandson, Ezra Selby, and his siblings, Wayne Dedman and Joyce Colvin. Due to the Global Covid-19 Pandemic, services for Harold will be private and his family thanks you for your thoughts and prayers. Burial will take place at Mount Gilead Cemetery, Carthage, Kentucky. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Melbourne United Methodist Church, 1011 Mary Ingles Hwy., Melbourne, Kentucky 41059. Special condolences may be expressed at [www.dmefuneral.com](http://www.dmefuneral.com). Dobbling, Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home serving the family.

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## IMOGENE BENNETT DEDMAN

Imogene Bennett Dedman of Louisville, passed peacefully on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at her residence. Imogene was born in Lynnwood, KY on August 29, 1934, to Charles and Mary Bennett. Imogene was a graduate of The University of Louisville, graduating the top of her class.

She was an icon in the mortgage profession for nearly 60 years. With her drive and dedication, she won numerous awards and achievements throughout her career. Her love for others brought her closer to Christ and people dear to her heart. She was an active member of St. Matthews Baptist Church for 46 years.

She married the love of her life, Robert Dedman on October 3rd, 1959. Imogene was preceded in death by her loving husband of 53 years, Bob Dedman, her parents, Charlie and Mary Bennett and her niece, Kim Katzman.

Imogene is survived by her son, Jon Barry Dedman and his wife Ruby Lamar Dedman; her grandson, Cameron Dedman and his wife Jessica; her granddaughter, Erin Lynn Dedman; her great-grandsons, Cainen Dedman and McClain Hill; her sisters, Naomi McCubbin and Doyce Stith; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her visitation will be Tuesday, February 25, 2020 from 2-8p.m. At Highlands Family Owned Funeral Home, 3331 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, KY. A funeral service celebrating her life will be held on Wednesday, February 26th, at 11 a.m. at Highlands Funeral Home, with burial at Cave Hill Cemetery.

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